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Week Overview

With the regular session winding down, lawmakers are making the final push on bills and budgets, with key lawmakers saying they are committed to ending on time. Legislators have until April 26th to complete their work if they want to avoid a special session. The Senate wrapped up debate on its operating budget and passed it on Monday, April 6th along party lines. That chamber then released and heard its capital budget on Wednesday, April 8th. Fiscal cutoff was on Wednesday and marked the deadline for bills to be out of fiscal committees.

Priority Areas

Budget and Infrastructure

With the Senate passing its budget, negotiators from both chambers are meeting to finalize an agreement. The biggest difference between the two sides continues to be the issue of how to fund basic education, with the House D's advocating for approximately \$1.5 billion in new revenue and the Senate R's contending that current revenues and marijuana sales will be sufficient.

Capital Budget

As noted the Senate released its \$3.9 billion capital budget proposal on Wednesday and had a public hearing the same day. The Senate capital budget is \$100 million larger than the House's version. Some of the highlights of the Senate proposal include \$280 million for school classroom construction to help reduce class sizes, \$65 million for the Housing Trust Fund, \$483 million for local government infrastructure assistance, and \$212 million for new toxic waste cleanup projects. The Senate proposal was voted out of the Ways & Means Committee on Thursday, April 9th on a bipartisan vote.

Education

On Thursday evening, the Senate passed the Early Start Act ([ESSB 1491](#)) with a vote of 33-11 (1 absent

and 4 excused). Having passed both chambers, the Early Start Act is set to become law, however, there are substantial differences in funding levels for it in each chamber's budget (\$55 million in the Senate's and over twice that amount in the House), that will need to be worked out.

The Senate approved a measure, [SB 6088](#) by Senator Braun (R), to modify Initiative 1351 so that it only impacts grades K-3, rather than all grades. The bill passed on a mostly party-line vote of 27-22, and still needs to be passed by the House. If that chamber does pass it, 6088 would need to be approved by voters in the November election. Neither the House nor the Senate has provided full funding for the Initiative in their budgets.

Safety Net, Housing and Health Care

The Senate capital budget, as noted, proposes \$65 million in funding for the Housing Trust Fund. In addition, there is \$20 million for Energy Matchmakers (assisting low-income families to make weatherization improvements to their residences), and \$2 million for housing for senior citizens. The proposal also allocates \$30 million for mental health funding to increase bed capacity and community placement.

[SHB 1223](#), Rep. Larry Springer's (D) bill allowing the use of lodging taxes for workforce housing, was placed on second reading in the Senate Rules committee.

The Homeless Youth Act, [2SSB 5404](#), by Senator O'Ban (R) was passed 71-26 (1 excused) by the House on Friday, April 10th, and now moves to the Governor's desk.

Environment

The Senate Energy, Environment, & Telecommunications Committee amended Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon's (D) bill, [E2SHB 1472](#), thereby making it difficult for the Department of Ecology to carry out the governor's plans to address water quality standards. The legislation was requested by the governor and would implement a chemical action plan to require safer chemicals in Washington State. The bill moved out of the Ways and Means committee on Tuesday, April 7th. If passed by the full Senate, the bill would need to be negotiated in concurrence with the House. If no bill is agreed to, the Environmental Protection Agency would likely step in to write new regulations for the state.

Transportation

On Thursday, April 9th, the House Transportation Committee passed its \$7.7 billion 2015-2017 transportation operating budget package. The total amount appropriated is a reduction from the \$8.4 billion proposed in the 2013-15 budget. This reduction reflects the nearing completion of the Transportation 2003 ("Nickel") and Transportation Partnership Act (TPA) capital programs. The Senate is expected to take up the House proposal for consideration, rather than moving their own proposal, which was \$320 million lower.

An Executive Session for the Senate proposed transportation funding package, [ESSB 5987](#) & [ESSB 5988](#), is scheduled in the House Transportation committee for Tuesday, April 14th.

Public Safety

Marijuana

On Friday, April 9th the House passed two major pieces of legislation designed to regulate marijuana. [SB 5052](#), Sen. Ann Rivers' (R) bill which was designed to fold the medical marijuana market into the recreational one, passed 60-36 (2 excused). Amendments to the bill included a slight change to the priorities the Liquor Control Board uses in reviewing license applications, prohibiting minors from possessing, using or selling marijuana, the addition of brain injury to the list of medical conditions treated by marijuana and removing marijuana from Schedule 1 drug classification. The bill as amended will have to be concurred to by the Senate before moving to the Governor's desk.

