

# Reforming the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

## Senate Bill 5993

We are seeking your support for Senate Bill 5993 for the following reasons:

1. **Eliminates revenue volatility** by shifting the Hazardous Substances Tax for liquid petroleum products from a price-based to a volume-based tax.
2. **Protects purchasing power using an annual inflation adjustment.** The cost for addressing toxic pollution threats will increase each year, and without this essential protection, purchasing power will erode over time.
3. **Eliminates complex and confusing Capital Budget and Operating Budget jurisdiction and uses of MTCA appropriations.** Clear, consistent boundaries are established for operating and capital budget needs **by creating fixed categories: 43 percent for operating needs; 43 percent for capital needs like toxic site cleanups; and 14 percent for stormwater.**
4. **Enhances public participation grants** to support the work of community organizations to address pollution related threats, engage in decision-making and planning processes for cleanup projects, and provide technical assistance and public education resources.
5. **Provides reliable funding that meets demand projections** for cleaning up legacy pollution, preventing toxic chemicals from harming people and the environment, and managing pollution sources like stormwater.
6. **Funds the needs identified in the Department of Ecology's ten-year financing report.** The report is submitted to the legislature by September 20<sup>th</sup> of even numbered years as required by RCW 70.105D.030.
7. **Addresses the needs of large, complex, multi-year clean ups.** Reinforcing the state's commitment to these projects is essential. Pending large projects include remediation sites on the **Lower Duwamish waterway, at the Port of Everett and at the Port of Bellingham.**



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