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**Weekly Overview**

Week five of the 105-day 2019 session began with a snow day and in as long as veterans of the legislative process can recall, the Washington State Capitol Campus closed as a result of the weather on Monday. With legislators, staff, and lobbyists stranded at home amid snow and power outages, all committees were canceled Monday and legislative staff were instructed to stay home. This loss of a day forced many committees to have to reschedule bills into very packed schedules later in the week and could ultimately cause bills to die in committee simply due to lack of time.

We are now closing in on the first major cutoff date of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is the date by which a bill must pass out of its house of origin policy committee in order to remain alive. There are exceptions, such as fiscal bill and matters necessary to implement the budget (NTIB). It is also worth noting that while not common, any bill can come back to life under certain circumstances.

Upcoming Dates:

- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – House of Origin Policy Committee Cutoff
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – House of Origin Fiscal Committee Cutoff
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – House of Origin Cutoff
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Opposite House Policy Committee Cutoff
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Opposite House Fiscal Committee Cutoff
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Opposite House Cutoff
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – Sine Die

**Priority Areas**

**Education**

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Community &amp; technical college tuition waiver program</b></p> <p><a href="#">HB 1123</a> Creates the Washington promise program to make the first two years of college affordable and accessible to low-income and moderate-income residents by offering a tuition waiver for eligible students enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program offered by the community and technical colleges.</p>	H CWDDP	Pollet
<p><a href="#">HB 1142</a> <b>Child care assessment</b></p>	H H Svcs & Erly	Reeves

Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Enter into a contract for the development of a regional assessment of the child care industry to better understand issues affecting child care access and affordability for families; and (2) Conduct one or more competitive solicitations to select a third-party entity to conduct the industry assessment.

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[SHB 1340](#) (SSB 5393) **College promise scholarship (House Bill)** H Approps Hansen  
 Establishing a statewide free college program by changing the state need grant to the Washington college promise scholarship.

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[SHB 1574](#) (SB 5820) **Vulnerable children/care** H Approps Callan  
 Increasing eligibility for child care and early learning programs for homeless and other vulnerable children.

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[SSB 5341](#) **Higher education child care** S Ways & Means Randall  
 Improving access and completion for students at public institutions of higher education, especially at community and technical colleges, by removing restrictions on subsidized child care.

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[SSB 5393](#) (SHB 1340) **College promise scholarship (Senate Bill)** S Ways & Means Palumbo  
 Establishing a statewide free college program by changing the state need grant to the Washington college promise scholarship.

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**Opportunity scholarship program** Palumbo  
 Allows for a municipal and private dollars to match the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) funds.

[SSB 5705](#) (HB 1927)  
 Rep. Slatter’s WSOS expansion bill was heard before the House College & Workforce Development Committee on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to the snow, the in-person testimony was a bit lighter than the Senate hearing. WSOS and WSOS scholar submitted written testimony. Councilmember Kate Burke of Spokane testified in favor of the bill along with a brief introduction from the City of Seattle’s state team. At the hearing, an issue was raised by the Association of Community & Migrant Health Centers regarding the underlying WA State Opportunity Scholarship program, more specifically, the newly created, but not yet up and running graduate program under WSOS. Per Chair Hansen’s interest, there is an additional amendment coming which again, speaks to a consequence of the 2018 WSOS bill. This amendment would allow students eligible for WSOS to also receive a College Bound award – this change would better serve this population of students with financial support in furthering their education goals. Chair Hansen is taking the lead on these two House amendments and they are currently being drafted.

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[SB 5736](#) **Special education funding allocation** S Ways & Means Wellman  
 Concerning the funding allocation for special education programs.

Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 2/20 @ 3:30 pm

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[SB 5738](#)

Requiring postsecondary institutions to plan for the needs of certain students experiencing homelessness.

## Environment

### Bill Details

### Status

### Sponsor

#### **Greenhouse gas/transportation fuels**

H Trans

Fitzgibbon

Upcoming Events: Appropriations (House) Public Hearing 2/21 @ 3:30 pm

[SHB 1110](#)  
(SB 5412)

This legislation will reduce carbon emissions and harmful tail pipe emissions, improve air quality, generate revenue for local utilities, and keep economic benefits from WA state produced bio fuels, in our state.

Executive action was taken in the House Transportation Committee on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Office of Sustainability and Seattle City Light submitted a letter of support to the Committee. The bill is now scheduled for a public hearing on February 21<sup>st</sup> in the House Appropriations Committee.

#### **Greenhouse emission limits**

H Approps

Slatter

Upcoming Events: Appropriations (House) Public Hearing 2/21 @ 3:30 pm

[SHB 1113](#)

Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science and with the United States' commitment under the 2015 Paris climate agreement.

#### **Distributed energy future preparation**

H Rules R

Morris

[HB 1126](#)

Requires electric utilities to start including a distributed energy resource planning as part of its integrated resource plan.

#### **Clean energy**

H Finance

Tarleton

Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Exec Session 2/19 @ 8:00 am; Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 2/18 @ 3:30 pm

[SHB 1211](#)  
(SSB  
5116)

Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

There is still a lot of activity around this legislation. The City testified in support of this bill, however stakeholders continue to work with the sponsors and the Governor's office on language improvements.

#### **Clean energy**

H Finance

DeBolt

[SHB 1226](#)

Establishes the carbon free Washington act. Reduces the cost of transitioning to electric generation sources that have very low or zero carbon dioxide emissions. Provides sales and use tax preferences to

reduce the cost to ratepayers of constructing and operating new renewable energy generation capacity equal to or greater than necessary to serve projected electricity load growth.

Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Exec Session 2/19 @ 8:00 am

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**Energy efficiency**

H ENVIDPS

Doglio

[SHB 1257](#)  
(SSB  
5293)

Increases energy efficiency and the use of renewable fuels that reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in the state and provides a public utility tax credit against the taxes owing by utilities for the incentives provided for the implementation by eligible building owners of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. Permits a city, town, or county to adopt additional residential energy code requirements as developed by the state building code council. Requires the state building code council to adopt certain optional efficiency appendices and include them in the state energy code for residential buildings.

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**Transportation electrification**

Fey

[SHB 1512](#)

Provides clear legislative authority for all utilities, public and private, to be able to offer incentive programs and services in electrification of transportation for its customers and rate payers. This bill will finally provide the clear authority language municipal and publicly-owned utilities have needed Page 4 of 17 to be able to offer incentive programs in the electrification of transportation for its customers, including advertising programs to promote the utility's service, incentives or rebates.

This bill is Seattle City Light's top priority and passed out of the House Environment & Energy Committee on February 14<sup>th</sup> on a party line vote. The bill now goes to the Appropriations Committee as the UTC has indicated that there will be a \$95,000 cost associated with rulemaking.

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**Plastic food service ware**

H Env & Energy

Gregerson

[HB 1632](#)

Reducing pollution from single-use plastic food service ware.

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/21 @ 8:00 am

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**Single-use plastic straws**

S Rules 2

Kuderer

[SSB 5077](#)

Restricting single-use plastic straws at food service establishments.

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**Electrical net metering**

S Ways & Means

Palumbo

[SSB 5223](#)  
(HB 1862)

Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 2/18 @ 3:30 pm

Modifies certain net metering of electricity provisions. Increases the minimum threshold for the cumulative generating capacity that a utility must make available for net metering systems. Requires unused kilowatt-hour credits to be used to assist qualified low-income residential customers of the electric utility in paying their electric bills. Requires the amount of kilowatt-hours of electricity consumed for the most recent twelve-month period to appear on customer billing statements. Requires the state building code council, in consultation with the department of commerce and local governments, to conduct a study of the state building code and adopt changes necessary to encourage greater use of renewable energy systems. Requires the department of commerce to convene a work group to identify issues and laws associated with the future of net metering. Provides a June 30, 2021, expiration date for the work group.

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[SB 5489](#)

**Environmental justice**

S Environment, E

Saldaña

Establishing a healthy environment for all by creating a definition of environmental justice, directing agencies to address environmental health disparities, and creating a task force.

Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) Exec Session 2/19 @ 10:00 am

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<a href="#">SB 5580</a>	<b>Supporting the habitat of orca whales, habitat &amp; fish</b>	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes
	Implementing recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force related to increasing habitat and forage fish abundance.		

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<a href="#">SB 5811</a> (HB 1999)	<b>Clean car standards &amp; program.</b>	S Rules 2	Nguyen
	Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.		

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## General Government

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">HB 1172</a> (SB 5314)	H Finance	Santos
	Assisting Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief.	
<a href="#">SHB 1403</a>	H Rules R	Frame
	Simplifying the administration of municipal business and occupation tax apportionment.	
<a href="#">HB 1537</a>	H State Govt & Tr	Springer
	Addresses recommendations of the sunshine committee. Specifies that applications for public employment for vacancies in elective office are not exempt from public inspection and copying under the public records act. Repeals RCW 42.56.340 (member and owner lists of timeshares, camping resorts, condominiums, land developments, etc.).	
<a href="#">SB 5063</a> (HB 1209)	S Ways & Means	Nguyen
	Requires the state to reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for elections. Requires return envelopes for election ballots to include prepaid postage.	
<a href="#">SB 5112</a> (HB 1195)	S State Govt/Tri	Hunt
	Concerning the efficient administration of campaign finance and public disclosure reporting and enforcement.	
<a href="#">SB 5240</a>	S Ways & Means	Carlyle
	Authorizes the state investment board to enter into agreements with the city councils or commissions of first-class cities to assume the duties of investing the retirement funds of the first-class cities' retirement systems. Changes the composition of the state investment board.	
	S Environment, E	Hasegawa
	<b>Facial recognition technology</b>	

[SB 5528](#)  
[\(HB 1654\)](#) Prohibits state agencies, local government agencies, or officials of the agencies from obtaining, retaining, accessing, or using: (1) A facial recognition system; or (2) Information obtained from or by use of a facial recognition system.

[SB 5618](#) **Public works bid limits** S Local Government Wagoner  
Addresses uniform small works roster provisions regarding the limit on bids for public works.

[SB 5845](#) **Sexual harassment/state gov.** S State Govt/Tri Braun  
Requires all three branches of state government to track and submit on the sexual harassment of employees. The first report, due December 1, would include data from the past three years regarding the number of sexual harassment complaints made, how many of those were investigated, what kinds of actions were taken, and the number of claims filed and settled with the state.

## Health Care

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">SHB 1039</a> <b>Opioid medications/schools</b> Concerning opioid overdose medication at kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and higher education institutions.	H Approps	Pollet
<a href="#">HB 1054</a> <b>Diaper sales and use tax ex.</b> Providing a sales and use tax exemption for diapers.	H Finance	Reeves
<a href="#">HB 1074</a> <a href="#">(SSB 5057)</a> <b>Tobacco &amp; vapor products/age</b> Protecting youth from tobacco products and vapor products by increasing the minimum legal age of sale of tobacco and vapor products.	H 2nd Reading	Harris
<a href="#">HB 1186</a> <b>Medicaid services access</b> Requires medical assistance to be provided for pregnant women who are state residents and whose family income at the time of application is no greater than one hundred ninety-three percent of the federal poverty level as adjusted for family size and determined annually by the federal department of health and human services. Requires the state health care authority to take Page 6 of 17 such actions as may be necessary to assure the receipt of federal financial participation under the medical assistance program and any other federal funding sources that are currently available or may become available in the future.	H Approps	Stonier
<a href="#">SHB 1331</a> <a href="#">(SSB 5380)</a> <b>Opioid use disorder</b> Declares that opioid use disorder is a public health crisis. Requires state agencies to: (1) Increase access to evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment services; (2) Promote coordination of services within the substance use disorder treatment and recovery support system; (3) Strengthen partnerships between opioid use disorder treatment providers and their allied community partners; (4) Expand the use of the state prescription drug monitoring program; and (5) Support comprehensive school and community-based substance use prevention services.	H Approps	Cody

