



Snohomish County Legislative Report

January 21, 2024

SESSION CUTOFF CALENDAR

January 31, 2024	Policy Committee Deadline
February 5, 2024	Fiscal Committee Deadline
February 13, 2024	Chamber-of-Origin Deadline
February 21, 2024	Opposite Chamber Policy Committee Deadline
February 26, 2024	Opposite Chamber Fiscal Committee Deadline
March 1, 2024	Opposite Chamber Deadline
March 7, 2024	Session adjourns - Sine Die

Weekly Overview

The second week of session began on Martin Luther King Day, with each legislative chamber speaking on his legacy and passing resolutions in his honor. The Legislature then began their work holding public hearings, work sessions, and passing bills out of committees. Within the rapid pace of the short session, there is only one more full week for bills to be heard and moved out of policy committees before the first legislative cutoff on January 31.

[Democrats](#) and [Republicans](#) held press conferences on Tuesday, addressing public safety, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and [Initiative 2117](#) (I-2117), which proposes to repeal the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). At the press conference, both parties reaffirmed their support for law enforcement and the importance of public safety; however, legislative approaches between the two caucuses, and internally within the caucuses, continue to differ on these issues. There has been significant debate around whether the Legislature is required to hold a public hearing on initiatives to the Legislature. Despite Republican protest, House Democrats voted this week to reject a motion to ensure I-2117 receives a public hearing. Meanwhile, budget writers in both chambers are working with their budget cabinets to determine the potential impacts of the passage

of I-2117 on the Capital, Operating, and Transportation budgets, all three of which receive significant CCA investment.

[Governor Inslee](#) also held a media availability event where he gave an update on the ongoing 2024 Legislative Session. Between his comments and questions from the media the main topic was related to I-2117 and the Transportation Budget. The Governor stated that he believes that it is important to maintain the state's existing sources of funding for the Transportation Budget, and that repealing I-2117 would prevent the state from funding needed transportation related infrastructure and services that citizens rely on.

Legislative Agenda Items

Combatting the Opioid Crisis

Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication in Schools: [SB 5804](#), sponsored by Senator Patty Kuderer (D- 48th LD), requires all schools, rather than just schools over 2,000 students, to carry 1 set of opioid overdose reversal medication and adopt related policies. The bill unanimously passed out of the committee on January 17, as a substitute bill. The substitute bill allows all schools to obtain the medication.

Fentanyl Education: [HB 1956/SB 5923](#), sponsored by Representative Mari Leavitt (D-28th LD) and Senator Lisa Wellman (D-41st LD), is Governor request legislation and relates to fentanyl and other substance use prevention education. The bill requires the state health standards to be updated to include opioid and substance use intervention curriculum in schools. Several state agencies must work with educational service districts and school districts to provide education materials and resources on opioid and substance abuse intervention for students and their families. All seventh grade and ninth grade students must be provided the necessary information and resources. The Senate version of the bill passed out of the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee on January 17 with an amendment that specifies that the health and physical wellness education for grades 7 and 9 must be updated to include education on fentanyl, opioid, and other life-threatening drug abuse, and that the requirement to implement these standards begins in the 25-26 school year, though education must be provided to as many students as possible in 2024. The bill has been referred to Ways and Means.

The House Education Committee held a public hearing on the bill on January 18. Every testifier was signed in support of the bill, believing that this bill will help education, not only students but their families as well, on the dangers of fentanyl overdose and addiction. [Snohomish County Health Officer James Lewis](#) testified in support of the education efforts as a key component of the public health toolbox on raising awareness on this issue. The Committee has scheduled a vote on the bill for January 25.

Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Campaign: [SB 5906](#), sponsored by Lynda Wilson (R-17th LD), directs the Department of Health to implement a statewide drug

overdose prevention and education campaign. On January 16, the Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee voted to re-refer it to the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

Additional Legislative Issues

Public Safety

Public Safety Sales Tax Bill: [HB 2211](#), sponsored by Representative Chris Stearns (D-47th LD) grants local taxing authority to fund criminal justice. Until January 1, 2027, a county can impose a criminal justice sales and use tax of up to .03% without voter approval. A city in a county that has not imposed the full rate of the sales tax by July 1, 2024, and until January 1, 2027, can legislatively impose the remainder of the tax to the full rate. If the first tax is imposed legislatively, all the revenue from the tax must be used for criminal justice programs, and the second tax adds co-responder and diversion treatment services to the definition of criminal justice that the tax can be used for. The House Local Government Committee held a public hearing on the bill on January 16. Numerous citizens, city and county officials testified in support of the bill. They believe that this bill gives local jurisdictions more flexibility in handling public safety needs. [Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers](#) testified in support of the bill because there is a public safety crisis in the County, and this bill will provide the tools and councilmanic authority needed to address the crisis. Some testifiers who opposed the bill believe that this issue should be handled by a vote in the community. The bill is scheduled for a vote on January 26. Councilmembers Dunn and Mead have been in contact with Committee Chair Representative Davina Duerr (D- 1st LD) to convey the County's support and the importance of this fiscal tool to fund public safety and behavioral health services as County budgets become stretched.

County Emergency Management Plans: [SB 6164](#), sponsored by Senator Keith Wagoner (R-39th LD), requires local organizations that produce a local comprehensive emergency management plan to include a communication notification plan for citizens during a hazardous materials spill or release. The Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee held a hearing on the bill on January 18. The Committee discussed the importance of adequate communication with the public about natural or manmade emergencies. The Committee did not hear testimony from any parties.

Emergency Management Infrastructure Assistance Program: [HB 2020](#), sponsored by Representative Joe Timmons (D-42nd LD), and is request legislation from the Military Department, creates a state administered public infrastructure assistance program (program). The program will provide assistance to counties and tribal governments for costs associated with disaster related response if public infrastructure is damaged during a Governor's emergency proclamation. The Committee unanimously passed a substitute version of the bill out of the Committee on January 16 and it was referred to the House Appropriations Committee. The substitute bill allows the Military Department to initiate rulemaking to implement the programs funds from county governments to recipients within the county.

Automated Traffic Safety Cameras: [SB 5959](#), sponsored by Senator Marko Liias (D-21st LD) and the companion bill [HB 2384](#), sponsored by Representative Brandy Donaghy (D-44th LD) is request legislation from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. The bill allows cities and counties, though an ordinance, to use automated traffic safety cameras. The bill had a public hearing on January 15 in the Senate Transportation Committee. Although a couple testifiers opposed the bill as a tax hidden as a citation, a vast majority of the testifiers supported the bill. They stated that this proposal will allow local jurisdictions to make their cities and counties safer and will save lives. The House Transportation Committee held a public hearing for their version of the bill on January 18. Testifiers in support of this bill included the City of Seattle, City of Kenmore, Association of Washington Cities, and the Office of Governor Inslee. The testifiers noted the importance of implementing traffic safety cameras that can detect speed violations, and how they deter drivers from speeding over the given limit. It was mentioned by testifiers that they would like to see the expansion of locations in the bill to include work zones within cities, allow current cameras to stay in place, and extend the effective date to 2024 for cities who currently have existing programs in place. A concern brought up by the Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs and Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs noted that the bill does not allow law enforcement access to the information on the cameras even with a warrant from judge, which may be crucial for ongoing investigations of other crimes, and also ask for specification on the use of noncommissioned officers and public employees to review infractions.

