

WA Recreation & Park Association

Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

End of Week 2 Report – January 20th, 2024

Week two of the session was filled with a myriad of new bill introductions, as committees continued to hold public hearings on proposed legislation. This is typical for the first few weeks of the session. Committees also continued voting bills out of committee to move them along in the process.

As a reminder, the first legislative deadline is January 31st, when all bills must pass out of their respective policy committee to remain alive. So far, there have been over 1,100 bills introduced in the 2024 session alone – that does not include bills from 2023 that also may be under consideration this session.

Jan. 8 – Day 1	Session begins
Jan. 31 - Day 24	Policy cutoff in the House of Origin – bills need to pass out of House and Senate policy committees in the chamber they were introduced
Feb. 5 - Day 29	Fiscal cutoff in the House of Origin – bills need to pass out of the fiscal committees in the chamber they were introduced
Feb. 13 - Day 37	House of Origin cutoff - Last day to pass bills out of the chamber they were introduced in. House bills have to pass the House, and Senate bills pass the Senate (5pm deadline)
Feb. 21 - Day 45	Opposite House policy cutoff – all bills from the other chamber must pass out of House/Senate policy committees
Feb. 26 - Day 50	Opposite House fiscal cutoff – all bills from other chamber must pass out of House/Senate fiscal committees
Mar. 1 - Day 54	Last day to pass opposite house bills (5pm deadline)
Mar. 7 – Day 60	Last day of Session - Sine Die!

Please see below for a list of bills I am tracking for you, as well as a list of when those bills are scheduled for official action.

Upcoming Events

Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/23 @ 8:00am

- [SB 5095](#) - Public Hearing - Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs. (Remote Testimony Available). (**Support**)

Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 10:30am

- [HB 2138](#) - Exec Session - Promoting outdoor learning in state parks.
- [HB 2445](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)

Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 10:30am

- [HB 2394](#) - Public Hearing - Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 2051](#) - Exec Session - Reducing emissions from small off-road engines. (Monitoring)

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 1/24 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1940](#) - Exec Session - Protecting the rights of workers to refrain from attending meetings or listening to their employer's speech on political or religious matters.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/24 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 1896](#) - Exec Session - Simplifying the funding provisions of the statewide tourism marketing account.

Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 1/25 @ 10:30am

- [SB 6010](#) - Exec Session - Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act. (Support)

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 1/25 @ 1:30pm

Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/26 @ 10:30am

- [HB 2257](#) - Exec Session - Supporting back country search and rescue organizations and volunteers through the creation of the back country search and rescue grant program.
- [HB 2445](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission. (If measure is referred to committee.)

Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/26 @ 10:30am

- [HB 2394](#) - Exec Session - Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act. (Support)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1718 (SB 5095)	Parks/health & wellness	Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.	H HC/Wellness	Rule		
HB 1896 (SB 6080)	Tourism marketing funding	Simplifying the funding provisions of the statewide tourism marketing account.	H Approps	Ryu		
HB 1940 (SSB 5778)	Employer political speech	Protecting the rights of workers to refrain from attending meetings or listening to their employer's speech on political or religious matters.	H Labor & Workpl	Fosse		
HB 2051	Small off-road engines	Reducing emissions from small off-road engines.	H Env & Energy	Walén		Monitoring
HB 2089 (SB 5949)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
HB 2104 (SB 5950)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
HB 2134 (SB 5947)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey		
HB 2138	Outdoor learning/state parks	Promoting outdoor learning in state parks.	H Innov, Comm &	Rule		
HB 2165 (SB 6043)	Recreational use fees	Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to determine recreational use fees for activities on agency-managed public lands.	H Ag&Nr	Kloba		
HB 2257	Back country search & rescue	Supporting back country search and rescue organizations and volunteers through the creation of the back country search and rescue grant program.	H Innov, Comm &	Goehner		
HB 2394	SEPA/trails and paths	Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or	H Local Govt	Duerr	Support	

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		path from the state environmental policy act.				
HB 2445	Leasing/state parks comm.	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission.		Ryu		
SB 5095 (HB 1718)	Parks/health & wellness	Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.	S Health & Long T	Nobles	Support	
SB 5770	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	Support	High
SSB 5778 (HB 1940)	Employer political speech	Protecting the rights of workers to refrain from attending meetings or listening to their employer's speech on political or religious matters.	S Rules 2	Keiser		
SB 5902	State park system/accounts	Reinvesting account revenue for the purpose of supporting the state park system.	S Ways & Means	Van De Wege		
SB 5947 (HB 2134)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		
SB 5949 (HB 2089)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Mullet		
SB 5950 (HB 2104)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SB 6010	SEPA/trails and paths	Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Shewmake	Support	
SB 6043 (HB 2165)	Recreational use fees	Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to determine recreational use fees for activities on agency-managed public lands.	S Ag/Water/Natura	Salomon		
SB 6080 (HB 1896)	Tourism marketing funding	Simplifying the funding provisions of the	S Ways & Means	Boehnke		

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