Also on Friday, the House passed [HB 2136](#), Rep. Reuven Carlyle's omnibus recreational marijuana bill, by a vote of 67-28 (3 excused). The bill reduces the tax on marijuana sales to 30% at point of sale only, eases zoning restrictions to allow local jurisdictions more flexibility in siting stores, apportions certain sales revenues to cities and counties, and creates a medical research license. Amendments which were adopted include removing mandatory minimum sentencing rules, removing a sunset on the revenue distribution to local governments and changing the distribution formula, and an amendment that would allow local jurisdictions to ban the sale of marijuana only by a popular vote. The bill now must be approved by the Senate.

Other

[ESHB 1980](#), implementing the recommendations of the Sunshine Committee, which included allowing exemptions of certain information to Enhanced 911, passed the Senate unanimously on Thursday, April 9th. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Larry Springer (D).

Legislation relating to testing of a statewide backlog of rape kits moved closer to becoming law as the Senate Ways and Means committee passed the bill, SHB 1068 sponsored by Rep. Tina Orwall (D), on Tuesday, April 7th. The bill has been placed on second reading in the Rules Committee.

Another Rep. Orwall bill, [PSHB 1069](#) establishing DNA evidence guidelines, also passed the Senate nearly unanimously, on Wednesday April 8th.

[SB 5381](#), establishing notification requirements by law enforcement when seized firearms are returned, was passed unanimously in the House on Wednesday, April 8th. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Andy Billig (D), also previously unanimously passed the Senate and will need to be concurred on due to one amendment in the House.

Looking Ahead

Another deadline looms as all bills not necessary to implement the budget must be voted out by Wednesday, April 15th. Only two weeks remain in the regular session.

Made the April 7th Cutoff

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
SHB 1068 (SB 5225)	Sexual assault exam kits	Concerning sexual assault examination kits.	S2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Orwall
SHB 1069 (SB 5253)	DNA work product, preserving	Concerning preservation of DNA work product.	SPassed 3rd - Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.	Orwall
ESHB 1093	Unmanned aircraft	Concerning unmanned aircraft.	S2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Morris
SHB 1223	Lodging tx/workforce housing	Allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing.	S2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Springer
SHB 1240 (SB 5908)	Student restraint, isolation	Concerning restraint or isolation of students, including students with disabilities, in public schools.	S2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Pollet
E2SHB 1276	Impaired driving	Concerning impaired driving.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Klippert
HB 1389 (SB 5181)	State fire service/disasters	Addressing the scope of state fire service mobilization and ensuring compliance with existing state and federal disaster response policies.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Goodman
ESHB 1417 (ESSB 5048)	Water-sewer districts	Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.	S2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Takko
ESHB 1448 (SB 5781)	Suicide threats, response to	Providing procedures for responding to reports of threatened or attempted suicide.	S2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Riccelli
ESHB 1449 (SB 5087)	Oil transportation safety	Concerning oil transportation safety.	S2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Farrell

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E2SHB 1472 (SB 5406)	Chemical action plans	Concerning using chemical action plans to require safer chemicals in Washington.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Fitzgibbon
E2SHB 1491 (E2SSB 5452)	Early care & education systm	Improving quality in the early care and education system.	SPassed 3rd - Third reading, passed; yeas, 33; nays, 11; absent, 1; excused, 4.	Kagi
HB 1554	Children/guardians, family	Exempting information of guardians or family members of children enrolled in child care, early learning, parks and recreation, after-school, and youth development programs.	HSpkr Signed - Speaker signed.	Stambaugh
HB 1645 (SB 5573)	E-cigarettes, vapor products	Concerning youth substance use prevention associated with tobacco and drug delivery e-cigarettes and vapor products.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Pollet
ESHB 1713	Mental hlth, chem dependency	Integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Cody
HB 1720	Healthy housing	Concerning healthy housing.	HSpkr Signed - Speaker signed.	Robinson
2SHB 1735 (SSB 5740)	Extended foster care	Concerning extended foster care services.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Orwall
ESHB 1745 (SB 5668)	Voting rights	Enacting the Washington voting rights act.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Moscoso
2SHB 1916	Chem dependncy & mental hlth	Integrating administrative provisions for chemical dependency and mental health.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Pollet
ESHB 1980 (SB 6020)	Sunshine committee rec's	Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee.	SPassed 3rd - Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 4.	Springer
HB 2033	Sexual assault protect order	Concerning sexual assault protection orders.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Goodman
EHB 2086 (SB 5900)	The homeless/religious orgs	Prohibiting certain limitations on the hosting of the homeless by religious organizations.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	McBride

