

# Washington Recreation & Park Association

## End of Week 6 Report – February 21, 2026

On Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> the legislature passed its most significant cutoff yet, which was the deadline to pass bills out of their house of origin (House bills had to pass the House, Senate bills had to pass the Senate with minor exceptions). Lawmakers worked long days and several late nights debating policies and passing legislation prior to that cutoff. As of Wednesday, the legislature has transitioned back to committee work, largely considering policy proposals that have been passed over from the opposite chamber. Committee work will continue as we approach the opposite chamber policy cutoff deadline on 2-25, and then the opposite chamber fiscal cutoff will be on 3-2. We are now inside three weeks before the legislature will conclude the 2026 regular session on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 2026 Session Cutoff Dates

- ~~February 4, 2026: House of Origin Policy Cutoff~~
- ~~February 9, 2026: House of Origin Fiscal Cutoff~~
- ~~February 17, 2026: House of Origin Floor Cutoff~~
- **February 25, 2026: Opposite House Policy Cutoff**
- **March 2, 2026: Opposite House Fiscal Cutoff**
- **March 6, 2026: Opposite House Floor Cutoff**
- **March 12, 2026: Last Day of Session**

### Revenue Forecast & Budget Watch

In addition to focusing on policy bills, the legislature will begin publicly focusing on the state's supplemental budgets (the operating, capital, and transportation budgets). On February 17<sup>th</sup>, the highly anticipated [revenue forecast](#) was released. This revenue forecast is the final forecast that budget writers receive before they finalize and release their proposed budgets in the coming days. Here is a quick snapshot of current projections from the forecast:

- \$827 million increase for the 2025-27 biennium (current biennium).
- \$1.028 billion increase for the 2027-29 biennium.
- Result: \$1.855 billion increase since the November revenue forecast.

Now that the forecast has been published, budgets will begin to roll out. After budgets are released, they will immediately be scheduled for public hearings and voted out of committee shortly after that – typically within 24-48 hours. Once released, **all budget proposals can be found at [this link here](#)**. After each chamber votes on their respective budgets, negotiations between the House and Senate begin. Below is current intel on the remaining budget releases (subject to change):

Budget	Release Date	Public Hearing	Vote out of Committee	Approved by full Chamber
Senate Operating	2/22	2/23	2/25	2/27
Senate Transportation	2/23	2/24	2/26	TBD
Senate Capital	2/23	2/24	2/26	TBD
House Operating	2/22	2/23	2/25	2/28
House Transportation	2/23	2/23	2/25	TBD
House Capital	2/23	2/24	2/26	TBD

Also, the highly discussed “millionaires’ tax” – an income tax on households making more than \$1m in income – continues to move. [Senate Bill 6346](#) was debated on the senate floor this last week and then was amended and passed the chamber on a vote of 27-22. Before passage, a significant amendment was adopted that would repeal the entire sales tax on services expansion that was passed last year in [SB 5814](#), except for advertising services (digital ads expansion), which was a major portion of the revenue package passed in 2025. The repeal would be effective January 1, 2030, as described in the bill. The bill now heads over to the House for further deliberation and has been scheduled for a hearing in the House Finance Committee on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

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

## Upcoming Events

### **Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/23 @ 10:30am**

- [HB 1526](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying the snack bar liquor license. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/23 @ 10:30am**

- [ESHB 2095](#) - Public Hearing - Protecting vulnerable users of public ways. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 2/23 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 2272](#) - Exec Session - Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities.
- [E2SHB 2451](#) - Exec Session - Concerning local tax increment financing.

### **Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/23 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 2289](#) - Public Hearing - Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

### **Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/23 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 2306](#) - Public Hearing - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)
- [HB 2711](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning transportation resources. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

### **Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/23 @ 4:00pm**

- [SB 5998](#) - Public Hearing - Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

**Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/24 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 2295](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the capital budget. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

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

- [ESSB 6346](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a tax on millionaires. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/24 @ 8:00am**

- [ESHB 2095](#) - Exec Session - Protecting vulnerable users of public ways.

**Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/24 @ 10:30am**

- [HB 1526](#) - Exec Session - Modifying the snack bar liquor license.

**Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/24 @ 4:00pm**

- [SB 6005](#) - Public Hearing - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/24 @ 4:00pm**

- [SB 6003](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the capital budget.

**Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/25 @ 8:00am**

- [SB 6026](#) - Exec Session - Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones. (If measure is referred to committee.)

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

- [SB 5998](#) - Exec Session - Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/25 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 2289](#) - Exec Session - Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

**Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/25 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 2306](#) - Exec Session - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.
- [HB 2711](#) - Exec Session - Concerning transportation resources.

**Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/26 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 2295](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the capital budget.

**Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/26 @ 8:00am**

- [SB 6005](#) - Exec Session - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

**Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/26 @ 1:30pm**

- [ESSB 6110](#) - Public Hearing - Addressing electric-assisted bicycles and electric motorcycles. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)
- [ESSB 6311](#) - Public Hearing - Providing for continuous, safe, and accessible pedestrian passage during certain construction projects. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/26 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 6003](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the capital budget.
- [ESHB 2442](#) - Public Hearing - Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility. (Remote Testimony Available). (Monitoring)

**Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/27 @ 8:00am**

- [ESSB 6346](#) - Exec Session - Establishing a tax on millionaires.
- [ESSB 6113](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)
- [ESSB 6162](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning property tax reform. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/27 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 6352](#) - Exec Session - Concerning transportation resources.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1526</a>	Snack bar liquor licenses	Modifying the snack bar liquor license.	S Labor & Comm	Schmick		
<a href="#">ESHB 2095</a>	Public way vulnerable users	Protecting vulnerable users of public ways.	S Law & Justice	Reed		
<a href="#">HB 2100</a> (Inactive) (SB 6093)	Payroll expense tax	Enacting an excise tax on large operating companies on the amount of payroll expenses above the minimum wage threshold of the additional medicare tax to fund services to benefit Washingtonians and establishing the Well Washington fund account.	H Finance	Scott		
<a href="#">HB 2101</a> (Inactive)	Live presentations/sales tax	Exempting live presentations from retail sales and use tax.	H Finance	Dufault		
<a href="#">HB 2121</a> (Inactive)	Nonprofits, schools/taxes	Exempting nonprofits and schools from certain sales and use taxes on services.	H Finance	Walsh		
<a href="#">HB 2128</a> (Inactive)	Alcohol service/recreational	Concerning alcohol service at facilities with sports, amusement, or recreational activities engaged in by patrons.	H ConsPro&Bus	Steele		
<a href="#">HB 2130</a> (Inactive)	New 2025 taxes repeal	Repealing new taxes imposed by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5814 during the 2025 regular legislative session.	H Finance	Orcutt		
<a href="#">SHB 2224</a> (Inactive) (2SSB 6037)	Fire protection districts	Concerning fire protection districts.	H Rules R	Stuebe		

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<a href="#">SHB 2257</a> (Inactive) (ESSB 6113)	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	H Rules R	Berg	Support	
<a href="#">HB 2258</a> (Inactive)	Animal control excise tax	Authorizing cities and counties the ability to levy a household excise tax for the operation, maintenance, and capital needs of animal control and shelter systems.	H Finance	Parshley		
<a href="#">HB 2272</a> (SB 6013)	Ski areas and winter sports	Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities.	S Loc Gov	Hall		
<a href="#">HB 2278</a> (Inactive)	Tourism promotion areas	Concerning tourism promotion areas.	H Rules R	Barnard		
<a href="#">HB 2289</a> (Inactive) (SB 5998)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
<a href="#">HB 2295</a> (SB 6003)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
<a href="#">HB 2306</a> (SB 6005)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey		
<a href="#">SHB 2374</a>	Electric motorcycle, bicycle	Concerning electric-assisted bicycle and electric motorcycle regulation.	S Transportation	Zahn	Support	
<a href="#">ESHB 2442</a> (SB 6294)	Local government fund use	Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.	S Ways & Means	Berg		Monitoring
<a href="#">E2SHB 2451</a>	Local tax increment fin.	Concerning local tax increment financing.	S Loc Gov	Duerr		
<a href="#">HB 2480</a> (Inactive) (E2SSB 6026)	Residential dev./zones	Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones.	H Local Govt	Street		
<a href="#">SHB 2489</a> (Inactive)	Public space/local use laws	Establishing statewide standards for when local governments may enforce laws	H Rules R	Gregerson		

