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Week Overview

Friday, March 1st was the cutoff for fiscal committees, and these committees met for long hours and until late in the evening in order to hear and pass bills out of before the deadline. Councilmember Rasmussen was in Olympia on Monday to testify in favor of a bill on local transportation funding options in the House, and Council President Clark came down on Wednesday to speak to the companion bill in the Senate.

Areas of Primary Focus

Protecting the most vulnerable families and individuals

Affordable Housing

HB 1563: Concerning the disposition of surplus property for the development of affordable housing.

Sponsor: Representative Jessyn Farrell

Co-Sponsors: [Wylie](#), [McCoy](#), [Orwall](#), [Seaquist](#), [Bergquist](#), [Springer](#), [Pedersen](#), [O'Ban](#), [Kochmar](#), [Moeller](#), [Fitzgibbon](#), [Appleton](#), [Ryu](#), [Stanford](#), [Maxwell](#), [Jenkins](#), [Hunt](#), [Fey](#), [Pollet](#), [Goodman](#), [Habib](#), [Santos](#)

Summary: HB 1563 would allow surplus property to more easily be used for the development of affordable housing.

Status: HB 1563 is in the Rules Committee.

Companion Bill: [SB 5598](#)

Sponsor: Senator Mark Mullet

Co-Sponsors: [Litzow](#), [McAuliffe](#), [Fain](#), [Kohl-Welles](#), [Shin](#), [Nelson](#), [Chase](#), [Frocket](#)

Status: The bill was not voted on in Ways and Means and is now dead.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

HB 1695: Allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing and tourism promotion activities or facilities.

Sponsor: Representative Joe Fitzgibbon

Co-Sponsors: [Sullivan](#), [Springer](#), [Kochmar](#), [Ryu](#), [Moscoso](#), [Roberts](#)

Summary: HB 1695 allows King County to bond against lodging taxes, that are authorized to begin receiving in 2021, for affordable workforce housing or tourism promotion.

Status: HB 1695 is in Rules.

Companion Bill: Although not companions, [SB 5741](#), **Allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing and tourism promotion activities or facilities**, would have addressed the same issue.

Sponsor: Senator Joe Fain

Co-Sponsors: [Nelson](#), [Kohl-Welles](#), [Brown](#), [Kline](#)

Status: SB 5741 is officially dead for this session.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation

Education

HB 1680: Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.

Sponsor: Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos

Co-Sponsors: [Upthegrove](#), [Maxwell](#), [Ryu](#), [Bergquist](#)

Summary: HB 1680 adopts policies and programs to help close the educational opportunity gap in early learning, third grade reading, and attendance.

Status: HB 1680 passed out of the Appropriations Committee on March 1st.

HB 1505: Raising the minimum state funding assistance percentage for the school construction assistance program

Sponsor: Representative Jamie Pedersen

Co-Sponsors: [Carlyle](#), [Warnick](#), [Lytton](#), [Pollet](#), [Maxwell](#), [Santos](#), [Dunshee](#), [Farrell](#), [Sullivan](#), [Hunter](#), [Fitzgibbon](#), [Cody](#), [Kagi](#), [Van De Wege](#), [Tharinger](#), [Bergquist](#), [Hudgins](#), [Tarleton](#), [Goodman](#), [Pettigrew](#), [Springer](#), [Ryu](#), [Morrell](#)

Summary: HB 1505 would assist local school districts with construction capacity by requiring the Superintendent of Public Instruction to set the minimum funding assistance percentage at 30 percent of project costs for the School Construction Assistance Program, instead of the current 20 percent.

Status: HB 1505 is still in committee.

Companion Bill: [SB 5642](#)

Sponsor: Senator David Frockt

Co-Sponsors: [Murray](#), [Nelson](#), [Kohl-Welles](#), [Hasegawa](#), [Chase](#), [Kline](#)

Status: SB 5642 is still in committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Transportation, Economic Development, and Infrastructure

Transportation Revenue: [HB 1954](#) proposes a statewide transportation package.

