

# Washington Recreation & Park Association

## End of Week 6 Report – Sunday, February 23, 2025

Sunday, February 23 marks day 42 of the 2025 Legislative Session and with that, we have cleared the first official cutoff of the session. Friday (Feb. 21) was the last day that policy bills could be considered in their original policy committee, and if those bills did not move out of those committees by now, they are considered dead for this session. For the upcoming week, focus will turn to the budget committees, where budget chairs will spend the week hearing bills with fiscal implications passed to their committees for further consideration. These bills continue to be amended and revised as they move through the committee process, which requires ongoing monitoring and review. The next cutoff comes quickly, as Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> is the fiscal committee cutoff where bills will need to be heard and passed out of their respective budget committees to continue to be considered by the legislature this year (bills deemed necessary to implement the budget have certain exemptions).

This upcoming week, Governor Ferguson’s team is also expected to publish budget cuts from state agencies that were directed to cut 6% (some agencies 3%) from their agency budgets. This effort comes from the Governor’s direction, as the state grapples with a projected \$12 - \$16 billion deficit over the next four years. In addition to cuts, the legislature is also considering various revenue proposals to fill budget gaps, and those conversations are expected to heat up in the coming weeks. The state’s next revenue forecast is scheduled for March 20, and we’ll see initial budget proposals from the legislature soon after.

<b>Feb. 21 – Day 40</b>	Policy cutoff in house of origin – last day to pass bills out of the policy committees in the chamber they were introduced
<b>Feb. 28 - Day 47</b>	<b>Fiscal cutoff in house of origin - last day to pass bills out of fiscal committees in the chamber they were introduced</b>
<b>Mar. 12 - Day 59</b>	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
<b>Apr. 2 - Day 80</b>	Opposite house policy cutoff – all bills from the other chamber must pass out of the policy committees
<b>Apr. 8 - Day 86</b>	Opposite house fiscal cutoff – all bills from other chamber must pass out of the fiscal committees
<b>Apr. 16 - Day 94</b>	Last day to pass opposite chamber bills. 5pm deadline
<b>Apr. 27 – Day 105</b>	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

**Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/24 @ 8:00am**

- [SHB 1037](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning public facilities district formation. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/24 @ 1:30pm**

- [SSB 5098](#) - Public Hearing - 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. (Remote Testimony Available). (Monitoring)

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/25 @ 1:30pm**

- [SHB 1515](#) - Public Hearing - Modernizing the regulation of alcohol service in public spaces. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/25 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5390](#) - Public Hearing - Updating the cost of the discover pass and day-use permits. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/27 @ 9:00am**

- [HB 1380](#) - Exec Session - Allowing objectively reasonable regulation of the utilization of public property. (Monitoring)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">2SHB 1024</a> (SSB 5300)	St. Edward state park	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.	H Rules R	Kloba		
<a href="#">SHB 1037</a> (SSB 5053)	PFD formation	Concerning public facilities district formation.	H Finance	Dent		
<a href="#">HB 1042</a>	County treasurer costs	Authorizing cost recovery for county treasurers.	H Finance	Wylie		
<a href="#">SHB 1057</a>	Access to federal funds	Promoting economic development by increasing support for local communities to access federal funds.	H Approps	Barnard		
<a href="#">HB 1148</a>	Youth athletics/sales tax	Exempting goods and services provided by	H Finance	Schmidt		

		youth athletic facilities from sales and use tax.				
<a href="#">SHB 1182</a>	Parks & rec./interest arb.	Granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees.	H Approps	Paul		
<a href="#">HB 1197</a> (SB 5166)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
<a href="#">HB 1198</a> (SB 5167)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
<a href="#">HB 1216</a> (SB 5195)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
<a href="#">HB 1227</a> (SB 5161)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey		
<a href="#">SHB 1261</a> (SB 5479)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	H Rules R	Low		
<a href="#">HB 1288</a> (Dead)	Climate funding/outdoor rec.	Concerning environmental leadership through outdoor recreation and climate adaptation investments.	H Env & Energy	Dye		
<a href="#">HB 1334</a>	Property tax revenue growth	Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit.	H Finance	Pollet	Support	
<a href="#">HB 1380</a>	Public property regulations	Allowing objectively reasonable regulation of the utilization of public property.	H Approps	Gregerson		Monitoring
<a href="#">SHB 1437</a> (SSB 5492)	Tourism promotion	Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.	H Approps	Walen		
<a href="#">SHB 1515</a>	Alcohol service in public	Modernizing the regulation of alcohol service in public spaces.	H Approps	Reed		
<a href="#">HB 1526</a>	Snack bar liquor licenses	Modifying the snack bar liquor license.	H Rules R	Schmick		
<a href="#">SHB 1684</a> (SB 5597)	Water recreation facilities	Concerning water recreation facilities.	H Rules R	Thai	Concerns	
<a href="#">HB 1734</a>	Outdoor learning grants	Concerning outdoor learning grants to expand and improve the delivery of outdoor learning opportunities.	H Cap Budget	Rule		

<a href="#">SHB 1774</a>	Lease of unused highway land	Modifying allowable terms for the lease of unused highway land.	H Rules R	Fey	Support	
<a href="#">HB 1814</a>	SEPA/trails and paths	Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act.	H Rules R	Fitzgibbon		
<a href="#">HB 1882</a>	State tax on lodging	Imposing an additional temporary state tax on lodging.	H Finance	Cortes		
<a href="#">HB 1921</a> (SB 5726)	Transportation revenue	Establishing new sources of transportation revenue based on motor vehicle use of public roadways.	H Transportation	Fey		
<a href="#">HB 1923</a>	Passenger-only ferries	Increasing the availability of passenger-only ferries by establishing the mosquito fleet act.	H Transportation	Nance		
<a href="#">HB 1932</a> (Dead)	Cannabis consumption	Authorizing cannabis consumption in regulated environments.	H ConsPro&Bus	Morgan		
<a href="#">HB 1955</a> (Dead)	Fishing & shellfishing/youth	Encouraging youth participation in fishing and shellfishing.	H Ag&Nr	Rule		
<a href="#">SSB 5053</a> (SHB 1037)	PFD formation	Concerning public facilities district formation.	S Ways & Means	Warnick		
<a href="#">SSB 5098</a>	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 Transportation	Valdez		Monitor
<a href="#">SB 5161</a> (HB 1227)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		
<a href="#">SB 5166</a> (HB 1197)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
<a href="#">SB 5167</a> (HB 1198)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		

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<a href="#">SB 5195</a> (HB 1216)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau		
<a href="#">SSB 5203</a>	Wildlife safe passages	Ensuring connectivity for Washington wildlife through safe passages.	S Ways & Means	Salomon		
<a href="#">SSB 5300</a> (2SHB 1024)	St. Edward state park	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.	S Rules 2	Stanford		
<a href="#">SB 5390</a> (HB 1914)	Discover pass, day-use cost	Updating the cost of the discover pass and day-use permits.	S Ways & Means	Stanford		
<a href="#">SB 5479</a> (SHB 1261)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	S Ways & Means	Liias		
<a href="#">SSB 5492</a> (SHB 1437)	Tourism promotion	Concerning sustainable state tourism promotion.	S 2nd Reading	Riccelli		
<a href="#">SB 5597</a> (Dead) (SHB 1684)	Water recreation facilities	Concerning water recreation facilities.	S Health & Long-T	Harris	Concerns	
<a href="#">SB 5726</a> (HB 1921)	Transportation revenue	Establishing new sources of transportation revenue based on motor vehicle use of public roadways.	S Transportation	Ramos		