

Washington Recreation & Park Association

Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report End of Week 5 Report – February 10, 2024

Monday, February 5th was day 29 and the second cut-off (original chamber fiscal committee cutoff) of the 2024 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 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 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, voting on bills and passing 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 13th at 5:00pm.

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!

Revenue Forecast & Budget Watch

February 14th is the next highly anticipated [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 will release their proposed budgets first, and then the House will follow shortly after (within days). Once released, the two chambers will negotiate their differences before they conclude their business on March 7.

- Revenue Forecast: February 14
- Senate Capital Budget release: *Tentative date of February 15*
- Senate Operating Budget release: *Tentative date of February 19*
- Senate Transportation Budget: *TBD*
- House budget releases to follow shortly after

Upcoming Events

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 2/15 @ 1:30pm

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

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/15 @ 4:00pm

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

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/15 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 5949](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the capital budget. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 2/16 @ 10:30am

- [ESSB 5778](#) - Public Hearing - Protecting the rights of workers to refrain from attending meetings or listening to their employer's speech on political or religious matters. (Remote Testimony Available).

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1718 (Inactive) (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 (ESSB 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 (Inactive)	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 (Inactive)	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.	S Ag/Water/Natura	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 Rules R	Goehner		
2SHB 2354 (SB 6230)	Tax increment areas	Creating an option for impacted taxing districts to provide a portion of their new revenue to support any tax increment area proposed within their jurisdiction and clarifying that a tax increment area must be dissolved when all bond obligations are paid.	H 2nd Reading	Street		
HB 2394 (Inactive)	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	
HB 2445	Leasing/state parks comm.	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission.	H Rules R	Ryu		
HB 2450 (Inactive) (SB 6285)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins	Oppose	
HB 2451 (Inactive) (SB 6284)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins		

HB 2480 (Inactive)	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 (Inactive) (HB 1718)	Parks/health & wellness	Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	Support	
2SSB 5444	Firearm sensitive places	Concerning firearm sensitive places.	S Passed 3rd	Valdez		
SSB 5770	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen	Support	High
ESSB 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.	H Labor & Workpla	Keiser		
SSB 5902	State park system/accounts	Reinvesting account revenue for the purpose of supporting the state park system.	S 2nd Reading	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 operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
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 (Inactive) (SHB 2165)	Recreational use fees	Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to determine recreational use fees for	S Ag/Water/Natur	Salomon		

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		activities on agency-managed public lands.				
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SB 6230 (Inactive) (2SHB 2354)	Tax increment areas	Creating an option for impacted taxing districts to provide a portion of their new revenue to support any tax increment area proposed within their jurisdiction.	S Loc Gov, Land	Rivers		
SB 6284 (Inactive) (HB 2451)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SB 6285 (Inactive) (HB 2450)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Oppose	