Sponsor: Representative Judy Clibborn (D-Mercer Island)

Co-Sponsors: [Moscoso](#), [Fey](#), [Ryu](#), [Riccelli](#), [Farrell](#), [Lias](#), [Pollet](#), [Ormsby](#), [Tarleton](#), [Roberts](#), [Wylie](#), [Morris](#), [Bergquist](#), [Moeller](#)

Summary: The package would raise approximately \$10 billion over the next ten years, primarily through a gas tax and a statewide MVET. The package would primarily fund large state projects with some revenues going to towards maintenance, transit, and local needs.

Status: This bill has not yet been heard and would be necessary to implement the budget.

Local Transportation Options: A number of local option bills were introduced last week including [HB 1959](#).

Sponsor: Representative Jessyn Farrell

Co-Sponsors: [Fitzgibbon](#), [Kagi](#), [Pedersen](#), [Bergquist](#), [Pollet](#), [Tarleton](#), [Cody](#), [Ryu](#), [Fey](#)

Summary: HB 1959 provides for a 1.5% MVET in King County and councilmanic authority for TBDs to increase vehicle fees from \$20 to \$40. The legislation would help preserve essential bus service in King County and provide needed resources to repair and maintain local roads and bridges.

Status: HB 1959 was passed out of the House Transportation Committee on March 1st.

Companion Bill: [SB 5861](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ed Murray

Co-Sponsors: [Kohl-Welles](#), [Nelson](#), [Eide](#), [Frockt](#)

Status: SB 5861 was heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on February 27th but the committee did not vote on the bill before Friday's cutoff, so the bill is officially dead for this legislative session.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Capital Budget:

[HB 1089](#) is Governor Gregoire's proposed capital budget.

Sponsor: Representative Hans Dunshee

Co-Sponsors: [Warnick](#)

Summary: AWC testified on behalf of cities about the need to continue to fully fund MTCA. Governor Gregoire's proposed budget swept a significant portion of MTCA, which would result in fewer toxic cleanup projects being funded.

Status: This budget bill is in House Capital Budget and will continue to be worked on through the session.

Companion Bill: [SB 5035](#)

Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

Co-Sponsors: [Nelson](#), [Shin](#)

Status: This budget bill is in Senate Ways and Means and will continue to be worked on through the session.

Public Safety

[HB 1588](#): Requiring universal background checks for firearm transfers

Sponsor: Representative Jamie Pedersen (D-Seattle)

Co-Sponsors: [Hope](#), [Jinkins](#), [Hansen](#), [Freeman](#), [Kagi](#), [Walsh](#), [Carlyle](#), [Hunter](#), [Clibborn](#), [Ormsby](#), [Cody](#), [Green](#), [Stanford](#), [Orwall](#), [Maxwell](#), [Lias](#), [Pettigrew](#), [Tharinger](#), [Springer](#), [Hudgins](#), [Wylie](#), [Moeller](#), [Fitzgibbon](#), [Ryu](#), [Roberts](#), [Goodman](#), [Riccelli](#), [Farrell](#), [Fey](#), [Appleton](#), [Pollet](#), [Habib](#), [Bergquist](#), [Moscoso](#), [Hunt](#), [Santos](#), [Reykdal](#)

Summary: HB 1588 would require universal background checks for all firearm transfers. Deputy Chief Nick Metz testified in support of this bill earlier this month.

Status: HB 1588 is now in Rules.

