

Washington Recreation & Park Association

Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

End of Week 4 Report – February 3, 2024

Saturday, February 3rd marked day 27 of the 2024 regular session and with that, we have cleared the first official cutoff of session. Wednesday, January 31st 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. Since Wednesday, the focus has 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 5th 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).

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 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!

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

Upcoming Events

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/5 @ 10:00am

- [SB 5770](#) - Exec Session - Providing state and local property tax reform. (Support/High)
- [SSB 5444](#) - Exec Session - Concerning firearm sensitive places.
- [SB 5902](#) - Exec Session - Reinvesting account revenue for the purpose of supporting the state park system.
- [SB 6080](#) - Exec Session - Simplifying the funding provisions of the statewide tourism marketing account.

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1718 (SSB 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 Rules R	Ryu		
SHB 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 Rules R	Fosse		
HB 2051	Small off-road engines	Reducing emissions from small off-road engines.	H Env & Energy	Walen		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		
SHB 2138	Outdoor learning/state parks	Promoting outdoor learning in state parks.	H Approps	Rule		
SHB 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 2nd Reading	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 Approps	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.	H Rules R	Ryu		
HB 2450 (SB 6285)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins	Oppose	
HB 2451 (SB 6284)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins		
HB 2480	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		
HJR 4210	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		
SSB 5095 (HB 1718)	Parks/health & wellness	Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	Support	
SSB 5444	Firearm sensitive places	Concerning firearm sensitive places.	S Ways & Means	Valdez		
SB 5770	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	Support	High
SSB 5778 (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		
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	Lias		
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	S Ways & Means	Robinson		

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		operating appropriations.				
SSB 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 Rules 2	Shewmake	Support	
SB 6043 (SHB 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/Natur	Salomon		
SB 6080 (HB 1896)	Tourism marketing funding	Simplifying the funding provisions of the statewide tourism marketing account.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke		
SB 6284 (HB 2451)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SB 6285 (HB 2450)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Oppose	