The Governor-requested opioid bills ([HB 1331/SB 5380](#)) focus on treatment and recovery, pregnant and parenting women, opioid overdose reversal medication, and people with opioid use disorder involved in the criminal justice system. OPR staff have prepared a [table comparing](#) the proposed legislation from 2018 that did not ultimately pass compared to HB 1331. A substitute of the House version was passed out of the Health Care & Wellness committee on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The substitute bill was jointly proposed by Reps Cody and Schmick. A summary of the substitute bill compared to the original can be found on the first page [here](#). The Senate also passed a substitute version out of Health & Long Term Care on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The substitute bill was proposed by Sen Cleveland and closely mirrors the substitute bill passed in House Health.

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**SHB 1497 (SB 5732)** **Foundational public health servs** H HCWDPS Robinson  
 Addresses the governmental public health system which is comprised of the department of health, state board of health, local health jurisdictions, sovereign tribal nations, and Indian health programs. Requires funding for the governmental public health system to be restructured to support foundational public health services, and in restructuring, there must be efforts to reinforce current governmental public health system capacity and implement service delivery models allowing for system stabilization and transformation.

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**HB 1518** **Employer health care funding** H HC/Wellness Reeves  
 Establishes the taxpayer health care fairness act regarding: (1) A comprehensive approach to providing appropriate health care for all citizens that involves participation by employers; (2) The failure of certain employers, with adequate resources, to offer affordable access to health care services to their employees; and (3) The establishment of a mechanism to reimburse the state for its costs of providing access to appropriate health care services to workers. Declares that the legislature is neutral on whether employers choose to provide access to affordable health care coverage for their employees or pay an assessment to reimburse the state's costs for health care services for their employees.

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**SHB 1523 (SB 5526)** **Individual health ins market** H HC/Wellness Cody  
 Health & Long Term Care (Senate) Public Hearing 2/18 @ 8:00 am  
 Requires the Washington Health Benefit Exchange to develop standardized health plans. The standardized plans must be designed to reduce deductibles, make more services available before the deductible, provide predictable cost sharing, maximize subsidies, limit adverse premium impacts, reduce barriers to maintaining and improving health, and encourage choice based on value, while limiting increases in health plan premium rates.

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**HB 1553 (SB 5517)** **Ambulance quality fee** H HC/Wellness Riccelli  
 Provides for a safety net fee for certain ambulance transports to be used to augment funding from other sources, thereby supporting additional payments to ambulance transport providers for Medicaid services. Requires the state health care authority to establish the manner and format for ambulance transport providers to report required data. Imposes a quality assurance fee for each ambulance transport provided by each ambulance transport provider subject to the fee. Provides for termination and repeal, under the sunset act, of the authorization for ambulance transport quality assurance fees. Creates the ambulance transport fund.

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**HB 1638** **Vaccine preventable diseases** H HC/Wellness Harris  
 Declares that proof of disease immunity through documentation of laboratory evidence of antibody titer or a health care provider's attestation of a child's history of a disease sufficient to provide

immunity against that disease constitutes proof of immunization for that specific disease. Prohibits a philosophical or personal objection from being used to exempt a child from the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine.

Personal belief exemptions allow parents to opt out of vaccinating their children against one or more of the vaccines required for school and child care entry for personal/philosophical reasons. The bill had a hearing in House Health Care & Wellness on February 8<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled for executive session on February 15<sup>th</sup>. DOH, Rep Harris (the sponsor of the legislation), and other stakeholders held a [press conference](#) after the hearing to discuss the legislation, the current measles outbreak, and other issues relating to vaccines.

<a href="#">HB 1697</a> (SB 5814)	<b>Health coverage/young adults</b>	H HC/Wellness	Macri
Requires the state health care authority to provide health coverage to individuals who: are at least nineteen years old and no older than twenty-six; Have an income that is at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level; are not incarcerated; and are not eligible for categorically needy medical assistance as defined in the social security Title XIX state plan.			
<a href="#">HB 1873</a>	<b>Vapor product taxation</b>	H Finance	Pollet
Concerning the taxation of vapor products as tobacco products.			
<a href="#">HB 1877</a> (SB 5822)	<b>Universal health care system</b>	H HC/Wellness	Macri
Providing a pathway to establish a universal health care system for the residents of Washington state.			
<a href="#">SB 5147</a>	<b>Feminine hygiene products tax</b>	S Ways & Means	Wilson
Providing tax relief to females by exempting feminine hygiene products from retail sales and use tax.			
<a href="#">SB 5206</a>	<b>Feminine hygiene/sales tax</b>	S Ways & Means	Dhingra
Providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products.			
<a href="#">SB 5841</a>	<b>Vaccines/personal objection</b>	S Health & Long	Cleveland
This bill would repeal personal belief exemptions for all vaccines that are required for school entry and child care enrollment. Other exemptions (religious, religious membership, and medical) would remain in place.			
Upcoming Events: Health & Long Term Care (Senate) Public Hearing 2/20 @ 1:30 pm			
<a href="#">SB 5841</a> would repeal personal belief exemptions for all vaccines that are required for school entry and child care enrollment. Other exemptions (religious, religious membership, and medical) would remain in place. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in Senate Health & Long Term Care on February 20 <sup>th</sup> .			

