



WASHINGTON

After last Wednesday’s first-chamber cut-off deadline, members of the house and senate are back in their respective committees hearing bills that have crossed over from the opposite chamber. The next few weeks will be a whirlwind of hearings and committee votes before the next cut-off deadline on Wednesday, April 3 at which point legislation will need to pass out of relevant policy committees in the opposite chambers from which they originated.

We’ve marked all bills that are still moving as “**Still Alive!**”

Policy Priority	Latest Update
<b>CLIMATE PRIORITIES</b>	
<p><b>100% Clean Electricity Standard</b></p> <p>Phases out coal-generated electricity by 2025 and enables a carbon neutral electricity sector by 2030. It would phase in electricity generated from solar, wind, hydro, and other clean resources, reaching 100% clean by 2045.</p> <p>Legislation: <a href="#">SB 5116</a></p>	<p><b>Still Alive!</b></p> <p>The executive session for SB 5116 was postponed until Monday, March 18. The House Finance Committee has already scheduled the bill for both a hearing and an executive session on March 19 and 21, respectively.</p>
<p><b>Clean Fuel Standard</b></p> <p>A proven technology-neutral approach to reducing emissions from transportation fuels by creating a market that accelerates the transition to alternative energy sources such as sustainable biofuels and electricity at minimal cost.</p> <p>Legislation: <a href="#">HB 1110</a></p>	<p><b>Still Alive!</b></p> <p>HB 1110 passed the House on Tuesday, March 12 by a 53-43 margin. Now it’s on to the Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee for the first public hearing on Tuesday, March 19 at 10AM.</p> <p><a href="#">Email your Senator and ask them to support Clean Fuels!</a></p>
<p><b>Clean Buildings Package</b></p> <p>Sets an ambitious model code designed to ensure that new buildings’ net energy use is reduced by 70%. It will also establish performance requirements for large commercial structures and set a standard</p>	<p><b>Still Alive!</b></p> <p>HB 1257 was declared NTIB meaning cut-off deadlines do not apply. It is scheduled for executive session in the House Appropriations Committee on Monday, March 18.</p>

<p>that requires gas utilities to set targets for energy efficiency.</p> <p>Legislation: <a href="#">SB 5293/HB 1257</a></p>	
<p><b><i>Phasing out Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), or “super-pollutants”</i></b></p> <p>According to a Department of Ecology report in December 2018, HFCs and other ozone-depleting substance (ODS) substitutes accounted for 3.76 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions in 2015, out of the state's total reported GHG emissions of 97.4 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e that year. This legislation would completely phase out the use of HFCs in Washington state by 2024. Because of the immense global warming potential of HFCs, Audubon Washington signed-in in support of this bill when it was heard in the House Environment &amp; Energy Committee this morning.</p> <p>Legislation: <a href="#">HB 1112</a></p>	<p><b>Still Alive!</b></p> <p>HB 1112 passed off of the House floor on March first by a 55-39 vote and had its first public hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee on March 14.</p>
<p><b><i>Appliance Efficiency</i></b></p> <p>The most important energy is often the energy we don't use. That's why Audubon Washington signed-in in support of new appliance efficiency standards today. This legislation sets new standards for products such as computer and computer monitors; urinals and water closets; and residential electric storage water heaters. Beginning in 2021, products that don't meet these new standards may not be sold or offered for sale, lease, or rent in the state.</p> <p>Legislation: <a href="#">HB 1444</a></p>	<p><b>Still Alive!</b></p> <p>HB 1444 passed off the House floor by a 57-41 margin and had its first public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy &amp; Technology on March 14.</p>
<p><b>The HEAL Act</b></p>	<p><b>Still Alive!</b></p> <p>SB 5489 passed the senate 27-21 and is now</p>