Companion Bill: [SB 5711](#)

Sponsor: Senator Adam Kline

Co-Sponsors: [Tom](#), [Kohl-Welles](#), [Litzow](#), [Darneille](#), [Keiser](#), [Harper](#), [Frockt](#), [Nelson](#), [Conway](#), [Mullet](#), [Hill](#), [Cleveland](#), [Rolfes](#), [Shin](#), [Hasegawa](#), [Ranker](#), [Eide](#), [Chase](#), [Billig](#), [Fraser](#), [Murray](#), [McAuliffe](#)

Status: This bill is officially dead for this legislative session.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

[SB 5710](#): Concerning reckless endangerment resulting from unsafe storage of firearms

Sponsor: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Co-Sponsors: [Tom](#), [Murray](#), [Harper](#), [Litzow](#), [Nelson](#), [Chase](#), [Fraser](#), [Ranker](#), [Billig](#), [Kline](#), [Darneille](#), [Frockt](#), [Hill](#), [Eide](#), [Cleveland](#), [Mullet](#), [Schlicher](#), [Hasegawa](#), [Shin](#), [Rolfes](#), [Keiser](#), [McAuliffe](#), [Conway](#)

Summary: SB 5710 would charge a person who stores or leaves a loaded firearm in a location where a child is likely to gain access with reckless endangerment if the child gains possession of the weapon.

Status: This bill is officially dead for the current legislative session.

[HB 1114](#): Addressing criminal incompetency and civil commitment.

Sponsor: Representative Jamie Pedersen

Co-Sponsors: [Rodne](#), [Morrell](#), [Nealey](#), [Green](#), [Jinkins](#)

Summary: In previously iterations, HB 1114 would have, in part, ensured that a state hospital evaluates defendants charged with serious non-felony crimes who have been found to be not competent to stand trial. Due to fiscal concerns, this portion of the bill was removed in the substitute version that was

passed out of the House Appropriations Committee, and the bill is currently silent on this issue. However, work on the fiscal note continues.

Status: The bill was passed out of the House Appropriations Committee on March 1st.

Companion Bill: [SB 5176](#)

Sponsor: Senator Jim Hargrove

Summary: There are some concerns with the current version of this bill in regards to evaluations for those found not competent to stand trial.

Status: SB 5176 is in the Senate Rules Committee.

HB 1045: Authorizing certain local authorities to establish maximum speed limits on certain non-arterial highways.

Sponsor: Representative Cindy Ryu

Co-Sponsors: [Angel](#), [Moscoso](#), [Clibborn](#), [Upthegrove](#), [Fitzgibbon](#), [Lias](#), [Pedersen](#), [Stanford](#), [Farrell](#), [Morrell](#), [Pollet](#), [Bergquist](#), [Fey](#)

Summary: HB 1045 would allow cities to lower the speed limits on certain streets to 20 MPH.

Status: HB 1045 passed the House on a vote of 86 to 10 (with 2 excused), and it was referred to the Senate Transportation Committee.

Companion Bill: [SB 5066](#)

Sponsor: Senator Andy Billig

Co-sponsors: [Litzow](#), [Eide](#), [Frockt](#), [Rolfes](#)

Status: SB 5066 is in the Senate Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

HB 1047: Concerning photographs, microphotographs, and electronic images from traffic safety cameras and toll systems.

Sponsor: Representative Cathy Dahlquist

Co-Sponsors: [Hurst](#), [Magendanz](#)

Summary: HB 1047 would allow images from traffic safety cameras to be used for prosecuting crimes if a warrant is obtained. Deputy Police Chief Nick Metz joined King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg to give public testimony in support of this bill.

Status: The bill passed the House 78-18 and was referred to the Senate Law and Justice Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Human Trafficking

SB 5488: Establishing an enhanced penalty for the use of an internet advertisement to facilitate the commission of a sex-trafficking crime.

Sponsor: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Co-Sponsors: [Padden](#), [Kline](#), [Darneille](#), [Fraser](#), [Ranker](#), [Keiser](#), [Delvin](#), [Carrell](#), [McAuliffe](#), [Chase](#), [Conway](#)

Summary: SB 5488 requires an additional fee of five thousand dollars per offense to be assessed on a person convicted of commercial sexual abuse of a minor, promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor, or promoting travel for commercial sexual abuse of a minor, when the court finds that an internet advertisement in which the victim of the crime was described or depicted was instrumental in facilitating the commission of the crime.