## Housing & Homelessness

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
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<a href="#"><u>HB 1044</u></a>	<b>Seniors/property taxes</b> Concerning senior citizen property taxes.	H Finance	Santos
<a href="#"><u>HB 1090</u></a>	<b>Senior citizens/property taxes</b> Provides a decreased rate for property taxes to certain senior citizens.	H Finance	MacEwen
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1105</u></a>	<b>Home foreclosure/taxes</b> Modifies home foreclosure provisions regarding the protection of taxpayers. Creates the counselor referral hotline account and the housing counseling activities account.	H Approps	Orwall
<a href="#"><u>HB 1181</u></a>	<b>Seniors &amp; veterans/prop. tax</b> Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Exec Session 2/21 @ 1:30 pm  Provides senior citizens and qualifying veterans with property tax relief.	H Finance	Lekanoff
<a href="#"><u>HB 1219</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 5195)</u></a>	<b>Real estate taxes/housing</b> Providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.	H 2nd Reading	Walen
<a href="#"><u>HB 1263</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 5324)</u></a>	<b>Homeless student support</b> Addresses homeless students; a competitive grant process to evaluate and award state-funded grants; geographic diversity across the state; local housing and community-based organizations; development of sustainable strategies to improve academic outcomes for homeless students; and collaborative strategies between housing and education partners.  Upcoming Events: Education (House) Exec Session 2/18 @ 1:30 pm, Education (House) Exec Session 2/19 @ 3:30 pm, Education (House) Exec Session 2/21 @ 8:00 am	H Education	Fey
<a href="#"><u>HB 1268</u></a>	<b>TANF &amp; WorkFirst programs</b> Updating standards of need, revising outcome measures and data collected, reducing sanctions, and expanding reasons for time limit extensions in the temporary assistance for needy families and WorkFirst programs.	H H Svcs & Erly	Senn
<a href="#"><u>HB 1493</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSB 5357)</u></a>	<b>Affordable housing taxes</b> Authorizing cities and counties to impose additional taxes for affordable housing.  Authorizes counties and cities to impose an additional excise tax on the purchase and sale of real property in its jurisdiction at the rate of one-half of one percent of the selling price with the proceeds of the tax being used for the development of affordable housing. Requires a city to collect the excise tax within its incorporated boundaries, and a county to collect the excise tax within its unincorporated areas, if they both exercise the authority provided in this act.	H Finance	Morgan
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1581</u></a>	<b>Local housing trust funds</b> Funding local housing trust fund programs in certain cities.	H Finance	Fey

**Housing tax/councilmanic** H Hous, Com Dev Doglio  
[HB 1590](#) Allowing the local sales and use tax for affordable housing to be imposed by a councilmanic authority.

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**Homelessness rights** H Civil R & Judi Gregerson  
[HB 1591](#) Addresses the rights of homeless people to survive in public. Prohibits discrimination based on the housing status of a homeless person. Prohibits a homeless person from being subject to criminal or civil penalties or harassment by law enforcement, public or private security personnel, or agents of public-private partnerships, for surviving in public space when that person has no reasonable alternative but to survive in public space and existing local shelters are inadequate in number or are functionally inaccessible. Requires money appropriated by the legislature for civil legal aid to indigent persons to be administered by the office of civil legal aid and be used for contracting with qualified legal aid programs for legal representation of indigent persons in matters relating to the rights of homeless people.

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 2/20 @ 8:00 am

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**Residential tenants** Macri  
[SHB 1656](#)  
[\(SB 5733\)](#) Protecting tenants in residential tenancies.

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**Tenants/installment payments** H Civil R & Judi Morgan  
[HB 1694](#) Allowing tenants to pay certain sums in installments.

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**Public facilities mitigation** H Local Govt Santos  
[HB 1724](#)  
[\(SB 5679\)](#) Concerning the mitigation of public facilities in certain cities.

Upcoming Events: Local Government (House) Exec Session 2/20 @ 8:00 am

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**Prevailing rate of wages** H 2nd Reading Ormsby  
[HB 1743](#)  
[\(SB 5766\)](#) Addressing the methodology for establishing the prevailing rate of wages for the construction of affordable housing, homeless and domestic violence shelters, and low-income weatherization and home rehabilitation public works.

Upcoming Events: Labor & Commerce (Senate) Exec Session 2/18 @ 10:00 am

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**Affordable housing options** H Finance Ryu  
[SHB 1745](#) Providing local governments with options to preserve affordable housing in their communities.

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**Accessory dwelling units** H Local Govt Gregerson  
[HB 1797](#)  
[\(SB 5812\)](#) Concerning local governments planning and zoning for accessory dwelling units.  
Upcoming Events: Local Government (House) Public Hearing 2/19 @ 10:00 am, Local Government (House) Exec Session 2/22 @ 10:00 am

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**Short-term rentals** H ConsPro&Bus Ryu

[HB 1798](#)  
[\(SB 5870\)](#)

Concerning short-term rentals.

Upcoming Events: Consumer Protection & Business (House) Exec Session 2/19 @ 1:30 pm

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[SB 5195](#)  
[\(HB 1219\)](#)

**Real estate taxes/housing**

S 2nd Reading

Kuderer

Providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.

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[SB 5219](#)

**Condominium warranties**

S 2nd Reading

Padden

States that condominium construction warranties, under the state uniform common interest ownership act, do not apply to condominiums with less than seven units.

