

Washington Recreation & Park Association

End of Week 5 Report – February 14, 2026

Saturday, February 14th was day 34 and with that, we have now cleared the second cut-off (original chamber fiscal committee cutoff) of the 2026 Legislative Session. Any bill that has not advanced out of a policy and/or fiscal committee is now considered *dead* and no longer eligible to move forward this session. Exceptions to this rule apply to tax bills and bills considered *Necessary to Implement the Budget*. After a bill is voted out of its relevant policy or fiscal committee, its final stop is the Rules Committee where it must pass through before receiving a vote on the House or Senate floor. There are more bills in the Rules Committee than each chamber has time to act on the floor, therefore various bills “die” in Rules. Since Tuesday, both the House and Senate have spent their time on the floor, amending and voting on bills to pass them over to the opposite chamber for further consideration.

Over the next 3 days, the Legislature will remain focused on passing bills out of their original chambers (house bills out of the house; senate bills out of the senate) before the next house of origin cutoff deadline, which is Tuesday February 17th at 5:00pm.

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

February 16th is the next state quarterly revenue forecast which is the final piece of data that budget writers will receive before they finalize and release their proposed budgets (operating, transportation, and capital). The Senate and House plan to release their budgets roughly a week after the revenue forecast on Monday. Once released, the two chambers will negotiate their differences before they conclude their business on March 12th.

- **Revenue Forecast:** February 16
- House Operating Budget release: *Tentative date of February 22*
- House Operating Budget hearing: *Tentative date of February 23*
- House Operating Budget exec session: *Tentative date of February 25*
- We expect the Senate Operating Budget release to follow a very similar pattern
- Capital and Transportation Budgets will also track close to this schedule

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

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/18 @ 10:30am

- [SB 6013](#) - Public Hearing - Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities. (Remote Testimony Available).

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/19 @ 8:00am

- [SB 6013](#) - Exec Session - Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities.

Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/19 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 6352](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning transportation resources. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/19 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 6351](#) - Public Hearing - 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. (Remote Testimony Available).

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 2095	Public way vulnerable users	Protecting vulnerable users of public ways.	H 2nd Reading	Reed		
HB 2100 (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		
HB 2101 (Inactive)	Live presentations/sales tax	Exempting live presentations from	H Finance	Dufault		

		retail sales and use tax.				
HB 2121 (Inactive)	Nonprofits, schools/taxes	Exempting nonprofits and schools from certain sales and use taxes on services.	H Finance	Walsh		
HB 2128 (Inactive)	Alcohol service/recreational	Concerning alcohol service at facilities with sports, amusement, or recreational activities engaged in by patrons.	H ConsPro&Bus	Steele		
HB 2130 (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		
SHB 2224 (2SSB 6037)	Fire protection districts	Concerning fire protection districts.	H Rules R	Stuebe		
SHB 2257 (SSB 6113)	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	H Rules R	Berg	Support	
HB 2258 (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		
HB 2272 (SB 6013)	Ski areas and winter sports	Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities.	S Loc Gov	Hall		
HB 2278	Tourism promotion areas	Concerning tourism promotion areas.	H Rules R	Barnard		
HB 2289 (Inactive) (SB 5998)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
HB 2295 (SB 6003)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
HB 2306 (SB 6005)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation	H Transportation	Fey		

Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

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		appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.				
SHB 2374	Electric motorcycle, bicycle	Concerning electric-assisted bicycle and electric motorcycle regulation.	H Passed 3rd	Zahn	Support	
SHB 2442 (SB 6294)	Local government fund use	Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.	H 2nd Reading	Berg		Monitoring
E2SHB 2451	Local tax increment fin.	Concerning local tax increment financing.	H Passed 3rd	Duerr		
HB 2480 (Inactive) (E2SSB 6026)	Residential dev./zones	Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones.	H Local Govt	Street		
SHB 2489	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		
HB 2502 (Inactive)	Local gov./sales & use tax	Improving local government funding by removing certain sales and use tax exemptions.	H Finance	Wylie		
SHB 2530 (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		
HB 2711 (Inactive)	Transportation resources	Concerning transportation resources.	H Transportation	Fey		
HB 2724 (Inactive) (SSB 6346)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon		
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	H Civil R & Judi	Valdez		

		county fairs and county fair facilities.				
SSB 5379 (Inactive)	Parks & rec./interest arb.	Granting interest arbitration to certain parks and recreation commission employees.	S Ways & Means	Stanford		
SB 5980 (Inactive)	Live presentations/sales tax	Exempting live presentations from retail sales and use tax.	S Ways & Means	Torres		
SB 5998 (HB 2289)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SSB 6001 (SHB 2228)	Scissor stairs	Concerning scissor stair regulations in the state building code.	S Rules 2	Bateman		
SB 6003 (HB 2295)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau		
SB 6005 (HB 2306)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		
SB 6013 (HB 2272)	Ski areas and winter sports	Updating terminology related to ski areas and winter sports activities.	H Env & Energy	Torres		
E2SSB 6026 (HB 2480)	Residential dev./zones	Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones.	S Passed 3rd	Alvarado		
2SSB 6037 (SHB 2224)	Fire protection districts	Concerning fire protection districts.	S Rules 2	Cortes		
SB 6093 (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	S Ways & Means	Saldana		

		Washington fund account.				
ESSB 6110	Electric bicycle, motorcycle	Addressing electric-assisted bicycles and electric motorcycles.	H Transportation	Shewmake	Support	
SSB 6113 (SHB 2257)	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	S 2nd Reading	Frame	Support	
SB 6123 (Inactive)	Local gov. employees/PRA	Concerning the protection of voluntary supplied personal information of local government employees.	H State Govt & Tr	Conway		
SSB 6162 (HB 2621)	Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	S 2nd Reading	Krishnadasan		
SSB 6189 (SHB 2530)	Aquatics/sports PFD deadline	Changing the deadline for forming a public facilities district for regional aquatics and sports facilities.	H Local Govt	Bateman		
SSB 6311	Pedestrian passage	Providing for continuous, safe, and accessible pedestrian passage during certain construction projects.	S Rules 2	Liias		
SSB 6346 (HB 2724)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen		
SB 6351	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		
SB 6352		Concerning transportation resources.		Liias		