Speed Safety Camera Systems: [SB 6115](#), sponsored by Senator Curtis King (R-14th LD), is Department of Transportation request legislation. The bill modifies the administration, penalty structure, and enforcement of speed safety camera system violations in state highway work zones and requires the Department of Transportation to make a website to educate the public about the speed safety camera system. Additionally, speed safety camera system infractions must be processed as parking infractions. The Senate Transportation Committee held a public hearing for the bill on January 15. The Washington State Patrol, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and the Association of General Contractors all testified in favor of the bill. They said that this bill will save lives and make roads safer. The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs signed in as “Other,” mainly because they would like an amendment to allow photos taken from speed cameras to be used in court if the individual is facing other criminal charges. Two testifiers opposed the bill on grounds that this is a for-profit system by local authorities and the state.

Finance

1% Property Tax Cap: The Senate Ways & Means Committee held a public hearing on [Senate Bill 5770](#), sponsored by Senator Jamie Pedersen (D-43rd LD) on January 18. The bill removes the 1% cap on property tax growth and ties it to inflation and population growth, capped at 3%. It also creates a 25% state property tax exemption for low-income seniors and disabled veterans. Testimony in support of the bill featured representatives from cities, counties, hospitals, and citizens. They voiced their support for the bill because the local jurisdictions don't have the necessary funding for the

services they need to provide to their citizens. Needed functions, such as road maintenance, public safety, and parks, are having to be cut because the 1% cap hasn't allowed cities and counties to bring in the needed revenue they need. [Snohomish Councilmember Megan Dunn](#) testified in support of the bill, speaking to the necessity of these tools to help counties pay for critical services as costs rise. Individuals signed in against the bill talked about already having high property taxes. They felt they are being squeezed by these taxes and that removing the 1% would have a negative impact on their ability to stay in Washington and afford the necessities.

Local Infrastructure Project Areas: [HB 1585](#), sponsored by Representative Julio Cortes (D-38th LD) revises the local infrastructure project areas (LIPA) program and expands the definition of public improvements to include affordable housing. On January 9th, the House Finance Committee heard public comments on the bill. King County, Forterra NW, and the Washington Association of Land Trusts all testified in support of the bill. They noted that the program helps incentivize developers to involve themselves in these programs and also gives local governments more flexibility on how to utilize their revenues to best suit their local communities. They also mentioned that participation in the program is voluntary and that when they enter LIPA, there does need to be some form of transfer of development rights.

Property Tax Exemptions for Nonprofits: [HB 2012](#), sponsored by Representative Chipalo Street (D-37th LD), allows voter-approved levy lid lifts, and certain city and county funds as qualifying funding sources for the nonprofit housing property tax exemption. The House Finance Committee held a hearing on the bill on January 18. There was no testimony in opposition. The Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, City of Seattle, and the Low-Income Housing Institute testified in support of the bill. They support the bill because it can help prevent displacement of vulnerable populations and support critical affordable housing. The bill is scheduled for an executive session in this committee on January 23.

Cannabis Revenue Distributions to Local Governments: [SB 5404](#), sponsored by Senator Keith Wagoner, doubles certain cannabis revenue distributions from the dedicated cannabis account to local governments. The bill was referred to the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee and the Committee re-referred it to the Senate Ways & Means Committee on January 16.

CJTC Training Reimbursement: [SB 6242](#), sponsored by Senator Mark Mullet (D- 8th LD), removes the requirement for local law enforcement agencies to reimburse the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) for 25% of training costs for officers. The bill will be heard in Senate Ways and Means on January 22. The County will be supporting the bill at the hearing.

Courts

Office of Public Defense: [HB 1911](#), sponsored by Representative Jamila Taylor (D-30th LD), amends the statute prohibiting the Office of Public Defense (OPD) from providing direct representation of clients by allowing managing and supervising

attorneys within the Office of Public Defense to provide limited, short-term coverage of initial client consultations, if contracted counsel is not available to provide the consultation services. The bill also allows OPD to coordinate with law schools to place law clerks, externs, and interns with OPD contracted counsel, and allows OPD to provide pro bono legal services. A substitute bill was voted out of the Committee on January 19 with a vote of 10-to-0, with one excused. The substitute bill requires employees of the OPD who provide pro bono legal services to provide written statements that they are not doing so on their own and not in an official OPD capacity. The substitute bill also allows OPD to facilitate the placement of law clerks, externs, and interns with the OPD contract counsel without coordinating with law schools.

Public Defense: [SB 5780](#), sponsored by Senator Nikki Torres (R-15th LD), expands training opportunities for public defense. Subject to appropriations, the bill expands the Office of Public Defense's capacity for its defense training academy program. The program includes and prioritizes training for underserved and rural areas of the state. The Senate Law & Justice Committee heard supportive testimony for the bill on January 16. The Committee passed a substitute version of the bill with a unanimous vote and referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee. The substitute bill expands training requirements to direct the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to provide a program for prosecutors in underserved areas and rural areas of the state, in the same fashion as for public defenders. It also adds a Law Student Rural Public Defense Program at the Office of Public Defense and Law Student Rural Prosecution Program at the CJTC. And it also establishes a Law School Loan Repayment Program for Public Defenders and Prosecutors at the Department of Commerce. The purpose of the amendment is to combine this bill along with [SB 5781](#).

Environment

Solid Waste: [HB 2049](#) is sponsored by Representative Liz Berry (D-36th LD) requires producers of certain paper products and packaging to participate in and fund the operations of a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) to collect and manage covered products from consumers. The bill also requires products to meet minimum postconsumer recycled content (PCRC) requirements. This bill is similar to [HB 1131](#) from the 2023 session, which passed out of the House Committee on Environment and Energy and the Appropriations Committee with a second substitute but stalled in Rules.

A substitute version of the bill passed out of the House Environment and Energy Committee on January 18. The substitute bill makes numerous changes to the bill, the changes include but not limited to: the process that a PRO may demonstrate to Ecology that an alternative recycling process may count towards performance rates; amends the reduction rate requirements for a PRO; creates an advisory council; clarifies service standards for cities recycling service; makes several exemptions for certain products. The Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee has scheduled to hear their version of the bill on January 23

Clean Buildings: [HB 1976](#) is sponsored by Representative Mary Fosse (D-38th LD) relates to changing the incentive structure for tier 1 and tier 2 buildings. The Department

of Commerce may provide incentives greater than the base incentive payment for upgrading tier 1 and tier 2 buildings under the Early Adoption Incentive Program. The bill passed out of the Committee with total support on January 15 and was referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

Small Engines: [HB 2051](#) is sponsored by Representative Amy Walen (D-48th LD) relates to reducing emissions from small off-road engines, and gas powered outdoor power equipment. Pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, the legislation is modeled after the California small off-road engine and equipment standards. The Department of Ecology must also administer a grant program to help local governments replace their outdoor power equipment. The proposed standards only apply to small off-road engines and equipment that is produced after January 1, 2027, and engines and equipment produced prior to that date are exempt from the requirement. The bill is scheduled for a vote in the House Environment and Energy Committee on January 23.

