

Washington Recreation & Park Association

End of Week 14 Report – Saturday, April 19, 2025

Saturday, April 19 marks the 97th day of the 2025 Legislative Session. Another important legislative deadline occurred this past week, in which all bills must have passed out of both chambers by April 16th to remain alive, unless they are deemed *Necessary to Implement the Budget*. After a bill passes both chambers it either proceeds to the Governor to be signed into law (or vetoed) or returns to the original chamber on the *Concurrence Calendar*, which means the bill was amended by the second chamber and must be reapproved in its new amended form.

Concurrence Calendar Process

To pass the Legislature, bills on the Concurrence Calendar require reconciling the differences between the two versions passed by each chamber. The chamber of origin can either concur with the opposing chamber's amendments, ask them to recede from their amendments, or request a conference committee with a limited group of legislators to craft a compromise version of the bill. The House and Senate must reach an agreement on the final version of the bill prior to the end of session, or the bill dies.

Governor Signing Process

Once a bill is passed by the Legislature and delivered to the Governor, he has 5 days (excluding Sundays) to act on the bill, or 20 days to act if the bill is delivered to him within 5 days of the end of session. The clock starts once a bill is delivered which could be within days of passage, or the House and Senate may strategically delay delivering the bill to the Governor, so he has more time to act on the bill. In Washington, the Governor has three options on bills that reach his desk: 1) Sign the bill into law 2) Veto the entire bill 3) Partially Veto the bill by removing entire sections. The Governor does not have line-item veto authority which means removing sentences or words. Over the next 8 days, the legislature will focus on budget negotiations, bills on the *Concurrence Calendar* and bills that are *Necessary to Implement the Budget* (revenue proposals and tax bills).

Legislature Deliberates Taxes and Budgets Entering the Final Week of Session

Earlier this week, House and Senate Democrats released their [updated revenue proposals](#) and scheduled those bills for public hearings, in response to feedback from the public and the Governor on their previous revenue package options released earlier this session. The updated revenue proposals rolled out jointly by both chambers would raise \$12 billion over four years. In response to the release, Governor Ferguson responded with [his own statement](#) to the proposal saying that “raising \$12 billion in taxes is unsustainable” and cautioned against challenges ahead, fearful of federal funding cuts that could greatly impact the state’s budget further. On top of this revenue geared towards the operating budget, the legislature also continues to deliberate new transportation revenue sources to carry on with transportation and road projects around the state. Many big decisions on revenue options, budget compromises, and final policy decisions will have to be reached within the next 8 days if the legislature is to conclude their business on time, by April 27. If the legislature doesn’t conclude their business by the end of the regular session, the Governor may have to call lawmakers into a special session.

Feb. 21 – Day 40

~~Policy cutoff in house of origin – last day to pass bills out of the policy committees in the chamber they were introduced~~

Feb. 28 - Day 47	Fiscal cutoff in house of origin – last day to pass bills out of fiscal committees in the chamber they were introduced
Mar. 12 - Day 59	House of origin cutoff – last day to pass bills out of the chamber they were introduced (House bills out of House, Senate bills out of Senate). 5pm deadline
Apr. 2 - Day 80	Opposite house policy cutoff – all bills from the other chamber must pass out of the policy committees
Apr. 8 - Day 86	Opposite house fiscal cutoff – all bills from other chamber must pass out of the fiscal committees
Apr. 16 - Day 94	Last day to pass opposite chamber bills. 5pm deadline
Apr. 27 - Day 105	Last day of the regular session - Sine Die!

Upcoming Events

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 4/22 @ 9:00am

- [SSB 5802](#) - Public Hearing - Rebalancing statutory fund transfers and revenue dedications for transportation. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)

Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 4/22 @ 9:00am

- [ESSB 5801](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning transportation resources. (Remote Testimony Available).

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 4/23 @ 9:00am

- [SSB 5802](#) - Exec Session - Rebalancing statutory fund transfers and revenue dedications for transportation. (If measure is referred to committee.)

Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 4/23 @ 9:00am

- [ESSB 5801](#) - Exec Session - Concerning transportation resources.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1024 (SSB 5300)	St. Edward state park	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.	C 14 L 25	Kloba		

2SHB 1037 (Dead) (SSB 5053)	PFD formation	Concerning public facilities district formation.	H Rules C	Dent		
HB 1042 (Dead)	County treasurer costs	Authorizing cost recovery for county treasurers.	H Finance	Wylie		
SHB 1057 (Dead)	Access to federal funds	Promoting economic development by increasing support for local communities to access federal funds.	H Approps	Barnard		
HB 1148 (Dead)	Youth athletics/sales tax	Exempting goods and services provided by youth athletic facilities from sales and use tax.	H Finance	Schmidt		
SHB 1182 (Dead)	Parks & rec./interest arb.	Granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees.	H Approps	Paul		
HB 1197 (Dead) (SB 5166)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
SHB 1198 (ESSB 5167)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Rules R	Ormsby		
SHB 1216 (SSB 5195)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H Rules R	Tharinger		
SHB 1227 (ESSB 5161)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	H Rules R	Fey		
SHB 1261 (SB 5479)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	Del to Gov	Low		
HB 1288 (Dead)	Climate funding/outdoor rec.	Concerning environmental leadership through outdoor recreation and climate adaptation investments.	H Env & Energy	Dye		
HB 1334 (Dead)	Property tax revenue growth	Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit.	H Finance	Pollet	Support	
SHB 1380 (Dead)	Public property regulations	Allowing objectively reasonable regulation of the utilization of public property.	H Rules R	Gregerson		Monitoring

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SHB 1437 (Dead) (SSB 5492)	Tourism promotion	Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.	H Approps	Walen		
HB 1508 (Dead)	Ecosystem services	Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services.	H Ag&Nr	Reeves		
2SHB 1515	Alcohol service in public	Modernizing the regulation of alcohol service in public spaces.	S Passed 3rd	Reed		
HB 1526 (Dead)	Snack bar liquor licenses	Modifying the snack bar liquor license.	H Rules C	Schmick		
SHB 1684 (Dead) (SB 5597)	Water recreation facilities	Concerning water recreation facilities.	H Rules R	Thai	Concerns	
HB 1734 (Dead)	Outdoor learning grants	Concerning outdoor learning grants to expand and improve the delivery of outdoor learning opportunities.	H Cap Budget	Rule		
SHB 1774	Lease of unused highway land	Modifying allowable terms for the lease of unused highway land.	S Passed 3rd	Fey	Support	
EHB 1814 (Dead)	SEPA/trails and paths	Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act.	S Environment, En	Fitzgibbon		
HB 1882 (Dead)	State tax on lodging	Imposing an additional temporary state tax on lodging.	H Finance	Cortes		
HB 1921 (Dead) (SB 5726)	Transportation revenue	Establishing new sources of transportation revenue based on motor vehicle use of public roadways.	H Transportation	Fey		
ESHB 1923 (Dead)	Passenger-only ferries	Increasing the availability of passenger-only ferries by establishing the mosquito fleet act.	S Transportation	Nance		
HB 1932 (Dead)	Cannabis consumption	Authorizing cannabis consumption in regulated environments.	H ConsPro&Bus	Morgan		

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HB 1955 (Dead)	Fishing & shellfishing/youth	Encouraging youth participation in fishing and shellfishing.	H Ag&Nr	Rule		
HB 2043 (Dead)	Transportation resources	Concerning transportation resources.	H Transportation	Fey		
HB 2045 (Dead)	Business and occupation tax	Investing in Washington families by restructuring the business and occupation tax on high grossing businesses and financial institutions.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon		
HB 2046 (Dead)	Intangible assets tax	Creating fairness in Washington's tax by imposing a tax on select financial intangible assets.	H Finance	Berg		
SHB 2049 (SB 5812)	K-12 education funding	Investing in the state's paramount duty to fund K-12 education and build strong and safe communities.	H 2nd Reading	Bergquist	Support	
SHB 2077 (SB 5811)	Zero-emission vehicle prg.	Establishing a tax on certain business activities related to surpluses generated under the zero-emission vehicle program.	H 2nd Reading	Fitzgibbon		
SHB 2081 (SB 5815)	Business and occupation tax	Modifying business and occupation tax surcharges, rates, and the advanced computing surcharge cap, clarifying the business and occupation tax deduction for certain investments, and creating a temporary business and occupation tax surcharge on large companies.	H 2nd Reading	Fitzgibbon		
HB 2082 (ESSB 5813)	Tax rates/cap. gains, estate	Increasing funding to the education legacy trust account by creating a more progressive rate structure for the	H Finance	Street		