<p>Creates a task force to incorporate equity and environmental justice analyses into all state agency decision making.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 5489</a></p>	<p>scheduled for a hearing in the House Committee on State and Government and Tribal Relations on Tuesday, March 19.</p>
<p><b>Cap and Trade</b></p> <p>Senator Reuven Carlyle introduced a bill that would create a cap and trade system in Washington state that would link to cap and trade markets in other jurisdictions. The bill would also create a carbon reduction account that would invest in energy transformation, transition assistance, and climate resilience.</p>	<p>Still Alive!</p> <p>Upon introduction this legislation was declared NTIB.</p> <p>It has been scheduled for its first public hearing on Thursday, March 21 in the Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee.</p>

## CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

<p><b>Fully fund the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)</b></p> <p>WDFW has experienced chronic budget shortfalls, making it harder to conserve important habitat. Audubon Washington supports WDFW's 2019-2021 budget request, which is essential to supporting the species recovery and management efforts that are vital to protecting wildlife diversity in our state.</p> <p>Legislation on license fees: <a href="#">SB 5692/HB 1708</a></p> <p>Sales tax assessment: <a href="#">HB 2122</a></p>	<p><b>Still Alive!</b></p> <p>While neither the senate nor the house version passed out of fiscal committees but both have been declared NTIB. We are working to ensure the fee bill is a part of negotiations over the WDFW budget.</p> <p>HB 2122 would enact a two-tenths of one percent sales tax on recreational gear and apparel sales over \$200. It is expected that this bill will be a conversation starter this legislative session and not a key piece of the WDFW funding package.</p>
<p><b>Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs)</b></p> <p>Rangeland fire poses a risk to people, livelihoods, ecosystems, and wildlife and is a significant the number one threat to sagebrush habitat in our state. The loss of sagebrush areas due to fire can create</p>	<p>HB 1188 did not pass out of House Appropriations committee meaning it will not stay alive in the 2019 legislative session.</p> <p>We will continue to build support for this concept in the interim and work to pass this legislation in 2020.</p>

barriers to wildlife movement across the landscape, impede important ecological processes and functions, and increase the risk of future fire. The RFPA model provides a legitimate, safe way for private landowners to be active participants in the protection of their land and livelihoods., and supports our shared goals around the protection of rangeland, agricultural livelihoods, and sagebrush species and habitat.

Legislation: [HB 1188](#)

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES COALITION**

**100% Clean Electricity Standard**

See above.

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**Orca Protection**

*Preventing toxic pollution that affects public health or the environment*

Legislation: [SB 5135](#)

**Still Alive:** SB 5135 passed off of the Senate floor on a 25-24 vote and is now scheduled for a public hearing in the House Committee on Environment and Energy on Thursday, March 21.

*Implementing recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force related to increasing chinook abundance.*

Legislation: [HB 1579](#)

**Still Alive:** HB 1579 passed off of the House floor on a 59-39 vote and is now scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks on Tuesday, March 19.

*Concerning the protection of southern resident orca whales from vessels.*

Legislation: [HB 1580](#)/ [SB 5577](#)

**Still Alive:** HB 1580 passed off the House floor on a 78-20 vote and has been referred to the House Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks Committee. SB 5577 passed the senate on a 46-3 vote and is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources on Wednesday, March 20.

**Plastic Bags Ban**

**Still Alive!**

<p>The Reusable Bag Act would eliminate thin carry-home plastic bags at all retail establishments and include a pass-through charge to motivate people to bring their own reusable bags and help cover the stores' cost of more expensive bags.</p> <p>Legislation: <a href="#">SB 5323</a></p>	<p>SB 5323 passed passed off the Senate floor on a 31-14 vote and has been scheduled for a public hearing in the House Environment &amp; Energy Committee on Monday, March 18.</p>
<p><b><i>Oil Spill Prevention</i></b></p> <p>Washington continues to face significant risks of oils spills in Puget Sound and the coast. These risks threaten local economies and the survival of iconic species like salmon and orcas. To address these risks, the state must have the same protections on barges and other vessels that exist for large tankers, require an emergency response tug that can protect high-risk areas like the San Juan Islands, and ensure that oil drilling will never happen off of Washington's coast.</p> <p>Legislation: <a href="#">HB 1578</a></p>	<p><b>Still Alive:</b> HB 1578 passed off the House floor on a 70-28 vote and has been scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy, and Technology on Tuesday, March 19.</p>