Wildland Urban Interface Fix: [SB 6120](#), sponsored by Senator Kevin Van De Wege (D- 24th LD), is a “fix” to concerns with legislation passed several sessions ago making changes to the Wildland Urban Interface Code to make necessary fire safety updates in the state building code standards. The previous bill required completion of a statewide map of the wildland urban interface areas. The resulting map was overapplied and would have required restrictive fire safety building code measures in many unintended areas of the state, not just those at highest risk of wildfire. This bill requires a revised map of areas at greatest risk of wildland fire, instead of the wildland urban interface (which applies much more broadly). The bill also allows counties, cities, and towns to complete their own map of areas at greatest risk of wildfire in applying these fire safety codes, so long as substantially similar criteria is applied. Counties, cities, and towns issuing commercial and residential building permits in areas identified as high risk or very high risk on the map must only apply the fire safety code considerations in these areas. The bill includes an emergency clause and would take effect immediately. The bill also clarifies that the State Building Code Council may not adopt more restrictive fire safety requirements than what is included in statute. The bill will be heard in the State Government and Elections Committee on January 26.

Salmon Recovery/Critical Area Planning: [SB 6143](#), sponsored by Senator Jesse Salomon (D- 32nd LD), would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to adopt conservation and restoration guidelines for counties and cities to preserve and enhance fish recovery. Counties and cities must then adopt these guidelines into their critical areas policies and development regulations at their next scheduled comprehensive plan update. Guidelines adopted by WDFW must identify priority nearshore habitat as well as stream segments and riparian habitat that are the most important habitat areas to preserve through public acquisition/conservation; identify incompatible land uses with salmon recovery and habitat preservation; methods for improving and preserving salmon habitat; and must consult with tribal fisheries and other interested parties in adopting these guidelines. WDFW and the Washington State Association of Counties have expressed concerns with the workload associated with

implementing this bill. It will be heard in the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks Committee on January 25.

GMA/Planning

Urban Growth Areas: [SB 5834](#) sponsored by Senator Shelly Short (R-7th LD) relates to urban growth areas (UGAs). This bill allows counties to revise their UGA boundaries to accommodate patterns of development if it is found, during their annual review, that existing patterns of development have created pressure in areas exceeding the available and developable lands within the UGA. These boundary changes can only be made under a narrow set of circumstances: if the revised UGA does not add total surface area to the UGA, the land is not ag, forest, or mineral resource land of long-term significance, the areas are suitable for urban growth, less than 15% of added lands are critical areas, areas removed from the UGA are not urban density or contain urban growth, the revised UGA is contiguous and does not increase pressure to urbanize rural or natural resource lands, and the County has planned sufficiently to service these areas within their capital and transportation plans. The bill is scheduled for a vote in the Senate Local Government Committee on January 25.

Detached ADUs Outside of UGA: Two bi-partisan bills have been introduced requiring counties to allow detached ADUs outside of the Urban Growth Area. Currently, counties may not allow detached ADUs outside of the UGA unless their ordinances have been grandfathered in. Two of these bills have been scheduled for a public hearing next week:

[SB 6029](#), sponsored by Senator John Braun (R-20th LD) and co-sponsored by Senator Annette Cleveland (D-49th LD), requires counties to allow detached ADUs outside of the UGA if certain requirements are met. Parcels may only have 1 ADU, detached or attached. The detached ADU is subject to water supply requirements under the state building code. There must be sufficient existing sewage or septic capacity to accommodate the ADU. The floor area of the ADU may not exceed what would otherwise be authorized by the county for expansion of the primary residence, may not exceed 1296 sq. ft, and must be located on the same acre and use the same driveway as the primary dwelling unit. Parcels may not be subdivided to avoid development regulations under this bill. There cannot be loss of land designated as agricultural or forestland. Counties are authorized to adopt King County's existing development regulations for ADUs. The bill contains language clarifying the bill is in addition to existing county authority to adopt ADU regulations, and does not affect or modify the validity of county ordinances authorizing ADUs adopted prior to the act.

[HB 2126](#), is sponsored by Representative Sam Low (R-39th LD) and co-sponsored by House Housing Chair Representative Strom Peterson (D-21st LD). The bill contains the same provisions as the Senate version SB 6029, but also clarifies that detached ADUs cannot be counted towards rural or urban growth targets in a comprehensive plan, and that counties authorizing detached ADUs must accordingly revise their comprehensive plans at their next, regularly scheduled update. The House Housing Committee heard testimony from the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties,

Building Industry Association of Washington, Washington State Association of Counties, and Kittitas County in support of the bill. They support the bill because it provides a flexible tool for rural areas that need affordable housing options. The Whidbey Environmental Action Network, Futurewise, Environment and Climate Caucus of the Washington State Democratic Party, and others testified in opposition, stating that, while affordable housing is needed, this bill will as much as double rural population densities, increase sprawl, and directly undermine the Growth Management Act. The Committee voted unanimously to pass the bill out of committee on January 18.

Limited Areas of More Intensive Rural Development: [SB 6140](#), sponsored by Senator Shelly Short (R-7th LD), provides an exemption for the square footage requirements for new or existing retail or service space within a limited area of more intensive rural development if the area is located at least 10 miles from an existing urban growth area and provides an essential rural retail service. The Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee held a hearing on the bill on January 18. There was no testimony in opposition. Futurewise testified “Other,” stating that, with language adjustments, the bill can provide the right sizing for essential businesses in rural communities. Many stakeholders testified in support, including the Washington Department of Commerce, Lewis County, Building Industry Association of Washington, and Washington State Association of Counties. Testifiers expressed support for the bill because it would allow rural towns to function as complete communities and reduce driving emissions by keeping essential services local. The bill has been scheduled for an executive session before this committee on January 25.

Housing

Changing County MFTE Population Threshold: [HB 2141](#), sponsored by Representative Brandy Donaghy (D-44th LD), amends the MFTE statute to allow additional counties to utilize the tool. Under existing statute, only counties with a “campus of higher education... with at least 120,000 students” could functionally use the MFTE program. In practice, this limited the statute to certain areas of Pierce County. This bill removes this language and allows all counties with populations over 275,000 to designate residential targeted areas within the UGA in which this program may be used. The House Housing Committee held a hearing on the bill on January 16. There was no testimony in opposition. The Washington State Association of Counties and Washington Housing LLC testified in support. They support the bill because of its ability to increase housing stock and would like to see expanded availability to other counties. Futurewise testified “Other,” stating that, though they support the concept of the bill, they are cautious of expansion into unincorporated areas that may not have proper development such as transportation. Snohomish County signed in support of the bill. The bill was voted out of the committee unanimously on January 18.