		regulating the use of public space for life-sustaining activities.				
<a href="#">HB 2502</a> (Inactive)	Local gov./sales & use tax	Improving local government funding by removing certain sales and use tax exemptions.	H Finance	Wylie		
<a href="#">SHB 2530</a> (Inactive) (SSB 6189)	Aquatics/sports PFD deadline	Changing the deadline for forming a public facilities district for regional aquatics and sports facilities.	H Rules R	Doglio		
<a href="#">HB 2711</a> (Inactive)	Transportation resources	Concerning transportation resources.	H Transportation	Fey		
<a href="#">HB 2724</a> (Inactive) (ESSB 6346)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon		
<a href="#">E2SSB 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.	H Civil R & Judi	Valdez		
<a href="#">SSB 5379</a> (Inactive)	Parks & rec./interest arb.	Granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees.	S Ways & Means	Stanford		
<a href="#">SB 5980</a> (Inactive)	Live presentations/sales tax	Exempting live presentations from retail sales and use tax.	S Ways & Means	Torres		
<a href="#">SB 5998</a> (HB 2289)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
<a href="#">SSB 6001</a> (Inactive) (SHB 2228)	Scissor stairs	Concerning scissor stair regulations in the state building code.	S Rules 2	Bateman		
<a href="#">SB 6003</a> (HB 2295)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau		

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<a href="#">SB 6005</a> (HB 2306)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		
<a href="#">SB 6013</a> (HB 2272)	Ski areas and winter sports	Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities.	H ENVIDP	Torres		
<a href="#">E2SSB 6026</a> (HB 2480)	Residential dev./zones	Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones.	H Local Govt	Alvarado		
<a href="#">2SSB 6037</a> (Inactive) (SHB 2224)	Fire protection districts	Concerning fire protection districts.	S 2nd Reading	Cortes		
<a href="#">SB 6093</a> (Inactive) (HB 2100)	Payroll expense tax	Enacting an excise tax on large operating companies on the amount of payroll expenses above the minimum wage threshold of the additional medicare tax to fund services to benefit Washingtonians and establishing the Well Washington fund account.	S Ways & Means	Saldana		
<a href="#">ESSB 6110</a>	Electric bicycle, motorcycle	Addressing electric-assisted bicycles and electric motorcycles.	H Transportation	Shewmake	Support	
<a href="#">ESSB 6113</a> (SHB 2257)	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	H Finance	Frame	Support	
<a href="#">SB 6123</a> (Inactive)	Local gov. employees/PRA	Concerning the protection of voluntary supplied personal information of local government employees.	S State Gov/Trib	Conway		
<a href="#">ESSB 6162</a> (HB 2621)	Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	H Finance	Krishnadasan		
<a href="#">SSB 6189</a> (SHB 2530)	Aquatics/sports PFD deadline	Changing the deadline for forming a public facilities district for regional	H Exec Action	Bateman		

		aquatics and sports facilities.				
<a href="#">ESSB 6311</a>	Pedestrian passage	Providing for continuous, safe, and accessible pedestrian passage during certain construction projects.	H Transportation	Lias		
<a href="#">ESSB 6346 (HB 2724)</a>	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Pedersen		
<a href="#">SB 6351 (Inactive)</a>	School sales tax exemptions	Increasing fiscal resources for students and children by providing targeted sales tax exemptions for schools and certain before-and-after school care programs and arts and cultural classes.	S Ways & Means	Cortes		
<a href="#">SB 6352 (Inactive)</a>	Transportation resources	Concerning transportation resources.	S Transportation	Lias		