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## Help Washington remain a leader in the green building movement!

The very influential timber and chemical lobbies want to roll back Washington State's commitment to high performing green buildings.

In 2005, Cascadia and other environmental leaders worked to get legislation passed to require state-funded buildings to be LEED Silver certified. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 5384](#) would greatly dilute this law by introducing Green Globes as an alternative option to LEED Silver.

### Green Globes was created by the timber and chemical lobbies as a much weaker alternative to LEED.

We know that LEED Silver produces better, more efficient buildings. We don't know how Green Globes performs because it is essentially untested. This tool was designed by a small group funded by industry -- rather than through a voluntary and inclusive national consensus process -- and requires no 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification for builders who want to proclaim their buildings "green," and is backed by timber interests who don't like LEED's insistence on forest products that are sustainably produced. This is actually a strategy to weaken [FSC](#) in the marketplace.

SB 5384 is currently being considered by the Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee. We need to let our voices heard before the bill gets out of committee!

**Please call the following Committee members. If you can't call, please email. Please tell them: 1. Your name and where you live, AND 2. That you oppose SB 5384. Remind the Senators that we want Washington to remain a leader in the green building movement, not a skill for the timber and chemical lobbies. Let's move forward, not backwards.**

**If anything they should be increasing the standard from LEED Silver – to LEED Gold!**

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**Please forward this email to anyone you know who cares about green building  
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