		capital gains tax and estate tax.				
HB 2083 (ESSB 5814)	Excise taxes	Modernizing the excise taxes on select services and nicotine products and requiring certain large businesses to make a one-time prepayment of state sales tax collection.	H Finance	Stonier		
SHB 2084	Tax preferences	Increasing funding for K-12, health care, and public safety by repealing or modifying tax preferences for certain industries and goods.	H 2nd Reading	Ramel		
SSB 5053 (Dead) (2SHB 1037)	PFD formation	Concerning public facilities district formation.	S Ways & Means	Warnick		
E2SSB 5098 (Dead)	Weapons in certain areas	Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities.	H 2nd Reading	Valdez		Monitoring
ESSB 5161 (SHB 1227)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	S Conf appt	Liias		
SB 5166 (Dead) (HB 1197)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
ESSB 5167 (SHB 1198)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	S Conf appt	Robinson		
SSB 5195 (SHB 1216)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H 2nd Reading	Trudeau		
SSB 5203 (Dead)	Wildlife safe passages	Ensuring connectivity for Washington wildlife through safe passages.	S Ways & Means	Salomon		
SSB 5300 (Dead)	St. Edward state park	Concerning the leasing authority of the state	H Env & Energy	Stanford		

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(2SHB 1024)		parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.				
ESSB 5390 (Dead) (HB 1914)	Access to recreation sites	Updating the cost of the discover pass and day-use permits.	H 2nd Reading	Stanford		
SB 5479 (Dead) (SHB 1261)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	S Ways & Means	Liias		
SSB 5492 (SHB 1437)	Tourism promotion	Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.	H Spkr Signed	Riccelli		
SB 5597 (Dead) (SHB 1684)	Water recreation facilities	Concerning water recreation facilities.	S Health & Long-T	Harris		
SB 5726 (Dead) (HB 1921)	Transportation revenue	Establishing new sources of transportation revenue based on motor vehicle use of public roadways.	S Transportation	Ramos		
ESSB 5794	Tax preferences	Adopting recommendations from the tax preference performance review process, eliminating obsolete tax preferences, clarifying legislative intent, and addressing changes in constitutional law.	S Passed 3rd	Salomon		
SB 5795 (Dead)	Sales and use tax rate	Reducing the state sales and use tax rate.	S Ways & Means	Krishnadasan		
SB 5796 (Dead)	Payroll expense tax	Enacting an excise tax on large employers on the amount of payroll expenses above the social security wage threshold to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians.	S Ways & Means	Saldana		
SSB 5797	Intangible assets tax	Enacting a tax on stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible assets for the benefit of public schools.	S 2nd Reading	Frame		
SSB 5798	Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen	Support	

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ESSB 5801	Transportation resources	Concerning transportation resources.	H Transportation	Liias		
2SSB 5802	Transportation funds	Rebalancing statutory fund transfers and revenue dedications for transportation.	S Passed 3rd	Liias		
SB 5811 (SHB 2077)	Zero-emission vehicle prg.	Establishing a tax on certain business activities related to surpluses generated under the zero-emission vehicle program.	S Ways & Means	Lovelett		
SB 5812 (SHB 2049)	K-12 education funding	Investing in the state's paramount duty to fund K-12 education and build strong and safe communities.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
ESSB 5813 (HB 2082)	Tax rates/cap. gains, estate	Increasing funding to the education legacy trust account by creating a more progressive rate structure for the capital gains tax and estate tax.	S Passed 3rd	Wilson		
ESSB 5814 (HB 2083)	Excise taxes	Modifying the application and administration of certain excise taxes.	S Passed 3rd	Frame		
SB 5815 (SHB 2081)	Business and occupation tax	Modifying business and occupation tax surcharges, rates, and the advanced computing surcharge cap, clarifying the business and occupation tax deduction for certain investments, and creating a temporary business and occupation tax surcharge on large companies.	S Ways & Means	Saldana		