

Washington Recreation & Park Association

End of Week 3 Report – Sunday February 2, 2025

Sunday, February 2nd marks day 21 of the 2025 Legislative Session and thus far over 1,450 bills have been introduced this session. The focus of the legislature continues to be introducing new policy bills, holding public hearings on proposed legislation, and voting bills out of committee to move them along in the process. This past week, committee chairs held hearings on several key topics for their caucuses, including proposals on education, housing, health care, and public safety, which all continue to be themes of this session. Roughly three weeks remain until the first legislative deadline – February 21 – when all bills must pass out of their respective policy committees to remain alive this 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!

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

Agriculture & Natural Resources (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/3 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5479](#) - 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 - 2/4 @ 10:30am

- [HB 1437](#) - Exec Session - Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.

Business, Financial Services & Trade (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/5 @ 8:00am

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- [SB 5492](#) - Exec Session - Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.

Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/5 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1684](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning water recreation facilities. (Remote Testimony Available).

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/6 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1261](#) - Exec Session - Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.

Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 2/6 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5300](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1024 (SB 5300)	St. Edward state park	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.	H Cap Budget	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 Exec Action	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	Support	
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		
HB 1684 (SB 5597)	Water recreation facilities	Concerning water recreation facilities.	H Local Govt	Thai		
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 (SHB 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 Re	Liias		
SB 5492 (HB 1437)	Tourism promotion	Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.	S Business, Fin S	Riccelli		
SB 5597 (HB 1684)	Water recreation facilities	Concerning water recreation facilities.	S Health & Long-	Harris		

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