MFTE: [SB 5118](#) is sponsored by Senator Patty Kuderer (D-48th LD) changes the multifamily property tax exemption program to a 99-year, rather than 12-year property tax exemption and makes a requirement that 35% of the overall square-footage of the building be dedicated to affordability, rather than 20% of the units. Additionally, the property tax exemption is extended to the underlying land value, as opposed to the

current practice of only applying the exemption to the improvements on the land. The bill also extends the exemption to units that are converted to affordability if current program participant's desire. The bill is scheduled for a vote on January 24 in the Senate Housing Committee.

Community and Transit-oriented Housing Development: [SB 6024](#) is sponsored by Senator Yasmin Trudeau (D-27th LD) and its companion bill [HB 2160](#), sponsored by Representative Julia Reed (D-36th LD) is Governor request legislation that mandates that cities allow transit-oriented development densities for residential and mixed use development around light rail and bus rapid transit stops. For light rail stops, a floor area ratio of 3.5 must be allowed within ½ walking distance, and a floor area ratio of 2.5 must be allowed within ¼ mile of bus rapid transit stops. The bill also includes an affordability requirement, requiring 10% of units to be dedicated to 60% of the area median income for at least 50 years if the development is utilizing increased density that results from the implementation of the bill. Additionally, cities are unable to require off-street parking as a condition of permitting development near light rail and bus rapid transit stations, with some exceptions. The bill also categorically exempts all project actions that propose to develop residential or mixed-use development within any station area up to the transit-oriented development density requirements from the State Environmental Policy Act. The bill currently does not impact counties – even those planning for light rail stops within the UGA, such as Snohomish County; however, PDS staff put together several suggestions for the bill if counties were to be included. The House version of the bill is advancing and was referred to the House Capital Budget Committee, which will have a public hearing on January 25.

Housing Element Requirements of the GMA: [HB 2113](#), sponsored by Representative Jessica Bateman (D-22nd LD), requires cities and counties planning under the GMA must submit its housing element and any related development regulations to the Department of Commerce (Commerce) for a determination of housing element compliance. Additionally, cities or counties planning under the GMA are prohibited from denying affordable housing unless Commerce says certain conditions are met. An appeal can be placed with the Growth Management Hearings Board about Commerce's housing element decision. The House Housing Committee took public testimony on January 15. Testifiers in support of the bill stated that it will allow builders to build more affordable homes and that this can be a tool for local governments to plan for housing. Opponents believe that this is a major change to the Growth Management Act because it takes decisions out of local hands. Concerns were also voiced about the timeline aligning with the comprehensive plans due next year.

Affordable Homeownership Unit Development: [SB 6173](#), sponsored by Senator T'wina Nobles (D-28th LD), allows local jurisdictions to use revenue from the affordable and supportive housing sales and use tax to be used for housing and services for people whose income is at or below 80% of the median income of the local jurisdiction that imposes the tax if it supports the development of affordable housing. The Senate Housing Committee heard the bill on January 19, with most testifiers in support of the bill. Proponents said the bill provides funding flexibility, and funding to missing middle

housing. The Senate Housing Committee held a hearing on the bill on January 19. There was no testimony in opposition. The bill has been scheduled for executive session in this committee on January 24.

Affordable and Workforce Housing Supply: [HB 2276](#), sponsored by Representative April Berg (D-44th LD) and its Senate companion [SB 6191](#) by Senator Noel Frame (D-36th LD), relates to increasing the supply of affordable and workforce housing. The bill makes several changes to the real estate excise tax beginning on January 1, 2025. The changes are: the first tier of the real estate excise tax REET increases from \$525,00 to \$750,000; a new real estate transfer (REET) tax of 1% on the value of the selling price over \$3.025 million; directs revenue from REET to accounts receiving REET money; and creates a REET exemption for certain properties that qualify for a property tax exemption that will be used for a community purpose. While this year's bill does not include a local option REET, it does direct the Department of Revenue to provide recommendations to the Legislature on how to implement and administer a local option graduated REET.

On January 18, the House Finance Committee held a public hearing on the bill. Testifiers in support of the bill noted the importance of being able to provide a more equal tax code in Washington and ensure the higher value homes are being taxed properly, which in turn forms a higher revenue that can be used to fund affordable housing. Other testifiers in opposition of the bill noted that the imposition of higher taxes will increase the price of housing, and disincentivize investors from coming to Washington. The bill further exempts nonprofits from being taxed in the way a private sector would, which some citizens found to be unfair. There were concerns raised on how multifamily homes would be taxed if their value exceeded the \$3.25 million threshold. If it were to be taxed, it would increase the cost of a unit by \$18,000. The Senate Ways & Means Committee has scheduled a public hearing for their version of the bill on January 25.

Authorizing MFTE for All Counties: [HB 2353](#), sponsored by Representative Greg Nance (D- 23rd LD), removes the existing restrictions on utilizing the MFTE program in counties, opening up eligibility to all counties. Under existing statute, only counties with a “campus of higher education... with at least 120,000 students” could functionally use the MFTE program. In practice, this limited the statute to certain areas of Pierce County. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the House Housing Committee on January 22 and scheduled to move out of committee on January 25.

Technology

Aerial Imagery: [HB 1990](#) is sponsored by Representative Ryu (D-32nd LD) relates to Washington's aerial imagery program. The Consolidated Technology Services Agency establishes the Aerial Imagery Program to provide local governments, state agencies, special purpose districts, and tribal government with aerial imagery services. The bill also establishes a statewide imagery services account in the state treasury. A substitute version of the bill passed out of the House State Government and Tribal Relations Committee on January 19, with a unanimous vote. The substitute bill allows tribal

governments to opt-in to the collection and distribution of aerial images of tribal lands, and requires the CTSA to establish a timeline and process for tribal governments to notify the CTSA about opting-in.

Tax Preference for Jet Fuel: [SB 6240](#), sponsored by Senator Judy Warnick (R- 13th LD), expands the tax credit for alternative jet fuel manufacturing. The bill allows the existing tax credit, which is currently only provided to manufacturers with capacity to provide at least 20 million gallons of alternative jet fuel per year, to extend to facilities providing 500,000 gallons per year so long as they operate in distressed areas of the state. The bill is scheduled for hearing in the Senate Business, Financial Services, Gaming, and Trade Committee on January 25. County staff is reviewing this bill to ensure there are no negative impacts to the County's sustainable aviation fuel efforts or Paine Field.

SAF in Private Jets: [SB 6114](#), sponsored by Senator Marko Lias (D- 21st LD), requires the use of at least 10% sustainable aviation fuel for private jets operating in Washington State by July 1, 2028. The Governor, by Executive Order, may suspend all or portions of this requirement if it is determined that requirements are temporarily, technologically, or economically infeasible, or pose a significant risk to public safety. County staff is reviewing the bill for potential feedback.

Procurement

Local Government Procurement Rules: [SB 6167](#), sponsored by Senator Bob Hasegawa (D-11th LD), increases, until July 1, 2026, the limit for contracts that require competitive bidding to \$150,000 if two or more trades are involved, or to \$75,000 if only one trade is involved. The Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee held a hearing on the bill on January 18. The Association of Washington Cities, Mechanical Contractors Association of Western Washington, and the Capital Project Advisory Review Board expressed their support of the bill because they want to improve upon the language of the original bill, [SB 1621](#), before moving forward. The Committee heard from the Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts, Sno-King Water Districts Coalition, and the Washington Fire Commissioners Association in opposition. They oppose the bill, stating that the bill was not developed unanimously, and that the intent of the original bill was accomplished and should be passed.