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[SB 5353](#)

**Redevelopment/density**

S Local Governme

Zeiger

Requires the following criteria to be met before an area may be designated as a residential targeted area: The area must be in a county seeking to promote transit supportive densities and efficient land use in an area that is located within an urban growth area, a city's potential annexation area of a certain city, one-quarter of a mile of a corridor with bus service that has an acceptable schedule and is in service or is planned for service to begin within five years of designation.

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[SB 5582](#)

**Affordable housing/REET**

S Ways & Means

Saldaña

Increases the real estate excise taxes on property that sells for one million dollars or more to fund affordable housing. Requires money received from the excise taxes to be deposited into the public works assistance account, the education legacy trust account, the city-county assistance account, the Washington housing trust fund, and the general fund.

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[SB 5600](#)

**Residential tenants**

S Housing Stabil

Kuderer

Upcoming Events: Housing Stability & Affordability (Senate) Exec Session 2/18 @ 1:30 pm

Modifies the residential landlord-tenant act regarding termination of a tenancy--armed forces exemption; sixty days' notice for rent increase; relief from forfeiture; forcible entry or detainer; removal or exclusion of tenant from premises; prohibited rental agreement provisions--recovery of damages by tenant; and substantiating damage charges.

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[SB 5646](#)  
[\(SHB](#)  
[1406\)](#)

**Affordable housing/sales tax**

S Ways & Means

Kuderer

Encouraging investments in affordable and supportive housing.

Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 2/21 @ 3:30 pm, Finance (House) Public Hearing 2/21 @ 1:30 pm

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[SB 5769](#)

**Minimum urban density**

S Local  
Governmen

Palumbo

Concerning minimum urban density requirements in growth management act cities and counties.

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## Public Safety

Bill Details

Status

Sponsor

<p><a href="#">HB 1016</a> (SB 5910)</p>	<p><b>Sexual assault kit notice</b></p> <p>Requires a hospital that does not provide sexual assault evidence kit collection, or have appropriate providers available to provide the collection at all times, to develop a plan by July 1, 2020, to assist individuals with obtaining the collection. Requires a hospital that does not perform the collection or have appropriate providers available to, beginning July 1, 2020: (1) Provide notice, within two hours of a request, to an individual who presents in the emergency department and requests a collection that the hospital does not perform the collection or does not have appropriate providers available; and (2) Coordinate care with the local community sexual assault agency and assist the patient in finding a facility with an appropriate provider available.</p>	<p>S Health &amp; Long T</p>	<p>Caldier</p>
<p><a href="#">SHB 1068</a> (SSB 5062)</p>	<p><b>High capacity magazines</b></p> <p>Prohibits a person from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, importing, transferring, selling, offering to sell, or purchasing a large capacity magazine. Defines "large capacity magazine" as an ammunition feeding device with the capacity to accept more than ten rounds of ammunition.</p>	<p>H Rules R</p>	<p>Valdez</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1073</a> (SSB 5061)</p>	<p><b>Undetectable firearms</b></p> <p>Prohibits a person from knowingly or recklessly allowing, facilitating, aiding, or abetting the manufacture or assembly of an undetectable firearm or untraceable firearm. Prohibits a person from discharging, or menacing or threatening another person, in the commission or furtherance of a felony, with an undetectable firearm or untraceable firearm. Declares undetectable firearms and untraceable firearms as contraband and subjects them to seizure.</p>	<p>H Civil R &amp; Judi</p>	<p>Valdez</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1203</a></p>	<p><b>Lost or stolen firearms</b></p> <p>Requires an owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm that has been lost or stolen to report the loss or theft to the local law enforcement agency within five days after the loss or theft. Requires a law enforcement agency that receives a report of a lost or stolen firearm to enter certain information about the firearm into the national crime information center database.</p>	<p>H Civil R &amp; Judi</p>	<p>Doglio</p>
<p><a href="#">SHB 1225</a></p>	<p><b>Domestic violence/law enforcement</b></p> <p>Establishing policies and requirements regarding law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents to enhance the safety of domestic violence victims, families, and officers. Enhances the safety of domestic violence victims, families, and officers by establishing policies and requirements regarding law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents.</p>	<p>H 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Jinkins</p>
<p><a href="#">SHB 1231</a></p>	<p><b>Sex offenses/modify statute of limitations</b></p> <p>Addresses the statute of limitations for certain offenses. Authorizes the following offenses to be prosecuted at any time after their commission: Rape of a child in the first degree; and child molestation in the first degree.</p>	<p>H Approps</p>	<p>Griffey</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1286</a> (SB 5340)</p>	<p><b>Assault weapons ban</b></p> <p>Prohibits a person, unless certain conditions are met, from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, importing, transferring, selling, offering for sale, or purchasing an assault weapon or large capacity magazine.</p>	<p>H Civil R &amp; Judi</p>	<p>Peterson</p>
	<p><b>Concealed pistol training</b></p>	<p>H Civil R &amp; Judi</p>	<p>Lovick</p>

[HB 1315](#)  
**(SSB 5174)** Prohibits an application for a concealed pistol license from being denied unless the person has not provided evidence of handgun proficiency, in the form and manner required by the Washington state patrol. Provides the requirements for when an applicant for a concealed pistol license must submit to a licensing authority. Requires the Washington state patrol to, by rule, establish minimum standards for handgun proficiency and develop a course to teach handgun proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. Authorizes the chief of the Washington state patrol to certify qualified handgun instructors.

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[HB 1319](#)  
**Firearm open carry/local gov** H Civil R & Judi Wylie  
Authorizes cities, towns, counties, and other municipalities to enact laws and ordinances that restrict the open carrying of firearms at a public meeting of the governing authority of the city, town, county, or other municipality.

