

# Washington Recreation & Park Association

## End of Week 8 Report – March 2, 2024

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> marked the last deadline before the end of the 2024 Legislative Session – bills needed to have passed both the House and Senate chambers to remain alive and under consideration this year. After a bill passes both chambers, the bill either proceeds to the Governor to be signed into law (or vetoed) or returns to the original chamber on the Concurrence Calendar, which means the bill was amended by the second chamber and must be reapproved in its new amended form by the original chamber.

**Concurrence Calendar Process:** To pass the Legislature, bills on the Concurrence Calendar require reconciling the differences between the two versions passed by each chamber. The chamber of origin can either concur with the opposing chamber's amendments, ask them to recede from their amendments, or request a conference committee with a limited group of legislators to craft a compromise version of the bill. The House and Senate must reach an agreement on the final version of the bill prior to end of session, or the bill dies.

**Governor Signing Process:** Once a bill is passed by the Legislature and delivered to the Governor, he has 5 days (excluding Sundays) to act on the bill, or 20 days to act if the bill is delivered to him within 5 days of the end of session. The clock starts once a bill is delivered which could be within days of passage, or the House and Senate may strategically delay delivering the bill to the Governor, so he has more time to act on the bill. In Washington, the Governor has three options on bills that reach his desk: 1) Sign the bill into law 2) Veto the entire bill 3) Partially Veto the bill by removing entire sections. The Governor does not have line-item veto authority which means removing sentences or words within a section of the bill.

Over the next 5 days, the legislature will focus on budget negotiations, bills on the *Concurrence Calendar* and bills that are *Necessary to Implement the Budget*. The legislature may also consider the three initiatives that had public hearings earlier this week. The final day of the 2024 Legislative Session is Thursday, March 7.

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

## **Budget Development**

Lawmakers are currently meeting behind the scenes to negotiate differences between the House and Senate versions of the three supplemental biennial budgets – the Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets. Once negotiations are complete, the final budgets will be released to the public – usually with only a couple days left in session.

### **Budget Proposal Links:**

- [Senate Capital Budget](#)
- [House Capital Budget](#)
- [Senate Operating Budget](#)
- [House Operating Budget](#)
- [Senate Transportation Budget](#)
- [House Transportation Budget](#)

### **Initiative Update**

This past week, the legislature held public hearings on three initiatives: [I-2113](#) (concerning police pursuits), [I-2111](#) (prohibiting state income tax) and [I-2081](#) (parental notification) and then proceeded to pass these initiatives out of committee. The next significant step for these initiatives would be a vote on the House and Senate floors. Recent news coverage can be found here:

- [Police vehicle pursuits initiative gets hearing in Legislature • Washington State Standard](#)
- [WA lawmakers hear debate on parental rights initiative • Washington State Standard](#)
- [Initiative to prohibit income taxes in Washington has its day in Olympia • Washington State Standard](#)

House and Senate Democrat leaders [announced](#) that public hearings would not be held on [I-2117](#) (repeal of the Climate Commitment Act), [I-2109](#) (repeal of the capital gains tax) and [I-2124](#) (opt-out of Washington’s long-term care program). Those proposals will go directly to the November ballot.

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

<a href="#">HB 2051</a> (Dead) (Inactive)	Small off-road engines	Reducing emissions from small off-road engines.	H Env & Energy	Walen		Monitoring
<a href="#">SHB 2089</a> (ESSB 5949)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Rules R	Tharinger		
<a href="#">SHB 2104</a> (ESSB 5950)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Rules R	Ormsby		
<a href="#">ESHB 2134</a> (SSB 5947)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	S Passed 3rd	Fey		
<a href="#">SHB 2138</a> (Dead) (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.	Del to Gov	Kloba		
<a href="#">HB 2257</a> (Dead)	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 Ways & Means	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 Passed 3rd	Street		
<a href="#">HB 2394</a> (Dead) (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> (Dead) (Inactive)	Leasing/state parks comm.	Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission.	H Rules X	Ryu		

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<a href="#">HB 2450</a> (Dead) (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> (Dead) (Inactive) (SB 6284)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	H Local Govt	Hutchins		
<a href="#">HB 2480</a> (Dead) (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		
<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> (Dead) (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 Passed 3rd	Valdez		
<a href="#">SSB 5770</a> (Dead) (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 Passed 3rd	Keiser		
<a href="#">SSB 5902</a> (Dead)	State park system/accounts	Reinvesting account revenue for the purpose of supporting the state park system.	H Approps	Van De Wege		
<a href="#">SSB 5947</a> (ESHB 2134)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	S Rules 2	Liias		
<a href="#">ESSB 5949</a> (SHB 2089)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H 2nd Reading	Mullet		
<a href="#">ESSB 5950</a> (SHB 2104)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Passed 3rd	Robinson		
<a href="#">SSB 6010</a> (Dead) (Inactive)	SEPA/trails and paths	Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or	H Local Govt	Shewmake	Support	

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		extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act.				
<a href="#">SB 6043</a> (Dead) (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 statewide tourism marketing account.	H Passed 3rd	Boehnke		
<a href="#">SB 6230</a> (Dead) (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> (Dead) (Inactive) (HB 2451)	Impact fees	Increasing the consistency and transparency of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
<a href="#">SB 6285</a> (Dead) (Inactive) (HB 2450)	Use of impact fees	Ensuring the timely and balanced use of impact fees.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Oppose	