

Easy online advocacy for state legislation

We have an opportunity during this time to support the most effective legislation addressing these climate issues. Is public input effective? It has been remarked by elected officials that communications from even a few of their constituents can make a big impact on their decision-making. So let's make our voices heard! And remember to encourage your friends and family to do so too, tell them how easy it is.

Start by signing up for **“easy action alert” links** with state organizations that find and assess bills, monitor their progress, and facilitate community input (“public testimony”). Just to name a few:

[Washington Conservation Action](#)

[350wa.org](#)

[Tahoma Bird Alliance](#)

[Sierra Club WA](#)

[The Nature Conservancy WA](#)

Once or twice a week during the session you'll get reminders and easy links to add your voice in support of the pending bills they prioritize. You can do this multiple times for the same bill as it (hopefully) passes through the process to becoming law. When you click the link, you will receive descriptions and ID numbers of bills and the deadline by which to submit your position PRO or CON. You can see an example of an action alert link [here](#). Just follow the prompts—you'll put in your name, address, etc. (If they ask for “organization” leave that blank. Rarely, they also ask for a comment, but in that case, there is usually a suggested paragraph or two that you can use or paraphrase. You don't have to come up with an original comment, the language is done ahead.) When you are done, hit “submit” and that's it!

We will continue to give guidelines for this advocacy in future meetings, chapter newsletters, and our [website](#) as the session goes on.

It's helpful to identify your state legislative district's **Representatives** and **Senator** if you don't know them already. Find through <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/>. When it gets to be later in the session and there are key bills that need support, the most powerful way is still to write your own letters or emails directly to your elected officials.