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[HB 1382](#)  
**Emergency aid/prostitution** H PSDP Pellicciotti  
Provides immunity from prostitution charges to a victim of one of the following offenses, or a person seeking emergency assistance on behalf of the victim: (1) A violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030; (2) Assault in the third degree under RCW 9A.36.031; (3) Assault in the fourth degree under RCW 9A.36.041 or an equivalent municipal ordinance; or (4) Rape in the third degree under RCW 9A.44.060.

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[SHB 1383](#)  
**Patronizing a prostitute** H PSDPS Pellicciotti  
Revises penalties for the crime of patronizing a prostitute, which is a misdemeanor, however, a second or subsequent conviction is a gross misdemeanor.

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[HB 1488](#)  
**(SB 5339)** **Death penalty elimination** H Public Safety Orwall  
Reducing criminal justice expenses by eliminating the death penalty and instead requiring life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder. *The Senate passed SB 5339 28 to 19 this week.*

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[SSB 5143](#)  
**Domestic violence/firearms** S Rules 2 Dhingra  
Requires a peace officer, who responds to a domestic violence call and has probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed, to seize all firearms and ammunition that he or she believes were used or threatened to be used in the commission of the offense and may seize all firearms and ammunition in plain sight or discovered under a consensual or other lawful search.

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[SB 5164](#)  
**(HB 1971)** **Trafficking victims assist.** S Ways & Means Saldaña  
Authorizes the department of social and health services to establish a food assistance program for victims of human trafficking. Provides eligibility to victims of human trafficking for state family assistance programs, as provided in rule, who otherwise meet program eligibility requirements. Requires medical care services to be provided to victims of human trafficking, who are not eligible for medicaid, who otherwise qualify for the state family assistance program.

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[SB 5181](#)  
**Involuntary treatment procedures** S Ways & Means Kuderer  
Revises the involuntary treatment act. Prohibits the possession or control of a firearm by a person who has been detained at a facility for seventy-two-hour evaluation and treatment on the grounds that the person presents a likelihood of serious harm, but has not been subsequently committed for involuntary treatment.

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<a href="#"><u>SB 5205</u></a>	<b>Incompetent to stand trial/firearms</b>	S Rules 2	Dhingra
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Prohibits a person from possessing a firearm if his or her charges are dismissed based on incompetency to stand trial and the court makes a finding indicating that the person has a history of one or more violent acts.

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<a href="#"><u>SB 5286</u></a>	<b>Impaired driving</b>	S Law & Justice	Frockt
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Modifies impaired driving provisions regarding driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, marijuana, or any drug.

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<a href="#"><u>SB 5299</u></a>	<b>Impaired driving</b>	S Ways & Means	Padden
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Revises impaired driving provisions regarding driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, marijuana, or any drug.  
Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 2/19 @ 3:30 pm

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<a href="#"><u>SB 5649</u></a>	<b>Sexual assault/adjust statute of limitations</b>	S Rules 2	Dhingra
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Permits the following offenses to be prosecuted at any time after their commission: (1) Rape in the first or second degree if the victim is under the age of sixteen; (2) Rape of a child in the first, second, or third degree; (3) Sexual misconduct with a minor in the first degree; (4) Custodial sexual misconduct in the first degree; (5) Child molestation in the first, second, or third degree; and (6) Sexual exploitation of a minor. Prohibits the following offenses from being prosecuted more than twenty years after its commission: (1) Rape in the first or second degree; and (2) Indecent liberties. Prohibits the offense of rape in the third degree from being prosecuted more than ten years after its commission. Prohibits the offense of incest from being prosecuted up to ten years after its commission or, if committed against a victim under the age of eighteen, up to the victim's thirtieth birthday, whichever is later. Revises the offense of rape in the third degree regarding the lack of consent.

## Safety Net & Civil Rights

**Bill Details**

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<a href="#"><u>SHB 1041</u></a>	<b>Certificates of discharge – New Hope Act</b>	H 2nd Reading	Hansen
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Promoting successful reentry by modifying the process for obtaining certificates of discharge and vacating conviction records. Establishes the new hope act. Modifies the process for obtaining certificates of discharge for an offender who has completed all conditions of his or her sentence and for vacating conviction records.

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<a href="#"><u>HB 1282</u></a> <b>(SB 5328)</b>	<b>Driver's license suspensions</b>	H Trans	Reeves
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Addresses department of licensing requirements with regard to the relicensing program; the suspension and/or revocation of a driver's license; and failure to comply with the terms of a criminal complaint or criminal action. Authorizes the department of licensing to administratively reinstate suspended licenses except those licenses: (1) That are suspended under Article IV of the nonresident violator compact or from a jurisdiction that has entered into an agreement with the department; and (2) Suspended because the person failed to comply with the terms of criminal complaint or criminal citation.

<p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1399</u></a> (SSB 5449)</p>	<p><b>Paid family &amp; medical leave</b></p>	<p>H Approps</p>	<p>Robinson</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Appropriations (House) Exec Session 2/18 @ 3:30 pm</p>			
<p>Establishes provisions regarding disclosure of private information under the paid family and medical leave program. Makes changes regarding employer waivers and supplementation of benefits, voluntary plans, waiting period, and other matters.</p>			
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1491</u></a> (SB 5717)</p>	<p><b>Employee scheduling</b></p>	<p>H Labor &amp; Workpl</p>	<p>Macri</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Labor &amp; Workplace Standards (House) Exec Session 2/21 @ 8:00 am</p>			
<p>Revises labor regulations regarding employer and employee scheduling. Requires an employer to: (1) At the time of hire, provide a new covered employee a written good faith estimate of the employee's work schedule; (2) Provide a written work schedule at least fourteen calendar days before the first day of the work schedule; (3) Compensate an employee for each employer-requested change to the employee's written work schedule that occurs after the required advance notice; and (4) When additional hours of work become available, offer the additional hours to existing employees before hiring new employees.</p>			
<p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1500</u></a> (SB 5605)</p>	<p><b>Marijuana misdemeanors</b></p>	<p>H PSDPS</p>	<p>Fitzgibbon</p>
<p>Allows a person convicted of a misdemeanor marijuana offense, who was at least twenty-one years old at the time of the offense, to apply to the sentencing court for a vacation of the applicant's record of conviction for the offense.</p>			
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1527</u></a> (SB 5810)</p>	<p><b>Working families' tax credit</b></p>	<p>H Finance</p>	<p>Entenman</p>
<p>Allows low-income and middle-income workers to recover some or all of the sales tax they pay as a way to increase their economic security. Provides a sales and use tax exemption, in the form of a remittance, to low-income and middle-income working families.</p>			
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1540</u></a></p>	<p><b>Minors/serious offenses</b></p>	<p>H Public Safety</p>	<p>Goodman</p>
<p>Allows a person, convicted of one or more crimes committed before his or her eighteenth birthday, to petition the indeterminate sentence review board for early release from sentences for those offenses.</p>			
<p>Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Exec Session 2/21 @ 8:00 am</p>			
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1575</u></a> (SB 5623)</p>	<p><b>Collective bargaining/dues</b></p>	<p>H Labor &amp; Workpl</p>	<p>Stonier</p>
<p>Addresses authorizations, revocations, certifications, and the authority to deduct and accept union dues and fees, in order to strengthen the rights of workers through collective bargaining. Repeals RCW 41.59.100 (union security provisions--scope--agency shop provision, collection of dues or fees).</p>			
<p>Upcoming Events: Labor &amp; Workplace Standards (House) Exec Session 2/18 @ 1:30 pm</p>			
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1728</u></a> (ESSB 5258)</p>	<p><b>Isolated worker protection</b></p>	<p>H Labor &amp; Workpl</p>	<p>Frame</p>
<p>Requires every hospitality, retail, behavioral health care, or custodial employer, or labor contractor who employs a custodian, security guard, hotel or motel housekeeper, or worker who spends a majority of his or her working hours alongside two or fewer coworkers at a location that is not his or her home to adopt a sexual harassment policy; provide mandatory training to the managers, supervisors, and employees; provide a list of resources for the employees to use; and provide a panic</p>			

button to each worker that spends most of his or her working hours alongside two or fewer coworkers at a location that is not his or her home.

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<a href="#"><u>SHB 1783</u></a> <b>(SB 5776)</b>	<b>Office of equity</b> Creating the Washington state office of equity.	H Approps	Gregerson
<a href="#"><u>HB 1906</u></a> <b>(SB 5868)</b>	<b>Dolores Huerta day</b> Recognizing the tenth day of April as Dolores Huerta day.  Upcoming Events: State Government & Tribal Relations (House) Public Hearing 2/20 @ 1:30 pm, State Government & Tribal Relations (House) Exec Session 2/22 @ 8:00 am	H State Govt & T	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5035</u></a> <b>(HB 1072)</b>	<b>Prevailing wage laws</b> Enhancing the prevailing wage laws to ensure contractor and owner accountability and worker protection.	S Rules 2	Saldaña
<a href="#"><u>SB 5182</u></a>	<b>Juvenile record sealing</b> Upcoming Events: Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation (Senate) Exec Session 2/19 @ 1:30 pm  Addresses the sealing of juvenile records.	S Human Svcs, Re	Kuderer
<a href="#"><u>SB 5356</u></a> <b>(HB 2065)</b>	<b>LGBTQ commission</b> Upcoming Events: State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (Senate) Exec Session 2/20 @ 8:00 am  Creates the Washington state LGBTQ commission in the office of the governor. Requires the executive director of the commission to: (1) Monitor state legislation and advocate for legislation affecting LGBTQ people; (2) Work with state agencies to assess programs and policies; (3) Coordinate with the minority commissions, women's commission, and human rights commission to address issues of mutual concern; and (4) Work as a liaison between the public and private sector to eliminate barriers to economic and health equity. Declares that June of each year will be known as LGBTQ pride month.	S State Govt/Tri	Wilson
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5376</u></a> <b>(HB 1854)</b>	<b>Consumer data</b> Establishes the Washington privacy act. Addresses the processing of personal data by controllers or processors; facial recognition for profiling; the state's citizens right to privacy; transparency; exemptions; liability; and enforcement. Prohibits state and local government agencies from using facial recognition technology to engage in ongoing surveillance of specified individuals in public spaces, unless it is in support of law enforcement activities. Requires the office of privacy and data protection to conduct an analysis on the public sector use of facial recognition and submit a report of its findings to the appropriate legislative committees.		Carlyle
<a href="#"><u>SB 5429</u></a> <b>(SHB 1246)</b>	<b>Referred and diverted youth</b> Revises the juvenile justice act of 1977. Includes a referred youth in establishing guidelines for a community juvenile accountability program. Requires the department of children, youth, and families to: (1) Provide an annual report to the appropriate legislative committees that includes a county by county description of the youth served by the funded programs; and (2) Implement a stop loss policy when allocating funding. Requires the block grant oversight committee to establish a minimum base level of funding for juvenile courts.	S 2nd Reading	Nguyen

