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Environmental Community

Special Supplemental Hot List for the STATE HOUSE

As you are aware, the environmental community's "Environmental Priorities Coalition" prepares a weekly "Hot List" detailing its positions on up to ten of the **highest** priority issues for the upcoming week. Separate Hot Lists are prepared for the House and Senate and distributed each Monday. If the bill is one of the four environmental community priorities for 2011, it is so designated by the priorities "button" on the right. Please feel free to contact me at clifford@ctassociates.org or 206-369-2235 if you have any questions and we hope you find this communication helpful!

Respectfully,

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POSSIBLE HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

SHB 2053: Concerning additive transportation funding.

POSITION: *Please SUPPORT floor strikers ONLY if Liias amendments are adopted.*

- The environmental community wants a transportation fee bill to pass in this Special Session. We believe that any small or large package can grow our economy by investing in our existing transportation system, creating more transit and multimodal choices, and building sustainable communities.
- However, our support is not unconditional. A package needs to balance the needs of the entire transportation system. Throughout the process we have supported multiple versions that find that balance, and we still support both the Transportation Committee's striker and the proposed floor strikers as long as the proposed Liias amendments are adopted.
- We urge legislators to reject a proposed striker that fully eliminates all funding for local governments & WSDOT to implement stormwater projects to protect our waterways and that reduces funding for Safe Routes to School projects by 75% (this funding provides safety projects to improve walking conditions around neighborhood schools). The Liias amendments restore a small portion of these dollars to strike a better balance.

Contributing Organizations

American Rivers ▪ Audubon Washington ▪ Climate Solutions ▪ Conservation Northwest ▪ Earth Ministry ▪ Environment Washington ▪ Fuse ▪ Futurewise ▪ Heart of America Northwest ▪ The Lands Council ▪ League of Women Voters of Washington ▪ Lutheran Public Policy Office ▪ National Wildlife Federation ▪ Nature Conservancy ▪ NW Energy Coalition ▪ People for Puget Sound ▪ Sierra Club Cascade Chapter ▪ Surfrider Foundation ▪ Transportation Choices Coalition ▪ Washington Conservation Voters ▪ Washington Environmental Council ▪ Washington Toxics Coalition ▪ Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition ▪ Zero Waste Washington