

# Washington Recreation & Park Association

End of Week 4 Report – Sunday, February 8, 2026

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> marks day 28 of the 2026 session and with that, we have cleared the first official cutoff of session. Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> was the last day that policy bills could be considered in their original policy committee, and if those bills did not pass out of those committees by now, they are considered dead for this session. After Wednesday, the focus turned to the budget committees, where budget chairs have been spending long days 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 Monday February 9<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 impacting the budget have certain exemptions). After Monday, the legislature will spend their time on the floor, voting on bills to pass them over to the opposite chamber.

Also this past week, the highly anticipated “[millionaires' tax](#)” legislation was introduced as [Senate Bill 6346](#) and [House Bill 2724](#) (companion bills). As written, the bill would impose a new 9.9% tax on individuals' income exceeding \$1 million beginning in calendar year 2028. The bill also expands the Working Families Tax Credit, doubles the B&O tax credit for small businesses, increases the B&O tax return filing threshold to \$250k, provides sales and use tax exemptions for grooming and hygiene products, and exempts the individual income tax from a statutory prohibition on state and local income taxes. The bill had a public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means committee on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and thousands of individuals signed in on the bill. The bill has been scheduled for executive action in the Ways & Means committee on Monday, February 9<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~~

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

### Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/9 @ 8:00am

- [HB 2278](#) - Exec Session - Concerning tourism promotion areas.
- [HB 2451](#) - Exec Session - Concerning local tax increment financing.

- [HB 2224](#) - Exec Session - Concerning fire protection districts.

### **Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/9 @ 10:30am**

- [SSB 5379](#) - Exec Session - Granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees.
- [SB 6346](#) - Exec Session - Establishing a tax on millionaires.
- [SSB 6037](#) - Exec Session - Concerning fire protection districts.
- [SB 6162](#) - Exec Session - Concerning property tax reform.
- [SB 6113](#) - Exec Session - Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.
- [SSB 6026](#) - Exec Session - Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones.

### **Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/9 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 2374](#) - Exec Session - Concerning electric-assisted bicycle and electric motorcycle regulation. (Support)

### **Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/9 @ 4:00pm**

- [SB 6311](#) - Exec Session - Providing for continuous, safe, and accessible pedestrian passage during certain construction projects.

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">SHB 2095</a>	Public way vulnerable users	Protecting vulnerable users of public ways.	H Rules R	Reed		
<a href="#">HB 2100</a> (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	H Finance	Scott		

		Washington fund account.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 2101</u></a>	Live presentations/sales tax	Exempting live presentations from retail sales and use tax.	H Finance	Dufault		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2121</u></a>	Nonprofits, schools/taxes	Exempting nonprofits and schools from certain sales and use taxes on services.	H Finance	Walsh		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2128</u></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="#"><u>HB 2130</u></a>	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="#"><u>SHB 2224</u></a> (SSB 6037)	Fire protection districts	Concerning fire protection districts.	H Finance	Stuebe		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2257</u></a> (SB 6113)	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	H Rules R	Berg	Support	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2258</u></a>	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="#"><u>HB 2272</u></a> (SB 6013)	Ski areas and winter sports	Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities.	H 2nd Reading	Hall		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2278</u></a>	Tourism promotion areas	Concerning tourism promotion areas.	H Finance	Barnard		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2289</u></a> (SB 5998)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		

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<a href="#"><u>HB 2295</u></a> (SB 6003)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2306</u></a> (SB 6005)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2374</u></a>	Electric motorcycle, bicycle	Concerning electric-assisted bicycle and electric motorcycle regulation.	H Transportation	Zahn	Support	
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2442</u></a> (SB 6294)	Local government fund use	Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.	H Approps	Berg		Monitoring
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2451</u></a>	Local tax increment fin.	Concerning local tax increment financing.	H Finance	Duerr		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2480</u></a> (Inactive) (SSB 6026)	Residential dev./zones	Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones.	H Local Govt	Street		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2489</u></a>	Public space/local use laws	Establishing statewide standards for when local governments may enforce laws regulating the use of public space for life-sustaining activities.	H Rules R	Gregerson		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2502</u></a>	Local gov./sales & use tax	Improving local government funding by removing certain sales and use tax exemptions.	H Finance	Wylie		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2530</u></a> (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="#"><u>HB 2711</u></a>	Transportation resources	Concerning transportation resources.	H Transportation	Fey		
<a href="#"><u>HB 2724</u></a> (SB 6346)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon		
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5098</u></a>	Weapons in certain areas	Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or	H Civil R & Judi	Valdez		

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		playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities.				
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5379</u></a>	Parks & rec./interest arb.	Granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees.	S Ways & Means	Stanford		
<a href="#"><u>SB 5980</u></a>	Live presentations/sales tax	Exempting live presentations from retail sales and use tax.	S Ways & Means	Torres		
<a href="#"><u>SB 5998</u> (HB 2289)</a>	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
<a href="#"><u>SB 6003</u> (HB 2295)</a>	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau		
<a href="#"><u>SB 6005</u> (HB 2306)</a>	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		
<a href="#"><u>SB 6013</u> (HB 2272)</a>	Ski areas and winter sports	Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities.	S Passed 3rd	Torres		
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6026</u> (HB 2480)</a>	Residential dev./zones	Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones.	S Ways & Means	Alvarado		
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6037</u> (SHB 2224)</a>	Fire protection districts	Concerning fire protection districts.	S Ways & Means	Cortes		
<a href="#"><u>SB 6093</u> (HB 2100)</a>	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		

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<a href="#"><u>SSB 6110</u></a>	Electric bicycle, motorcycle	Addressing electric-assisted bicycles and electric motorcycles.	S Rules 2	Shewmake	Support	
<a href="#"><u>SB 6113</u></a> (SHB 2257)	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	S Ways & Means	Frame	Support	
<a href="#"><u>SB 6123</u></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="#"><u>SB 6162</u></a> (HB 2621)	Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Krishnadasan		
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6189</u></a> (SHB 2530)	Aquatics/sports PFD deadline	Changing the deadline for forming a public facilities district for regional aquatics and sports facilities.	S 2nd RdConsCal	Bateman		
<a href="#"><u>SB 6311</u></a>	Pedestrian passage	Providing for continuous, safe, and accessible pedestrian passage during certain construction projects.	S Transportation	Liias		
<a href="#"><u>SB 6346</u></a> (HB 2724)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen		