

Legislative Update

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

- The 60-day 2018 regular Legislative Session is January 8 to March 8, 2018.
- Audubon Washington legislative updates are posted on [our website](#).
- Find up-to-date legislative information at the Washington State Legislature [site](#).
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Our state-wide conservation priorities guide our interest in proposed bills. Bills that we are currently monitoring include the following:

CLEAN ENERGY

- [SB 6253](#) - Establishing a clean, efficient, renewable energy standard. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 2402](#) - Concerning the energy independence act. **UNDER REVIEW**
- [HB 2283](#) - Encouraging investment in and reducing the costs of transitioning to the clean energy future. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 2347](#) - Requiring electric utilities to provide reports on the lowest cost, lowest risk options for a transition to a zero-carbon electric grid. **UNDER REVIEW**

CARBON PRICING

- [SB 6203](#) - Reducing carbon pollution by moving to a clean energy economy. **SUPPORT**
- [SB 6096](#) - Establishing a carbon pollution reduction tax. **UNDER REVIEW, 6203 more likely to move**
- [SB 6335](#) - Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax. **UNDER REVIEW**

LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD

- [HB 2338](#) - Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 2294](#) - Aligning Washington's greenhouse gas emissions limits with those established by the United States' commitment under the 2015 Paris climate agreement. **SUPPORT**

- [HB 2328](#) - Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program. **SUPPORT**

ATLANTIC SALMON NET PENS

- [SB 6086](#) - Protecting the state's marine waters from the release of nonnative finfish from marine finfish aquaculture sites. **SUPPORT**
- **NEW** [HB 2956](#) - Protecting Washington waters from negative impacts of nonnative finfish by requiring nonnative finfish cultivated in Washington to be single-sex. **UNDER REVIEW, prefer HB 2957**
- **NEW** [HB 2957](#) - Reducing escape of nonnative finfish from marine finfish aquaculture facilities. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 2418](#) - Reducing impacts of nonnative finfish aquaculture by delaying construction of new nonnative finfish aquaculture facilities until thorough study, including structural analysis of existing facilities, is complete. **UNDER REVIEW**
- [HB 2260](#) - Prohibiting the spawning, incubation, and cultivation of Atlantic salmon in the marine waters regulated by the state. **UNDER REVIEW**

RANGELAND FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATIONS

- [HB 2562](#) - Concerning rangeland fire protection associations. **SUPPORT**
- [SB 6548](#) - Establishing the joint legislative task force on fire service administration. **UNDER REVIEW**
- **NEW** [SB 6575](#) - Concerning protected lands not being assessed local fire district levies. **UNDER REVIEW**

SAFE OIL TRANSPORT

- [HB 1611](#) - Concerning oil transportation safety. **SUPPORT**
- [HB 1210](#) / [SB 5425](#) - Strengthening funding for oil spill programs in Washington by increasing revenue to the oil spill prevention account. **SUPPORT**
- [SB 6269](#) - Strengthening oil transportation safety. **SUPPORT**

MARbled MURRELET CONSERVATION

- [HB 2300](#) - Creating a legislative task force to provide economic relief for communities impacted by environmental protections of the marbled murrelet. **UNDER REVIEW, 2285 more likely to move**
- [HB 2285](#) / [SB 6020](#) - Establishing a reporting process for the department of natural resources regarding certain marbled murrelet habitat information. **SUPPORT**