Responsible Bidder Criteria: [SSB 5133](#), sponsored by Senator Karen Keiser (D-33rd LD), modifies the responsible bidder criteria on public works projects to comply with apprenticeship utilization requirements. Bidders who have a history of noncompliance with the requirements must submit an apprenticeship utilization plan to obtain contracts. During the 2023 session this bill passed out of the Senate State Government & Elections Committee but stalled in Ways & Means. A proposed substitute bill was heard in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on January 16. Supporters of the bill liked that this would increase publicly funded projects that hire apprenticeships, and that it the program is followed correctly. Opponents stated that this will create an increased burden on smaller contractors and could limit local contractors from bidding on projects. The Association of Washington Cities, Washington State Association of County

Engineers, and the Washington Public Ports Association signed in as “Other.” Their concern there needs to be further clarity in the bill about timelines, and bidder criteria.

Tribal Relations

Tribal Warrants: [SB 6146](#), sponsored by Senator Manka Dhingra (D- 45th LD), establishes a process for state law enforcement officers to enforce tribal arrest warrants. The bill also lays out a process for state LEOs and state/local detention facilities to deliver tribal fugitives to tribal authorities. This bill is a continuation of work begun last year. It will be heard in the Senate Law and Justice Committee on January 22 and is scheduled to move out of committee January 25. County staff is sending the bill to the Tulalip Tribe for review and feedback to determine if the County should support the bill.

John McCoy (Iulilaš): [House Bill 1879](#), sponsored by Representative Debra Lekanoff (D-40th LD), names the curriculum used to teach public school students about tribal history, culture, and government as the John McCoy (Iulilaš) Since Time Immemorial curriculum. Testifiers highlighted that this bill is a way to honor John McCoy, and a way to honor the language of the Nisqually Tribe. Snohomish County signed in support of the bill. There was no testimony in opposition. The House Education Committee voted unanimously to pass the bill out of committee on January 16.

General Government

Intergovernmental Relationship Between BC/US: [HB 2000](#), sponsored by Representative Sharlett Mena (D-29th LD), and its companion, [SB 6168](#), sponsored by Senator Derek Stanford (D-1st LD), renews Washington international leadership. The bill requires the Office of International Relations and Protocol (OIRP) to create a strategic plan, to guide the state's international engagement and economic development. It modifies the duties of the OIRP, especially with respect to establishing government-to-government relationships, coordinating protocol for receiving foreign dignitaries, and creating an intergovernmental exchange with British Columbia. The authority of the OIRP is expanded to create advisory committees to execute its responsibilities, including an International Engagement Advisory Committee. It also creates an interparliamentary exchange between the legislatures of Washington and British Columbia. The size of the membership of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations is increased, and it removes the prohibition on reimbursing travel and lodging expenses from the Legislative International Trade Account.

The House bill was passed out of the House State Government and Tribal Relations Committee with an amendment stating the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations shall jointly participate in designating foreign jurisdictions of strategic importance to Washington with the Office of International Relations and Protocol. The bill has been referred to Appropriations and will be heard on January 25. The Senate version of the bill is scheduled to be voted out of Committee on January 23.

Voter Approval for Local Government Prohibitions on Cannabis Businesses: [HB 1650](#) is sponsored by Representative Sharon Wylie (D-49th LD) requires voter approval for local government prohibitions on cannabis retail businesses after July 2027 unless a majority of voters in a general election approve an ordinance to that effect. It further establishes state preemption of the regulation of cannabis retail businesses except for the authorization of voter-approved bans. The substitute version of the bill passed out of the Regulated Substances and Gaming Committee on January 18, with a vote of 6-to-4. The substitute version of the bill makes technical changes and adjusts the dates in the original bill by one additional year.

Veteran Service Officer Program: [HB 1925](#) sponsored by Representative Clyde Shavers (D-10th LD) expands the veteran service officer (VSO) program to help increase veteran support statewide. The Department of Veterans Affairs (Department) will prioritize additional funding to eligible counties where the percent of the veteran population receiving federal disability or compensation is below the national average and to counties without a VSO. This bill changes the definition of eligible counties from a population of 100,000 to a population of 50,000 or less. A substitute version of the bill passed out of the Committee unanimously and was referred to the House Appropriations Committee. The substitute version of the bill clarifies what information is needed in the reports to the Governor and the Legislature.

Emergency Management Infrastructure Assistance Program: [HB 2020](#), sponsored by Representative Timmons (D-42nd LD), is agency request legislation from the Military Department creating a state administered public infrastructure assistance program. The program will provide assistance to counties and tribal governments for costs associated with disaster related response if public infrastructure is damaged during a Governor's emergency proclamation. The bill passed unanimously out of the House Innovation, Community and Economic Development, and Veterans Committee on January 16.

Match Act: [HB 1870](#) sponsored by Representative Stephanie Barnard (R-8th LD) promotes economic develop for local communities by increasing the capacity of the Department of Commerce (Department) to assist local communities in securing federal funding. The purpose is to increase opportunities for local communities to compete for federal grants by providing a pool of matching funds that eligible entities can access. There was no testimony in opposition. The bill was unanimously voted out of the policy committee on January 16 and referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

Access to Personnel Records: [SB 5924](#) sponsored by Senator Patty Kuderer (D-48th LD) concerns access to personal records. The bill requires an employer to furnish an employee, former employee, or their designee with the employee's personnel file at no cost within 21 calendar days of a request. It mandates an employer to furnish a former employee with a signed written statement with the effective date of discharge, whether the employer had a reason for the discharge and, if so, the reasons, within 21 calendar days of the written request. It allows an employee or former employee to bring a private action, after five days' notice, for violations of certain rights regarding personnel files, and discharge information, for equitable relief, graduated statutory damages up to

\$1,000, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of each violation. The bill is scheduled for a vote on January 23.

Establishing Independent Jail Oversight Board: [SB 6189](#), sponsored by Senator Rebecca Saldaña (D- 37th LD), implements some of the recommendations from the Jail Standards Task Force, which was established in the 21-23 Biennial Budget and concluded its work in December 2023. The Task Force made several recommendations, the primary of which being the establishment of an independent office of oversight for jails, which would set and monitor minimum jail standards to ensure jail conditions meet state and federal standards, and ensure that there is adequate safety for incarcerated persons and staff. This bill establishes a Jail Oversight Board within the Office of the Governor. The Board would consist of 5 members, overseen by a Director, and would be required to meet quarterly to make recommendations, receive reports from the Director, and conduct other board business. The bill sets out several duties of the board, most notably administrating a statewide uniform jail reporting system for collecting and reporting information, establishing a statewide, public database containing information collected, monitoring each state jail every 3 years and report on compliance with standards, publish reports on these standards, serve as a member of all unexpected fatality review teams, investigate specific and systemic issues in jails identified in monitoring, reviews, and complaints, provide public comment and testimony and make recommendations for statutory changes, and submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature detailing recommendations of any statutory changes. The bill, as written, does not outline jail standards; however, Task Force recommendations suggested several jail standards that would require significant upgrades for most county jails, and did not identify or recommend a dedicated funding source for these changes. The bill will be heard in the Senate Human Services Committee on January 22. Staff in the Sheriff's Office will be reviewing the bill and providing feedback.

