



## 2024 Washington State Legislative Priorities

**Mission:** Earth Ministry/WA Interfaith Power and Light transforms faith into action for the well-being of communities and the environment.

### HB 2070 - Cumulative Risk Burden (CURB) Pollution Act (Rep. Mena)

Everyone deserves to breathe fresh air, drink clean water, and avoid polluting toxins. This bill applies the [HEAL Act](#) to pollution planning to improve community health, focusing on cumulative risk in overburdened areas. CURB creates a mandate to

- (1) measure health-affecting pollutants statewide,
- (2) locate communities with greater pollution burdens,
- (3) block or condition permits for new pollution in overburdened areas, and
- (4) provide for participation from frontline community in planning and permitting.

More from [Front and Centered](#).

### HB 1368 - 100% Clean (Zero Emissions) School Buses (Rep. Senn)

Diesel is a carcinogen, and children's developing lungs are particularly susceptible to polluting hazards. To improve infrastructure and replace diesel buses, this bill presents:

- (1) a switch to 100% clean, electric school buses, prioritizing  
New school buses by 2027  
Fleetwide by 2035
- (2) a funding source, thanks to the [Climate Commitment Act \(CCA\)](#).

To improve healthy air for school children and communities, plus improve climate outcomes by major reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, this bill transitions over **12,000 school buses, the largest transit network in the state, to 100% clean energy**. CCA funds are already allocated for this type of transition, and we can enable health justice for young people while getting them to school. More from [Environmental Priorities Coalition \(EPC\)](#).

### HB 2049 - Re-WRAP Act (Rep. Berry)

Appearing in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, this thoroughly vetted bill seeks to provide curbside recycling to all WA residents, adding incentives for sustainable packaging practices. From use through reuse, compost, recycling, or landfill/incineration, end-of-use responsibility would change from residents to producers through fees that favor sustainable product design. When over 50% of packaging and paper products (to the tune of \$104 million in materials) are currently landfilled or incinerated, the WRAP Act would give product designers the chance to use their ingenuity to create with more sustainable and cost-effective materials. With plastics proliferating from product shelves to dumps and waterways, this bill would decrease dependence on extractive, fossil-fuel based plastics. Rural areas with expensive or no recycling would receive free recycling pickup, paid for through manufacturer fees. Waste hauler jobs are safeguarded, and the bottle bill has been removed from this version. More from [EPC](#).