

# Washington Recreation & Park Association

## Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report End of Week 3 Report – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Saturday, January 27 marks day 20 of the legislative session, and with that we’re already one third of the way through the 2024 session. Committees are still holding hearings on bills as well as scheduling bills for executive action, which is the action of voting bills out of committees. Bills are continuously being amended and revised as they move through the legislative process which requires ongoing monitoring and review. On Wednesday January 31, we will hit our first official legislative deadline where all policy bills must be voted out of their policy committee to remain *alive* this session. Bills in fiscal committees face a similar deadline just five days later, on February 5.

Jan. 8 - Day 1	<b>Session begins</b>
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 must 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!

### Initiatives to the Legislature

The six initiatives organized by conservative interest group, Let’s Go Washington, and filed by State Republican Party Chair and Representative Jim Walsh (R – Aberdeen), have been undergoing the signature review process by the Secretary of State. Earlier this week, the last of the six initiatives were officially certified as they all received enough valid signatures. This is important, as a couple of the initiatives could impact state revenues in a significant way. As a reminder, the six initiatives are:

- [I-2113: Reasonable Police Pursuit](#)
  - Ballot Measure Summary: This measure would remove certain restrictions on when peace officers may engage in vehicular pursuits. Such pursuits would be allowed when the officer has a reasonable suspicion a person has violated the law, pursuit is necessary to identify or apprehend the person, the person poses a threat to the safety of others, those safety risks are greater than those of the pursuit, and a supervisor authorizes the pursuit.
- [I-2117: Stop the Hidden Gas Tax](#)
  - Ballot Measure Summary: This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, including “cap and trade” or “cap and tax” programs, regardless of whether the resulting increased costs are imposed on fuel recipients or fuel suppliers. It would repeal sections of the 2021 Washington Climate Commitment Act as amended, including

repealing the creation and modification of a “cap and invest” program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by specific entities.

- [I-2124: Opt. Out of State-run Long Term Care Coverage Act](#)
  - Ballot Measure Summary: This measure would amend state law establishing a state long term care insurance program to provide that employees and self-employed people must elect to keep coverage under RCW 50B.04, allow employees to opt-out of coverage under RCW 50B.04 at any time, and repeal a current law governing exemptions for employees who had purchased long term care insurance before November 1, 2021.
- [I-2109: Repeal the Capital Gains Tax](#)
  - Ballot Measure Summary: This measure would repeal an excise tax imposed on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets by individuals who have annual capital gains of over \$250,000.
- [I-2111: No State Income Tax](#)
  - Ballot Measure Summary: This measure would prohibit the state, counties, cities, and other local jurisdictions from imposing or collecting income taxes, defined as having the same meaning as “gross income” in the Internal Revenue Code.
- [I-2081: Parental Notification](#)
  - Ballot Measure Summary: This measure would allow parents and guardians of public-school children to review instructional materials and inspect student records, including health and disciplinary records, upon request. It would require public schools to provide parents and guardians with certain notifications, including about medical services given and when students are taken off campus; access to calendars and certain policies; and written notice and opportunities to opt students out of comprehensive sexual-health education and answering certain surveys or assignments.

The Legislature now has three options in dealing with all six initiatives individually:

1. They can ignore them, resulting in the initiatives going on the November 2024 ballot for voters to consider.
2. They can propose an alternative. If this happens, the original qualified initiative and an alternative created by the Legislature are both placed before voters on the ballot.
3. They can approve the initiative and the initiative becomes law.

At this point in time, the majority party has not indicated if they will consider any of the initiatives as filed.

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**

### **Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 1/29 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 6043](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to determine recreational use fees for activities on agency-managed public lands. (Remote Testimony Available).

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**Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/29 @ 1:30pm**

- [HJR 4210](#) - Public Hearing - Adding a new section to the Washington state Constitution regarding the conservation and protection of the state's natural resources. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Agriculture and Natural Resources (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/30 @ 10:30am**

- [HB 2165](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to determine recreational use fees for activities on agency-managed public lands.

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

- [HB 2451](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/30 @ 4:00pm**

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

**Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/30 @ 4:00pm**

- [SB 6080](#) - Public Hearing - Simplifying the funding provisions of the statewide tourism marketing account. (Remote Testimony Available).

**Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/31 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 2451](#) - Exec Session - Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.

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

- [SB 6285](#) - Public Hearing - Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees. (Remote Testimony Available). (Oppose)

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1718</a> (SSB 5095)	Parks/health & wellness	Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.	H HC/Wellness	Rule		
<a href="#">HB 1896</a> (SB 6080)	Tourism marketing funding	Simplifying the funding provisions of the	H Rules R	Ryu		

		statewide tourism marketing account.				
<a href="#">SHB 1940</a> (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 Rules R	Fosse		
<a href="#">HB 2051</a>	Small off-road engines	Reducing emissions from small off-road engines.	H Env & Energy	Walen		Monitoring
<a href="#">HB 2089</a> (SB 5949)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
<a href="#">HB 2104</a> (SB 5950)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
<a href="#">HB 2134</a> (SB 5947)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey		
<a href="#">HB 2138</a>	Outdoor learning/state parks	Promoting outdoor learning in state parks.	H Exec Action	Rule		
<a href="#">HB 2165</a> (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		
<a href="#">HB 2257</a>	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 ICEVDP	Goehner		
<a href="#">HB 2394</a>	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 Local Govt	Duerr	Support	
<a href="#">HB 2445</a>	Leasing/state parks comm.	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission.	H Exec Action	Ryu		
<a href="#">HB 2450</a> (SB 6285)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins	Oppose	

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<a href="#">HB 2451</a> (SB 6284)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins		
<a href="#">HB 2480</a>	Recreational use liability	Addressing the liability of owners or others in possession of land and water areas for injuries to recreational users.	H Civil R & Judi	Klicker		
<a href="#">HJR 4210</a>	Natural resources	Adding a new section to the Washington state Constitution regarding the conservation and protection of the state's natural resources.	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff		
<a href="#">SSB 5095</a> (HB 1718)	Parks/health & wellness	Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	Support	
<a href="#">SB 5770</a>	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	Support	High
<a href="#">SSB 5778</a> (SHB 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 2nd Reading	Keiser		
<a href="#">SB 5902</a>	State park system/accounts	Reinvesting account revenue for the purpose of supporting the state park system.	S Ways & Means	Van De Wege		
<a href="#">SB 5947</a> (HB 2134)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		
<a href="#">SB 5949</a> (HB 2089)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Mullet		
<a href="#">SB 5950</a> (HB 2104)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
<a href="#">SSB 6010</a>	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 Rules 2	Shewmake	Support	
<a href="#">SB 6043</a> (HB 2165)	Recreational use fees	Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to determine recreational	S Ag/Water/Natur	Salomon		

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		use fees for activities on agency-managed public lands.				
<a href="#">SB 6080</a> (HB 1896)	Tourism marketing funding	Simplifying the funding provisions of the statewide tourism marketing account.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke		
<a href="#">SB 6284</a> (HB 2451)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
<a href="#">SB 6285</a> (HB 2450)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Oppose	