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<a href="#"><u>SSB 5488</u></a>	<b>Sentencing persons under 21</b> Concerning the sentencing of persons under the age of twenty-one years at the time of the commission of a crime.	S Rules 2	Darneille
<a href="#"><u>SB 5535</u></a>	<b>Child care costs</b> Requires the department of children, youth, and families to convene and facilitate a child care affordability and accessibility work group to examine regulatory and licensing costs and the associated effects on child care affordability and accessibility for multiple and single-parent families. Expires December 30, 2020.	S EL/K-12	Braun
<a href="#"><u>SB 5575</u></a> <b>(HB 1489)</b>	<b>Traffic LFO consolidation</b> Creates a program for the consolidation of traffic-based financial obligations from multiple courts of limited jurisdiction into a consolidated payment plan, to help reinstate driving privileges that are suspended because of failure to comply with a notice of traffic infraction, criminal complaint, or citation for a moving violation. Requires the program to be managed by the administrative office of the courts.	S Law & Justice	Salomon
<a href="#"><u>SB 5640</u></a>	<b>Youth courts</b> Modifies youth court provisions regarding the modification of the definition of "youth court" to include the hearing and disposing of traffic infractions, transit infractions, and civil infractions for juveniles who are twelve to seventeen years old. Requires a youth court to have jurisdiction over civil infractions alleged to have been committed by juveniles twelve to seventeen years old if certain requirements are met.	S Rules 2	Holy

## Transportation

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#"><u>HB 1256</u></a>	H Rules R	Lovick
	Increases the monetary penalty to two times the penalty amount when the following occurs within a school, playground, or crosswalk speed zone: The holder of an intermediate license operates a moving motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device or a person uses a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle on a public highway. Requires one-half of the money collected to be deposited into the school zone safety account.	
<a href="#"><u>HB 1793</u></a> <b>(SB 5789)</b>	H Trans	Fitzgibbon
	Establishing additional uses for automated traffic safety cameras for traffic congestion reduction and increased safety.	
	Upcoming Events: Transportation (House) Public Hearing 2/18 @ 3:30 pm	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2039</u></a> <b>(SB 5926)</b>	H Trans	Springer
	<b>Transportation network companies</b> Concerning transportation network companies.	

The City continues to be engaged on this issue and is meeting with stakeholders to improve the language in these bills.

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<a href="#">SB 5037</a>	<b>RTA additional voter approval</b>	S Transportation	O'Ban
	Requiring a regional transit authority to receive additional approval from voters if the cost to complete a regional transit system plan approved by voters in 2016 increases beyond fifty-four billion dollars or any additions or subtractions of projects or significant project scope when compared to the system plan are made.		
<a href="#">SB 5042</a>	<b>RTA vehicle valuation</b>	S Transportation	O'Ban
	Establishing a vehicle valuation method for a regional transit authority collecting a motor vehicle excise tax that is based on Kelley blue book or national automobile dealers association values.		
<a href="#">SB 5075</a>	<b>MVET low-income adjustments</b>	S Transportation	Kuderer
	Requires a contract entered into with a regional transit authority, for the collection of a motor vehicle excise tax, to provide that the department of licensing receives full reimbursement for the administration and collection of the tax. Requires a regional transit authority that imposes a motor vehicle excise tax to: (1) Establish a low-income market value adjustment program for eligible vehicles owned by low-income individuals; and (2) Allow an additional one-time low-income individual credit against the tax due with respect to certain vehicles. Authorizes the department of licensing to adopt rules to implement this act.		
<a href="#">SSB 5104</a>	<b>Local government vehicle tolls</b>	S Rules 2	Sheldon
	Prohibiting local governments from imposing vehicle tolls.		
<a href="#">SB 5157</a>	<b>Passenger-only ferry study</b>	S Transportation	Hunt
	Requires the department of transportation to complete a consultant study on the feasibility, need, and potential governance and funding structures for passenger-only ferry service between Olympia and Seattle. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.		
<a href="#">SB 5336</a> (HB 1664)	<b>Electric transportation</b>	S Environment, E	Palumbo
	Advancing electric transportation.		
	Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) Exec Session 2/19 @ 10:00 am		
	Provides a sales and use tax exemption on electric vehicles. Requires the department of ecology to adopt the zero emission vehicle program regulations contained in the California Code of Regulations. Declares an intent to provide clear authority for utilities to engage in and promote the build out of electric vehicle infrastructure. Requires utilities that are traditionally responsible for providing electric service to customers and for understanding and engineering the electrical grid for safety and reliability to be engaged in the electrification of the transportation system. Creates the electric vehicle account.		
<a href="#">SB 5529</a> (HB 1663)	<b>License plate recognition</b>	S Law & Justice	Saldaña
	Authorizes the following to use an automated license plate recognition system: (1) A law enforcement agency or parking enforcement agency for locating vehicles on a watch list; (2) A parking enforcement agency for enforcing time restrictions on parking spaces; (3) A transportation agency for providing real time traffic information to the public, traffic modeling purposes, and traffic studies such as origin and destination studies, ramp meter efficiencies, and determining construction delays and route use; (4) A		

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transportation agency for commercial vehicle systems at Washington state patrol enforcement sites and weigh stations; and (5) An agency for controlling access to secured areas. Allows an automated license plate recognition system to be used as a component of a photo toll system or an automated traffic safety camera.

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 2/21 @ 10:00 am

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**Pedestrian, etc. safety**

S Transportation

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[SB 5723](#)  
(HB 1966)

Increasing safety on roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other roadway users.

Upcoming Events: Transportation (Senate) Public Hearing 2/18 @ 3:30 pm

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**Motorized foot scooters**

S Transportation

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[SB 5751](#)  
(HB 1772)

Concerning motorized foot scooters.

Upcoming Events: Transportation (House) Public Hearing 2/21 @ 3:30 pm

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