

# Legislative Update

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

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- The 2017 regular Legislative Session ended April 23, 2017. The third special session is underway.
- Audubon Washington legislative updates are posted on [our website](#).
- Find up-to-date legislative information at the Washington State Legislature [site](#).
- Identify and contact your legislators via [this map](#).

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

## CLIMATE/CARBON PRICING

- [SB 5930](#) - Establishing a carbon pollution tax. **SUPPORT**
- [SB 5127/HB 1555](#) - 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/SB 5509](#) - 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**
- [HB 1144](#) - Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science. **SUPPORT**

## CLEAN ENERGY

- [HB 1048/SB 5499](#) - Promoting a sustainable, local renewable energy industry through modifying renewable energy system tax incentives and providing guidance for renewable energy system component recycling. **SUPPORT**
- **NEW** [SB 5939](#) - Promoting a sustainable, local renewable energy industry through modifying renewable energy system tax incentives and providing guidance for renewable energy system component recycling. **SUPPORT**

## **FOREST HEALTH and FIRE RESILIENCY**

- [SB 5546](#) - Concerning proactively addressing wildfire risk by creating a forest health treatment assessment. **SUPPORT**
  - *Signed by Governor.*
- [HB 1711](#) - Prioritizing lands to receive forest health treatments. **SUPPORT**
  - *Signed by Governor.*

## **WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION**

- [SB 5239](#) - Ensuring that water is available to support development. **OPPOSE**

## **SAFE OIL TRANSPORT**

- [HB 1611](#) - Concerning oil transportation safety. **SUPPORT**