

Legislative Update

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Audubon Washington's weekly legislative update highlights issues and policies related to our state [conservation priorities](#).

- The 105 day 2017 regular Legislative Session runs from January 9 to April 23, 2017.
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Question? Please contact the Chapter Conservation Manager at jsyrowitz@audubon.org, 206-652-2444 x108.

Our state-wide conservation priorities guide our interest in proposed bills. Bills that we are currently monitoring include the following:

CLIMATE/CARBON PRICING

- [SB 5127](#) - Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 1646](#) - Promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities. **SUPPORT**
- [SB 5385](#) - Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax, which would pay for the clean energy economy and other vital services. **UNDER REVIEW**
- [HB 1372](#) - Updating the framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Washington based upon best available climate science. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 1144](#) - Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science. **SUPPORT**

CLEAN ENERGY

- [HB 1048](#) - Promoting a sustainable, local renewable energy industry through modifying renewable energy system tax incentives and providing guidance for renewable energy system component recycling. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 1334](#) - Concerning the energy independence act. **SUPPORT**

- [HB 1249](#) - Recognizing hydroelectricity as an eligible renewable resource in the energy independence act. **OPPOSE**
- [SB 5232](#) - Allowing incremental electricity produced as a result of efficiency improvements to hydroelectric generation projects whose energy output is marketed by the Bonneville power administration to qualify as an eligible renewable resource under the energy independence act. **OPPOSE**
- [SB 5128](#) - Allowing incremental electricity produced as a result of certain capital investment projects to qualify as an eligible renewable resource under the energy independence act. **OPPOSE**

WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION

- [SB 5024](#) - Concerning groundwater supply availability in areas with ground and surface water interaction. **SUPPORT**
- [SB 5239](#) - Ensuring that water is available to support development. **OPPOSE**
- [HB 1382](#) - Establishing a rebuttable presumption that permit-exempt groundwater withdrawals do not impair instream flows or base flows. **OPPOSE**

SAFE OIL TRANSPORT

- [HB 1611](#) - Concerning oil transportation safety. **SUPPORT**
- [SB 5462](#) - Concerning oil transportation safety. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 1210](#) - Strengthening funding for oil spill programs in Washington by increasing revenue to the oil spill prevention account. **SUPPORT**

POLLUTION CLEAN UP

- [HB 1663](#) - Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances. **SUPPORT**
- [SB 5501](#) - Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances. **SUPPORT**

HABITAT CONSERVATION

- [SB 5171](#) - Concerning certain uses of state-owned aquatic lands. **OPPOSE**