

Washington Recreation & Park Association End of Week 2 Report – Sunday January 26, 2025

Week two of the 2025 legislative session continued with lawmakers introducing bills, committees holding work sessions on important topics, and committees scheduling bills for public hearings. Lawmakers continued to review proposals on various issues including transportation, housing, education, healthcare, public safety, and more. Conversations continued around transportation funding, relating to state highway maintenance, and expanding public transit. Legislators introduced affordable housing proposals that are aimed at easing zoning restrictions and funding affordable housing projects. Also, several education related bills were introduced that are focused on improving school safety, teacher salaries, and supporting student mental health. These discussions and more will set the stage for priorities that will be advanced over the next several weeks, with committees already scheduling bills for executive action, where bills pass out of committee and are moved along in the process for further debate. Please see the chart below for the cutoff calendar for the 2025 session.

In an uncommon move, week two concluded with floor action in the House, where the permanent rules of the House of Representatives were amended. Changes included who from the Governor’s office can enter the wings of the House chamber, and adjusting the threshold for when debate can be ended. More details are covered in this Washington State Standard [article](#).

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!

Please see below for a list of bills that are being tracked for you, as well as when those bills are scheduled for official action.

Upcoming Events

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/27 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1024](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/28 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1261](#) - Public Hearing - Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land. (Remote Testimony Available).

Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/28 @ 10:30am

- [HB 1437](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion. (Remote Testimony Available).

Business, Financial Services & Trade (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/29 @ 8:00am

- [SB 5492](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion. (Remote Testimony Available).

Consumer Protection & Business (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/29 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1515](#) - Public Hearing - Modernizing the regulation of alcohol service in public spaces. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 1526](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying the snack bar liquor license. (Remote Testimony Available).

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/30 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1148](#) - Public Hearing - Exempting goods and services provided by youth athletic facilities from sales and use tax. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 1261](#) - Exec Session - Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.

Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 1/30 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5300](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 5390](#) - Public Hearing - Updating the cost of the discover pass and day-use permits. (Remote Testimony Available).

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 1/31 @ 10:30am

- [HB 1182](#) - Exec Session - Granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1024 (SB 5300)	St. Edward state park	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.	H Env & Energy	Kloba		
SHB 1057	Access to federal funds	Promoting economic development by increasing support for local communities to access federal funds.	H Approps	Barnard		
HB 1148	Youth athletics/sales tax	Exempting goods and services provided by youth athletic facilities from sales and use tax.	H Finance	Schmidt		
HB 1182	Parks & rec./interest arb.	Granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees.	H Labor & Workpl	Paul		
HB 1197 (SB 5166)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
HB 1198 (SB 5167)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
HB 1216 (SB 5195)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
HB 1227 (SB 5161)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey		
HB 1261 (SB 5479)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	H Finance	Low		
HB 1288	Climate funding/outdoor rec.	Concerning environmental leadership through outdoor recreation and climate adaptation investments.	H Env & Energy	Dye		
HB 1334	Property tax revenue growth	Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit.	H Finance	Pollet		
HB 1437 (SB 5492)	Tourism promotion	Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Walen		
HB 1515	Alcohol service in public	Modernizing the regulation of alcohol service in public spaces.	H ConsPro&Bus	Reed		
HB 1526	Snack bar liquor licenses	Modifying the snack bar liquor license.	H ConsPro&Bus	Schmick		

Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

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SSB 5098	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.	S Ways & Means	Valdez		
SB 5161 (HB 1227)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		
SB 5166 (HB 1197)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SB 5167 (HB 1198)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SB 5195 (HB 1216)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau		
SB 5300 (HB 1024)	St. Edward state park	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.	S Loc Gov	Stanford		
SB 5390	Discover pass, day-use cost	Updating the cost of the discover pass and day-use permits.	S Loc Gov	Stanford		
SB 5479 (HB 1261)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	S Ag & Natural R	Liias		
SB 5492 (HB 1437)	Tourism promotion	Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.	S Business, Fin	Riccelli		