Vexatious Litigants: [HB 2307](#), sponsored by Representative Joe Schmick (R- 9th LD), is AWC and WSAC request legislation that requires public records request claimants to go through an administrative judicial review process before collecting penalties from local governments. The bill will be heard in the House State Government and Tribal Relations Committee on January 24.

Dilapidated Recreational Vehicle Program: [SB 5844](#), sponsored by Senator Ron Muzzall (R-10th LD), directs the Department of Ecology to administer a dilapidated recreational vehicle disposal program. The Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee held a hearing on the bill on January 16. There was no testimony in opposition. The Washington State Association of Counties testified "Other," stating that with amendments, the bill can help get ahead of the increasing number of abandoned RVs in Washington State. The Green Diamond Resource Company testified in support of the bill, stating that a diversion program like the one proposed in the bill would greatly help mitigate environmental damage caused by abandoned recreational vehicles.

Public Water Systems: [SB 6206](#), sponsored by Senator Shelly Short (R-7th LD), requires the court under the receivership process that if no person is willing and able to

be named a receiver, the court must appoint the public utility district or water-sewer district where the water is located. Unless a city, town, or irrigation district agrees to accept the water system receivership, the court cannot require those entities to accept it. The Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee held a hearing on the bill on January 18. Stevens County Commissioner and Callam County Commissioner testified in support of the bill, stating that it is a bill about public health and safety. They also noted that counties are not set up for utility building and do not have the resources of public utility districts. The Committee heard testimony from the Washington PUD Association and Stevens County PUD in opposition. They oppose the bill because they feel counties are appropriately empowered to serve in this capacity while their own resources are limited, and assuming responsibility for any failed system could overwhelm them.

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Upcoming Events

Human Services (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/22 @ 10:30am

- [SB 6189](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning transparency, public safety, and independent oversight of the city, county, and regional jail system in Washington state. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 6109](#) - Exec Session - Supporting children and families. (Support)

Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/22 @ 10:30am

- [SB 6146](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning tribal warrants. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.) (Remote Testimony Available).

Housing (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/22 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 2353](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting affordable housing in unincorporated areas within urban growth areas of counties. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/22 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 6242](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning law enforcement training. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)

Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/23 @ 8:00am

- [SB 6168](#) - Exec Session - Renewing Washington's international leadership. (Support)

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 8:00am

- [HB 2012](#) - Exec Session - Concerning eligibility for a property tax exemption for nonprofits providing affordable rental housing built with city and county funds.

Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/23 @ 8:00am

- [SB 6251](#) - Public Hearing - Coordinating regional behavioral crisis response and suicide prevention services. (Remote Testimony Available).

Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 1/23 @ 8:00am

- [SB 6152](#) - Public Hearing - Requiring certain counties to measure the gap between estimated existing housing units and existing housing needs. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 6219](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting agritourism. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 6055](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning natural resource-based industrial development. (Remote Testimony Available).

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/23 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 6005](#) - Public Hearing - Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 6180](#) - Public Hearing - Improving the outcomes associated with waste material management systems, including products affecting organic material management systems. (Remote Testimony Available).

State Government & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/23 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 6232](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a pilot common public records portal. (Remote Testimony Available).

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 2051](#) - Exec Session - Reducing emissions from small off-road engines.
- [HB 2301](#) - Public Hearing - Improving the outcomes associated with waste material management systems, including products affecting organic material management systems. (Remote Testimony Available).

Housing (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 2113](#) - Exec Session - Concerning compliance with the housing element requirements of the growth management act.

Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/23 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 6114](#) - Public Hearing - Requiring local airport operators to provide sustainable aviation fuel for use in private jets. (Remote Testimony Available).

Housing (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/24 @ 10:30am

- [SB 5118](#) - Exec Session - Concerning modifying the multifamily property tax exemption to promote development of long-term affordable housing.
- [SB 6173](#) - Exec Session - Encouraging investments in affordable homeownership unit development.

State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/24 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 2250](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 2307](#) - Public Hearing - Limiting vexatious claims by modifying administrative and judicial review processes for public records requests and responses. (Remote Testimony Available).

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/25 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1956](#) - Exec Session - Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education. (Support)

Housing (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/25 @ 8:00am

- [HB 2158](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding urban growth area boundaries for residential development. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 2353](#) - Exec Session - Promoting affordable housing in unincorporated areas within urban growth areas of counties. (Support)

Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/25 @ 8:00am

- [SB 6146](#) - Exec Session - Concerning tribal warrants.

Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/25 @ 10:30am

- [SB 6202](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning technical changes to allowable exemptions for tourism promotion area assessments. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 6240](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding tax preferences for jet fuel. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 6243](#) - Public Hearing - Providing a state business and occupation tax exemption to encourage clean technology manufacturing in Washington. (Remote Testimony Available).

Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 1/25 @ 10:30am

- [SB 5834](#) - Exec Session - Concerning urban growth areas.
- [SB 6140](#) - Exec Session - Concerning limited areas of more intensive rural development.

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 1/25 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 6143](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas. (Remote Testimony Available).

Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/25 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 2372](#) - Public Hearing - Transferring public property to Washington state federally recognized tribes for facilities to provide alcohol and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and aftercare programs and services, and for behavioral health and related programs and services. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SHB 2160](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting community and transit-oriented housing development. (Remote Testimony Available).

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/25 @ 4:00pm

- [SHB 1531](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting economic development of the aerospace industry through a committee empowered to advise on industry issues other than the siting of commercial airports. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SHB 2000](#) - Public Hearing - Renewing Washington's international leadership. (Remote Testimony Available). **(Support)**

Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/25 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 2393](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing tax exemptions for unleaded aircraft fuel. (Remote Testimony Available).

State Government & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/26 @ 8:00am

- [SB 6120](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the Wildland Urban Interface Code. (Remote Testimony Available).

Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/26 @ 10:30am

- [HB 2258](#) - Exec Session - Providing funding for municipalities participating in the regional 911 emergency communications system.
- [HB 2211](#) - Exec Session - Granting local taxing authority to fund criminal justice. (Support)

County Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
ESHB 1555 (SB 5642)	Indian tribes/extradition	Concerning extradition of persons to and from Indian jurisdiction.	H Community Safet	Lekanoff	Concerns	
ESHB 1705 (SB 5645)	Stormwater facilities/county	Concerning stormwater control facilities and county jurisdiction.	H 3rd Reading	Griffey	Oppose	
HB 1879	Tribal curriculum/John McCoy	Naming the curriculum used to inform students about tribal history, culture, and government after John McCoy (lulilaÅ;).	H Rules R	Lekanoff	Support	
HB 1945	Food assistance access	Streamlining and enhancing program access for persons eligible for food assistance.	H Human Svc, You	Alvarado	Support	
HB 1956 (SSB 5923)	Substance use prevention ed.	Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	H Education	Leavitt	Support	
HB 1990 (SB 5954)	Aerial imagery program	Concerning the Washington state aerial imagery program.	H Exec Action	Ryu	Support	
SHB 2000 (SB 6168)	International leadership	Renewing Washington's international leadership.	H Approps	Mena	Support	
SHB 2124	Child care prg. eligibility	Supporting and expanding access to child care and early learning programs.	H Approps	Eslick	Support	
HB 2141	Housing in unincorp. areas	Promoting affordable housing in unincorporated areas within urban growth areas of large counties.	H Finance	Donaghy	Support	
HB 2211 (SB 6076)	Criminal justice local tax	Granting local taxing authority to fund criminal justice.	H Local Govt	Stearns	Support	
HB 2353	Residential targeted areas	Promoting affordable housing in unincorporated areas within urban growth areas of counties.	H Housing	Nance	Support	
SB 5427 (HB 1410)	Hate crimes & bias incidents	Concerning people who have been targeted or affected by hate crimes and bias incidents.	S Ways & Means	Valdez	Support	

SB 5770	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	Support	
SSB 5804 (HB 2029)	Opioid overdose med./schools	Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	S Rules 2	Kuderer	Support	
SSB 5923 (HB 1956)	Substance use prevention ed.	Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Support	
SB 5954 (HB 1990)	Aerial imagery program	Concerning the Washington state aerial imagery program.	S State Govt & El	Lovick	Support	
SB 6076 (HB 2211)	Criminal justice local tax	Granting local taxing authority to fund criminal justice.	S Ways & Means	Keiser	Support	
SB 6109	Children and families	Supporting children and families.	S Human Services	Wilson	Support	
SB 6168 (SHB 2000)	International leadership	Renewing Washington's international leadership.	S Business, Fin	Stanford	Support	
SB 6242	Law enforcement training	Concerning law enforcement training.	S Ways & Means	Mullet	Support	

Monitoring

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1025	Police/private actions	Creating a private right of action for harm from violations of the state Constitution or state law by peace officers.	H Civil R & Judi	Thai		
SHB 1026	Local gov. design review	Concerning local government design review.	H Housing	Walen		
SHB 1133 (SB 5357)	Detached ADUs	Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas.	H Housing	Chapman	Neutral	
E2SHB 1167	Residential housing	Concerning residential housing regulations.	H Housing	Duerr		
SHB 1241	Harassment	Addressing harassment.	S Law & Justice	Leavitt		
ESHB 1245 (SSB 5364)	Lot splitting	Increasing housing options through lot splitting.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Barkis		
HB 1252	Impact fee deferrals	Concerning impact fee deferrals.	H Housing	Bateman		
SHB 1351 (SB 5456)	Minimum parking requirements	Prohibiting the imposition of minimum parking requirements except under certain circumstances.	H Local Govt	Reed		

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SHB 1381	Salmon-safe communities	Concerning salmon-safe communities.	H Env & Energy	Dye		
ESHB 1387	Law enf. applicant pool	Requiring the criminal justice training commission to establish a program to recruit and train a pool of applicants who may be employed by certain law enforcement agencies in the state.	H Community Safet	Ramos		
HB 1401	Housing permit process	Allowing cities and counties to create a simple, standardized housing permit process for affordable housing units in areas designated for housing.	H Housing	Jacobsen		
HB 1410 (SB 5427)	Hate crimes & bias incidents	Concerning people who have been targeted or affected by hate crimes and bias incidents.	H Civil R & Judi	Hansen		
SHB 1531	Aerospace industry dev.	Promoting economic development of the aerospace industry through a committee empowered to advise on industry issues other than the siting of commercial airports.	H Approps	Dent		
HB 1585	Local infra. project areas	Addressing local infrastructure project areas.	H Finance	Cortes		
SHB 1596	Affordable housing incentive	Providing local governments with options to increase affordable housing in their communities.	H Finance	Kloba		
SHB 1650	Cannabis prohibitions	Requiring voter approval for local government prohibitions on cannabis businesses.	H RSGDPS	Wylie		
HB 1861	Elections/language assist.	Improving meaningful access to elections by increasing language assistance.	H State Govt & T	Shavers		

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HB 1870	Local comm. federal funding	Promoting economic development by increasing opportunities for local communities to secure federal funding.	H Approps	Barnard		
HB 1911 (SB 5914)	Office of public defense	Concerning activities in which the office of public defense may engage without violating the prohibition on providing direct representation of clients.	H Exec Action	Taylor		
SHB 1925	Veterans service officers	Expanding the veterans service officer program to increase veteran support statewide.	H Approps	Shavers		
SHB 1932	Even-numbered year elections	Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation.	H Rules R	Gregerson		
HB 1944	Running start for the trades	Establishing a running start for the trades grant program.	H Education	Orwall		
HB 1962	Voter address changes	Improving voter registration list accuracy by improving voter address change processes for county election offices and voters.	H Rules R	Low		
HB 1966	Manufacturing machinery/REET	Exempting manufacturing machinery and equipment from real estate excise tax.	H Finance	Walen		
HB 1976	Incentives/energy upgrades	Changing the incentive structure for tier 1 and tier 2 buildings.	H Approps	Fosse		
HB 2002	Public use of fentanyl, meth	Establishing criminal penalties for the public use of fentanyl or methamphetamine.	H Community Safe	Low		

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HB 2012	Rental housing/nonprofits	Concerning eligibility for a property tax exemption for nonprofits providing affordable rental housing built with city and county funds.	H Finance	Street		
SHB 2020	Public infra. assistance prg	Creating a state administered public infrastructure assistance program within the emergency management division.	H Approps	Timmons		
HB 2029 (SSB 5804)	Opioid overdose/high schools	Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	H Education	Rule		
HB 2034 (SB 5833)	Court reorganization notices	Requiring counties and cities to provide the administrative office of the courts with notice of court reorganizations.	H Rules R	Cheney		
HB 2049 (SB 6005)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	H Exec Action	Berry		
HB 2051	Small off-road engines	Reducing emissions from small off-road engines.	H Env & Energy	Walen		
HB 2113	GMA housing element	Concerning compliance with the housing element requirements of the growth management act.	H Housing	Bateman		
HB 2126	Rural area ADUs	Authorizing accessory dwelling units in rural areas.	H Exec Action	Low		
HB 2137 (SB 6202)	Tourism promotion exemptions	Concerning technical changes to allowable exemptions for tourism promotion area assessments.	H Exec Action	Berg		
HB 2158	Urban growth area boundaries	Expanding urban growth area boundaries for residential development.	H Housing	Connors		
SHB 2160 (SB 6024)	Housing development	Promoting community and	H Cap Budget	Reed		