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E2SHB 2136	Marijuana market reforms	Concerning comprehensive marijuana market reforms to ensure a well-regulated and taxed marijuana market in Washington state.	HPassed 3rd - Third reading, passed; yeas, 67; nays, 28; absent, 0; excused, 3.	Carlyle
HB 2194	Cancer research and care	Creating a funding stream and program for cancer research, prevention, and care.	Exec Session in Technology & Economic Development (House) on 4/15 @ 8:00am	Hunter
ESSB 5048 (ESHB 1417)	Water-sewer districts	Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.	H2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Chase
2SSB 5052	Cannabis patient protection	Establishing the cannabis patient protection act.	HPassed 3rd - Third reading, passed; yeas, 60; nays, 36; absent, 0; excused, 2.	Rivers
E2SSB 5057	Hazardous material transport	Concerning the safe transport of hazardous materials.	H2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Ericksen
SB 5088 (HB 1182)	Geological hazard assessment	Concerning a geological hazards assessment.	HSpkr Signed - Speaker signed.	Pearson
SB 5094 (HB 1352)	Hydroelectric generation	Allowing incremental electricity produced as a result of efficiency improvements to hydroelectric generation projects whose energy output is marketed by the Bonneville power administration to qualify as an eligible renewable resource under the energy independence act.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Brown
SB 5121	Marijuana research license	Establishing a marijuana research license.	HPassed 3rd - Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.	Kohl-Welles
E2SSB 5269 (EHB 1258)	Detention decision review	Concerning court review of detention decisions under the involuntary treatment act.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	O'Ban
SB 5396	Children/guardians, family	Exempting information of guardians or family members of children enrolled in child care, early learning, parks and recreation, after-school, and youth development programs.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Roach
2SSB 5404 (2SHB 1436)	Homeless youth	Concerning homeless youth prevention and protection.	HPassed 3rd - Third reading, passed; yeas, 71; nays, 26; absent, 0; excused, 1.	O'Ban
SSB 5433 (SHB 1511)	Tribal history, culture, etc	Requiring Washington's tribal history, culture, and government to be taught in the common schools.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Litzow

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E2SSB 5452 (E2SHB 1491)	Early care & education systm	Improving quality in the early care and education system.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Litzow
SSB 5463 (HB 1107)	Cultural & heritage programs	Concerning access to and creation of cultural and heritage programs and facilities.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Hill
2SSB 5486 (HB 1728)	Parents for parents program	Creating the parents for parents program.	H2nd Reading - Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.	Frockt
ESSB 5550	Commercial trans. providers	Regulating providers of commercial transportation services.	H2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Habib
SSB 5715	Initiatives, fiscal impact	Including the contents of fiscal impact statements in the ballot title for certain initiative measures.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Fain
ESSB 5735	Carbon reduction investments	Providing incentives for carbon reduction investments.	Exec Session in Technology & Economic Development (House) on 4/15 @ 8:00am	Ericksen
SSB 5740 (2SHB 1735)	Extended foster care	Concerning extended foster care services.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Fain
SSB 5795 (HB 1911)	Water or sewer facilities	Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.	H2nd Reading - Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.	Roach
SSB 5889 (E2SHB 2060)	Competency eval. timeliness	Concerning timeliness of competency evaluation and restoration services.	C 5 L 15 - Effective date 7/26/2015.	O'Ban
ESSB 5987	Transportation revenue	Concerning transportation revenue.	Exec Session in Transportation (House) on 4/14 @ 6:00pm	King
ESSB 5988	Additive trans funding	Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations.	Exec Session in Transportation (House) on 4/14 @ 6:00pm	King

