

# Washington Recreation & Park Association

## Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

### End of Week 6 Report – February 17, 2024

On Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> the legislature passed its most significant cutoff yet, which was the deadline to pass bills out of their house of origin (House bills had to pass the House, Senate bills had to pass the Senate with minor exceptions). Lawmakers worked long days and several late nights debating policies and passing legislation prior to that cutoff. As of Wednesday, the legislature has transitioned back to committee work, largely considering policy proposals that have been passed over from the opposite chamber. Committee work will continue as we approach the opposite chamber policy cutoff deadline on 2-21, and opposite chamber fiscal cutoff coming up on 2-26. We are now inside three weeks before the legislature will conclude the 2024 regular session on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Revenue Forecast & Budget Watch**

In addition to focusing on policy bills, the legislature will begin publicly focusing on the state’s supplemental budgets (the operating, capital, and transportation budgets). On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the highly anticipated [revenue forecast](#) was released. This revenue forecast is the final forecast that budget writers receive before they finalize and release their proposed budgets. Here is a quick snapshot of current projections from the forecast:

- \$122 million increase for 2023-25 biennium (current biennium).
- \$215 million increase for the 2025-27 biennium.
- Result: \$337 million increase over the upcoming three-year cycle.
- Caveat – the updated [caseload forecast](#) was released on February 16<sup>th</sup> and various programs have increased caseloads, resulting in increased costs of government operations.

Now that the forecast has been published, budgets will begin to roll out. After budgets are released, they will immediately be scheduled for public hearings and voted out of committee shortly after that – typically within 24-48 hours. Once released, **all budget proposals can be found at [this link here](#)**. After each chamber votes on their respective budgets, negotiations between the House and Senate begin. Below is current intel on the remaining budget releases (subject to change):

Budget <b>Bold = occurred</b>	Release Date	Public Hearing	Voted out of Committee	Approved by full Chamber
Senate Capital	<b>2/15</b>	<b>2/15</b>	2/19	TBD
Senate Operating	2/18	2/19	2/21	TBD
Senate Transportation	2/20	2/21	2/23	TBD
House Capital	2/19	2/20	2/23	TBD
House Operating	2/19	2/19	2/21	TBD
House Transportation	2/19	2/19	2/21	TBD

#### **Initiative Update**

In a turn of events, on Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>, House and Senate [Democrat leaders announced](#) that they will hold public hearings on three initiatives: [Initiative 2113](#) on police pursuits, [Initiative 2111](#) on state income tax, and [Initiative 2081](#) on parental rights. These hearings will be held on February 27 and 28. They also said that they would not hold public hearings on the other three: [Initiative 2117](#) that would

repeal the Climate Commitment Act, [Initiative 2109](#) that would repeal the capital gains tax, and [Initiative 2124](#) on the state’s long-term care program. Ignoring these three will send these initiatives directly to the ballot for voters to decide.

**Cutoff Deadlines**

As a reminder, here is the current cutoff calendar which includes key deadlines that bills need to meet to remain under consideration for the session:

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!

**Upcoming Events**

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/19 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 2104](#) - Public Hearing - Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. (Hearing is on the proposed substitute bill.)

**Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/19 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 2134](#) - Public Hearing - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium. (Hearing is on the proposed substitute bill).

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

- [SB 5949](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the capital budget.
- [SB 5950](#) - Public Hearing - Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

**Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/20 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 2089](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the capital budget. (Hearing is on the proposed substitute bill).

#### **Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 2/20 @ 8:00am**

- [E2SHB 2354](#) - Exec Session - 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.

#### **Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/20 @ 10:30am**

- [2SSB 5444](#) - Exec Session - Restricting the possession of weapons, excluding carrying a pistol by a person licensed to carry a concealed pistol, on the premises of libraries, zoos, aquariums, and transit facilities.

#### **Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 2/20 @ 10:30am**

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

#### **Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/20 @ 10:30am**

- [SSB 6010](#) - 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)

#### **Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/21 @ 8:00am**

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

#### **Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/21 @ 3:00pm**

- [SB 5947](#) - Public Hearing - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.) (Remote Testimony Available).

#### **Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/21 @ 3:00pm**

- [SB 5950](#) - Exec Session - Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

#### **Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/21 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 2104](#) - Exec Session - Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

**Transportation (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/21 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 2134](#) - Exec Session - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/22 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 6080](#) - Exec Session - Simplifying the funding provisions of the statewide tourism marketing account.

**Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/23 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 2089](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the capital budget.

**Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/23 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5947](#) - Exec Session - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1718</a> (Inactive) (SSB 5095)	Parks/health & wellness	Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.	H HC/Wellness	Rule		
<a href="#">HB 1896</a> (Inactive) (SB 6080)	Tourism marketing funding	Simplifying the funding provisions of the statewide tourism marketing account.	H Rules R	Ryu		
<a href="#">SHB 1940</a> (Inactive) (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		
<a href="#">HB 2051</a> (Inactive)	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	H Transportation	Fey		

		appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.				
<a href="#">SHB 2138</a> (Inactive)	Outdoor learning/state parks	Promoting outdoor learning in state parks.	H Approps	Rule		
<a href="#">SHB 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.	S AWNPDP	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.	S State Govt & El	Goehner		
<a href="#">E2SHB 2354</a> (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.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Street		
<a href="#">HB 2394</a> (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	
<a href="#">HB 2445</a> (Inactive)	Leasing/state parks comm.	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission.	H 2nd Reading	Ryu		
<a href="#">HB 2450</a> (Inactive) (SB 6285)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins	Oppose	
<a href="#">HB 2451</a> (Inactive) (SB 6284)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins		
<a href="#">HB 2480</a> (Inactive)	Recreational use liability	Addressing the liability of owners or others in possession of land and	H Civil R & Judi	Klicker		

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		water areas for injuries to recreational users.				
<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> (Inactive) (HB 1718)	Parks/health & wellness	Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	Support	
<a href="#">2SSB 5444</a>	Firearms/certain premises	Concerning firearm sensitive places.	H Civil R & Judi	Valdez		
<a href="#">SSB 5770</a> (Inactive)	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Rules X	Pedersen	Support	High
<a href="#">ESSB 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.	H Labor & Workpla	Keiser		
<a href="#">SSB 5902</a>	State park system/accounts	Reinvesting account revenue for the purpose of supporting the state park system.	H Approps	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.	H Local Govt	Shewmake	Support	
<a href="#">SB 6043</a> (Inactive) (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		
<a href="#">SB 6080</a> (HB 1896)	Tourism marketing funding	Simplifying the funding provisions of the	H Approps	Boehnke		

		statewide tourism marketing account.				
<a href="#">SB 6230</a> (Inactive) (E2SHB 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		
<a href="#">SB 6284</a> (Inactive) (HB 2451)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
<a href="#">SB 6285</a> (Inactive) (HB 2450)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Oppose	