

Engaging in Advocacy on the State Level

This is our opportunity to support the most effective legislation addressing the climate crisis on a state level. 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. Time to take action! And remember to encourage your friends and family to do so too. Let's make all of our voices heard!

Here's a step-by-step guide (it's also available on the ccltacoma.org [website](#))

We will be available to [help](#) with questions. **Jason Berkowitz** has also produced a quick how-to video for this. Just [email him](#) to get access.

How does it work?

First—link up with an organization that finds and assesses bills, monitors their progress, and facilitates community input (“public testimony”). 350wa.org, [Washington Conservation Action](#), [League of Women Voters](#), [Climate Reality](#), or state chapters of [Audubon](#), [Sierra Club](#), and [The Nature Conservancy](#); any group(s) you choose! Click the button provided on their websites to be put on their **legislative action alert lists**.

Second—it's helpful to identify your legislative district's state Representatives and Senator if you don't know them. Find through <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/>

Then—Enter your public testimony online

When you are alerted by an organization, you will receive **descriptions** and **ID numbers** of bills and **when** to submit your testimony. And as a proposed bill goes through the various stages of the legislative process, you may be prompted to submit testimony for it **more than once** if you choose to do so. Some like to make a list of their actions just to keep track.

***The action alerts often provide shortcuts, in which case you just follow the prompts and hit “submit” and you're done!**

But if not,

- Go directly to leg.wa.gov and:
- Click **“BILL INFORMATION”**
- Type the four-digit bill number in the slot for **“Search by Bill Number,”** then click “Search.”
- Click **“COMMENT ON THIS BILL,”** it's a button to the far right.
- Put in your address, it will show your district representatives' names to select; that way they are informed of your testimony—the statistics are very important for them.
- Put in your personal contact information.
- Under **“Position,”** click **“SUPPORT.”**

- If they ask for a comment, type or copy and paste a brief supportive comment in the box below--it can be very short and sweet, i.e. "*We must give salmon the healthy environment they need to thrive!*"
- Click "**SEND COMMENT.**"
- That's it!! You will get a thank-you message, but better yet, you will feel great that you ***took action!***

Want to do more?

Send your own letters or emails directly to your elected officials about specific bills and issues. **Attend** webinars about bills, and/or lobby meetings with legislators or their staff.