Did Not Make the April 7th Cutoff

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
E2SHB 1174 (SB 5684)	Flame retardants	Concerning flame retardants.	SEnergy, Enviro - First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.	Van De Wege
SHB 1238	Affordable tuition planning	Concerning affordable tuition planning.	SHigher Ed - First reading, referred to Higher Education.	Pollet
SHB 1257 (SB 5123)	Tenant screening reports	Concerning tenant screening.	SFin Inst/Ins - First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.	Walkinshaw
EHB 1258 (E2SSB 5269)	Detention decision review	Concerning court review of detention decisions under the involuntary treatment act.	SHumSer/MenHlth - First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.	Walkinshaw
SHB 1295 (SB 5437)	Breakfast after the bell	Concerning breakfast after the bell programs.	SEL/K-12 - First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.	Hudgins
HB 1355 (SB 5285)	Minimum hourly wage increase	Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over four years.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.	Farrell
HB 1356 (SB 5306)	Sick & safe employment leave	Establishing minimum standards for sick and safe leave from employment.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.	Jinkins
2SHB 1436 (2SSB 5404)	Homeless youth	Concerning homeless youth prevention and protection.	SHumSer/MenHlth - First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.	Kagi
SHB 1511 (SSB 5433)	Tribal history, culture, etc	Requiring Washington's tribal history, culture, and government to be taught in the common schools.	SEL/K-12 - First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.	Ortiz-Self
ESHB 1553	Opportunity restoration	Encouraging certificates of restoration of opportunity.	SLaw & Justice - First reading, referred to Law & Justice.	Walkinshaw
ESHB 1571 (SB 5926)	Paint stewardship	Concerning paint stewardship.	SEnergy, Enviro - First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.	Peterson
SHB 1576 (SB 5864)	Annexed areas/sales & use tx	Concerning sales and use tax for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas.	SWays & Means - First reading, referred to Ways & Means.	Fitzgibbon
ESHB 1646 (SB 5630)	Equal pay and opportunities	Enacting the equal pay opportunity act by amending and enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act and protecting worker communications about wages and employment opportunities.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.	Senn

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HB 1647 (SB 5574)	Reproductive health care	Concerning health plan coverage of reproductive health care.	SHealth Care - First reading, referred to Health Care.	Cody
SHB 1783 (SB 5675)	Dual language instruction	Expanding dual language and bilingual instruction for early learners through secondary students.	SEL/K-12 - First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.	Ortiz-Self
HB 1821 (SB 5710)	For hire, limo, taxi/ind ins	Addressing industrial insurance requirements and options for owners and lessees of for hire vehicles, limousines, and taxicabs.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.	Sullivan
E2SHB 2060 (SSB 5889)	Competency eval, restoration	Concerning competency evaluation and restoration services.	SHumSer/MenHlth - First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.	Jinkins
HB 2196 (SB 6083)	Marijuana plants	Authorizing the growing of up to six marijuana plants per domicile.	HCommerce & Gam - First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming.	Blake
SSB 5012	Industrial hemp	Authorizing the growing of industrial hemp.	HApprops - Referred to Appropriations.	Hatfield
ESB 5091	Nuclear energy as alt energy	Including nuclear energy in the definition of a "qualified alternative energy resource" for the purposes of RCW 19.29A.090.	HTech & Econ D - First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development.	Brown
ESSB 5343 (HB 1751)	Transit construction/parking	Concerning parking impact mitigation from regional transit authority facility construction.	HTrans - First reading, referred to Transportation.	Hasegawa
SSB 5609 (HB 1378)	Synthetic plastic microbeads	Protecting waterways from pollution from synthetic plastic microbeads.	HEnvironment - First reading, referred to Environment.	Bailey
ESSB 5748 (HB 2019)	Teacher and principal eval.	Clarifying the teacher and principal evaluation process with the intent of strengthening the process.	HEducation - First reading, referred to Education.	Litzow
2SSB 5755 (HB 1885)	Property crimes, impacts of	Addressing and mitigating the impacts of property crimes in Washington state.	HPublic Safety - First reading, referred to Public Safety.	Hargrove
ESSB 5804 (HB 1289)	State energy code, adoption	Modifying the procedure for adoption and amendment of the Washington state energy code.	HTech & Econ D - First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development.	Lias
ESSB 5899 (HB 1922)	Small loans	Addressing small loans and small consumer installment loans.	HGen Govt & Inf - Referred to General Government & Information Technology.	Lias
ESB 5921 (HB 1394)	Land use permit process	Preserving the common law interpretation and application of the vested rights doctrine. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Increasing certainty and predictability in the land use permit process.)	HJudiciary - First reading, referred to Judiciary.	Honeyford

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SB 6027	WA motion picture industry	Increasing Washington state's motion picture and film industry viability by increasing the tax credit available to certain motion picture activities.	SWays & Means - First reading, referred to Ways & Means.	Kohl-Welles
ESSB 6062	Marijuana regulations	Concerning marijuana regulations.	HFinance - First reading, referred to Finance.	Hill
SB 6083 (HB 2196)	Marijuana plants	Authorizing the growing of up to six marijuana plants per domicile.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.	Kohl-Welles