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		transit-oriented housing development.				
HB 2250 (SB 6156)	Local elections	Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections.	H State Govt & T	Gregerson		
HB 2258	Regional 911 funding	Providing funding for municipalities participating in the regional 911 emergency communications system.	H Local Govt	Ormsby		
HB 2291	Riparian programs review	Conducting a review of Washington's riparian programs.	H Ag&Nr	Wilcox		
HB 2301 (SB 6180)	Waste material management	Improving the outcomes associated with waste material management systems, including products affecting organic material management systems.	H Env & Energy	Doglio		
HB 2305 (SB 6146)	Tribal warrants	Concerning tribal warrants.	H Community Safe	Lekanoff		
HB 2307	Public records reviews	Limiting vexatious claims by modifying administrative and judicial review processes for public records requests and responses.	H State Govt & T	Schmick		
HB 2356 (SB 6115)	Speed safety cameras	Concerning speed safety camera systems.	H Transportation	Fey		
HB 2359	Vehicle impounds	Concerning vehicle impounds.	H Transportation	Peterson		
HB 2372	Tribes/health facilities	Transferring public property to Washington state federally recognized tribes for facilities to provide alcohol and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and aftercare programs and services, and for behavioral health and related programs and services.	H Cap Budget	Lekanoff		

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HB 2393	Unleaded aircraft fuel/tax	Establishing tax exemptions for unleaded aircraft fuel.	H Transportation	Dent		
HB 2410 (SB 6240)	Jet fuel tax preferences	Expanding tax preferences for jet fuel.	H Finance	Ybarra		
HB 2420	Law enforcement training	Concerning law enforcement training.	H Community Safe	Donaghy		
SB 5118	Multifamily property tax ex.	Concerning modifying the multifamily property tax exemption to promote development of long-term affordable housing.	S Housing	Kuderer		
SSB 5133	Responsible bidder criteria	Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects.	S Ways & Means	Keiser		
2SSB 5730	Vehicle residences/impound	Concerning impounds of vehicles used as residences.	S Housing	Fortunato		
SB 5755	Unmanned aircraft/government	Concerning unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system use by state and local agencies.	S Law & Justice	Boehnke		
SB 5773	Public defense services	Concerning public defense services.	S Law & Justice	Torres		
SSB 5780	Public defense training	Expanding training opportunities for public defense.	S Ways & Means	Torres		
SB 5781	Law student rural PD program	Establishing a law student rural public defense program.	S Law & Justice	Torres		
SB 5782	Right to counsel services	Evaluating the provision of right to counsel services.	S Law & Justice	Torres		
SB 5833 (HB 2034)	Court reorganization notices	Requiring counties and cities to provide the administrative office of the courts with notice of court reorganizations.	S Law & Justice	Torres		
SB 5834	Urban growth areas	Concerning urban growth areas.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Short		
SB 5844	Dilapidated RV disposal	Creating a dilapidated recreational vehicle disposal program.	S Environment, E	Muzzall		
SB 5906	Drug overdose prevention	Implementing a statewide drug overdose prevention	S Ways & Means	Wilson		

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		and education campaign.				
SB 5914 (HB 1911)	Office of public defense	Concerning activities in which the office of public defense may engage without violating the prohibition on providing direct representation of clients.	S Law & Justice	Torres		
SB 5916	Indigent defense task force	Reinstating the indigent defense task force.	S Law & Justice	Torres		
SB 5929	Fentanyl/endangerment	Concerning fentanyl.	S Law & Justice	Padden		
SB 5959 (HB 2384)	Traffic safety cameras	Concerning automated traffic safety cameras.	S Transportation	Liias		
SB 6005 (HB 2049)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	S Environment, E	Lovelett		
SB 6024 (SHB 2160)	Housing development	Promoting community and transit-oriented housing development.	S Loc Gov, Land	Trudeau		
SB 6029	Detached ADUs	Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Braun		
SB 6035 (HB 1950)	Student loans/PSLF	Concerning the public service loan forgiveness program.	S Rules 2	Liias		
SB 6055	Natural resource indus. dev.	Concerning natural resource-based industrial development.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Torres		
SB 6083	Jail system	Concerning transparency, public safety, and independent oversight of the city, county, and regional jail system in Washington state.	S Human Services	Boehnke		
SB 6114	Sustainable aviation fuel	Requiring local airport operators to provide sustainable aviation fuel for use in private jets.	S Transportation	Liias		

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SB 6115 (HB 2356)	Speed safety cameras	Concerning speed safety camera systems.	S Transportation	King		
SB 6120	Wildland urban interface	Concerning the Wildland Urban Interface Code.	S State Govt & E	Van De Wege		
SB 6140	Intensive rural development	Concerning limited areas of more intensive rural development.	S Loc Gov, Land	Short		
SB 6141	Public infra. assistance prg	Creating a state administered public infrastructure assistance program within the emergency management division.	S State Govt & E	Boehnke		
SB 6142	Public defense funding	Concerning prosecution and public defense funding.	S Law & Justice	MacEwen		
SB 6143	Salmon habitat planning	Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Salomon		
SB 6146 (HB 2305)	Tribal warrants	Concerning tribal warrants.	S Law & Justice	Dhingra		
SB 6152	Housing needs gap	Requiring certain counties to measure the gap between estimated existing housing units and existing housing needs.	S Loc Gov, Land	Cleveland		
SB 6153	Peace officer hiring & cert.	Concerning peace officer hiring and certification.	S Law & Justice	Kuderer		
SB 6156 (HB 2250)	Local elections	Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections.	S State Govt & E	Nobles		
SB 6164	County emergency management	Concerning county emergency management plans.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Wagoner		
SB 6167	Local government procurement	Concerning local government procurement rules.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Hasegawa		
SB 6173 (HB 2413)	Housing sales tax/use	Encouraging investments in affordable homeownership unit development.	S Housing	Nobles		

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SB 6180 (HB 2301)	Waste material management	Improving the outcomes associated with waste material management systems, including products affecting organic material management systems.	S Environment, E	Lovick		
SB 6189	Jail system	Concerning transparency, public safety, and independent oversight of the city, county, and regional jail system in Washington state.	S Human Services	Saldana		
SB 6200 (HB 2390)	Eluding & resisting arrest	Concerning penalties related to eluding police vehicles and resisting arrest.	S Law & Justice	Lovick		
SB 6202 (HB 2137)	Tourism promotion exemptions	Concerning technical changes to allowable exemptions for tourism promotion area assessments.	S Business, Fin S	Kauffman		
SB 6206	Water system receivership	Concerning receivership of public water systems.	S Loc Gov, Land	Short		
SB 6219	Agritourism	Promoting agritourism.	S Loc Gov, Land	Warnick		
SB 6232	Public records portal pilot	Establishing a pilot common public records portal.	S State Govt & El	Wilson		
SB 6240 (HB 2410)	Jet fuel tax preferences	Expanding tax preferences for jet fuel.	S Business, Fin S	Warnick		
SB 6243	Technology manuf./B&O tax	Providing a state business and occupation tax exemption to encourage clean technology manufacturing in Washington.	S Business, Fin	Mullet		
SB 6251	Behavioral crisis coord.	Coordinating regional behavioral crisis response and suicide prevention services.	S Health & Long	Dhingra		

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