

Washington Recreation & Park Association

End of Week 8 Report – Sunday, March 9, 2025

Sunday March 9 marks day 56, and with that we have cleared the halfway point of the 2025 legislative session. This past week, the House and Senate had several long days negotiating and debating legislation on the floors of the House and Senate. Bills that have passed their first chamber will move to the other chamber for further consideration. Over the next few days, it is anticipated that we will see long debates and late nights as we approach the 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 12 deadline where all House bills need to pass the House, and all Senate bills need to pass the Senate to continue to be considered this session. Exceptions to this are bills with fiscal implications and those considered *Necessary to Implement the Budget*. After March 12, legislators will head back into committees, scheduling public hearings on bills to further consider proposals from the other chamber.

As reported last week, several bills remain in the House and Senate Rules committees which is the final stop before a vote of the entire House or Senate. There are many more bills in Rules than the legislature has time to consider on the floor, therefore many bills with “die” in Rules.

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. Bills that are in Rules or on the floor calendar may be brought for a vote on the floor of the House or Senate chamber over the next few days.

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.	S Loc Gov	Kloba		
2SHB 1037 (SSB 5053)	PFD formation	Concerning public facilities district formation.	H 2nd Reading	Dent		

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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		
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		
SHB 1261 (SB 5479)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	H Passed 3rd	Low		
HB 1288 (Dead)	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	
SHB 1380	Public property regulations	Allowing objectively reasonable regulation of the utilization of public property.	H Rules R	Gregerson		Monitoring
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		

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2SHB 1515	Alcohol service in public	Modernizing the regulation of alcohol service in public spaces.	H Passed 3rd	Reed		
HB 1526	Snack bar liquor licenses	Modifying the snack bar liquor license.	H Rules R	Schmick		
SHB 1684 (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 Transportation	Fey	Support	
EHB 1814	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 Passed 3rd	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	Passenger-only ferries	Increasing the availability of passenger-only ferries by establishing the mosquito fleet act.	H Passed 3rd	Nance		
HB 1932 (Dead)	Cannabis consumption	Authorizing cannabis consumption in regulated environments.	H ConsPro&Bus	Morgan		
HB 1955 (Dead)	Fishing & shellfishing/youth	Encouraging youth participation in fishing and shellfishing.	H Ag&Nr	Rule		
SSB 5053 (Dead) (2SHB 1037)	PFD formation	Concerning public facilities district formation.	S Ways & Means	Warnick		
E2SSB 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.	H Civil R & Judi	Valdez		Monitoring

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SB 5161 (HB 1227)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		
SB 5166 (Dead) (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		
SSB 5203 (Dead)	Wildlife safe passages	Ensuring connectivity for Washington wildlife through safe passages.	S Ways & Means	Salomon		
SSB 5300 (2SHB 1024)	St. Edward state park	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park.	H Env & Energy	Stanford		
SSB 5390 (HB 1914)	Discover pass	Updating the cost of the discover pass and day-use permits.	S 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 Tech, Econ Dev	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		