Status: SB 5488 is in the Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

HB 1292: Vacating Prostitution Convictions

Sponsor: Representative Tina Orwall

Co-Sponsors: [Goodman](#), [Roberts](#), [Appleton](#), [Green](#), [Hope](#), [Kochmar](#), [Moscoso](#), [Jinkins](#), [Upthegrove](#), [Ryu](#)

Summary: HB 1292 would allow victims to vacate prostitution convictions.

Status: This bill passed out of the House 91 to 1 with 6 excused. The bill has now been referred to the Senate Law & Justice Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

SB 5308: Establishing the commercially sexually exploited children statewide coordinating committee.

Sponsor: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Co-Sponsors: [Carrell](#), [Darneille](#), [Padden](#), [Kline](#), [Hargrove](#), [Fraser](#), [Chase](#), [Keiser](#), [Conway](#), [Cleveland](#), [Tom](#)

Summary: SB 5308 will establish a committee to work on this issue.

Status: The bill passed the Senate 49 to 0 and has been assigned to the House Public Safety Committee.

SB 5563: Regarding training for school employees in the prevention of sexual abuse.

Sponsor: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Co-Sponsors: [Litzow](#), [Rolfes](#), [Keiser](#), [McAuliffe](#), [Kline](#)

Summary: SB 5563 requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop and implement a training program for school employees regarding prevention of sexual abuse, commercial sexual abuse of a minor, and sexual exploitation of a minor.

Status: SB 5563 is currently in the Rules Committee.

Companion Bill: [HB 1869](#)

Sponsor: Representative Marko Liias

Co-Sponsors: [Morrell](#), [Ryu](#)

Status: This bill is dead during this legislative session.

HB 1291: Concerning Services for Victims of Sex Trade

Sponsor: Representative Tina Orwall

Co-Sponsors: [Kochmar](#), [Hope](#), [Parker](#), [Goodman](#), [Jinkins](#), [Upthegrove](#), [Ryu](#), [Stanford](#), [Roberts](#), [Hurst](#), [Morrell](#), [Tarleton](#), [Wylie](#), [Bergquist](#), [Ormsby](#)

Summary: HB 1291 directs current offender fees towards services for victims.

Status: HB 1291 is in the Rules Committee.

City Fiscal Health

HB 1368: Concerning the distribution of state liquor revenues to cities and counties.

Sponsor: Representative Steve Tharinger

Co-Sponsors: [Springer](#), [Orcutt](#), [Ryu](#), [Fey](#), [Zeiger](#), [Moscoco](#), [Kochmar](#), [Magendanz](#), [Hayes](#), [Sells](#), [Hargrove](#), [Morrell](#), [Freeman](#)

Summary: HB 1368 would restore the growth in liquor revenues to cities and counties.

Status: This bill is currently in the Appropriations Committee. This issue is considered necessary to implement the budget.

Companion Bill: [SB 5703](#)

Sponsor: Senator Steve Hobbs

Status: SB 5703 has been referred to Ways & Means. This issue is considered necessary to implement the budget.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Local Revenue Authority

SB 5688: Simplifying definitions and classifications concerning state and local tax systems.

Sponsor: Senator John Braun

Co-Sponsors: [Carrell](#), [Dammeier](#), [Rivers](#), [Sheldon](#), [Hobbs](#)

Summary: SB 5688 would have the state take over significant portions of the local B&O tax administration. Council President Clark testified in opposition, along with officials from numerous other

cities. An hour before the last Ways and Means Committee meeting was scheduled to begin, the bill was added to the public hearing calendar. Seattle, along with representatives from Westport and Tacoma testified against this legislation in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Status: SB 5688 passed out of Ways and Means on a voice vote, subject to signature.

City Position: Seattle **opposes** this legislation.

SB 5656: Revising Business Licensing Systems

Sponsor: Senator John Braun

Co-Sponsors: [Carrell](#), [Rivers](#), [Sheldon](#), [Hobbs](#), [Fain](#)

Summary: SB 5656 is similar to SB 5688 which would take over significant portions of the local B&O tax administration. Council President Clark also testified in opposition, along with officials from numerous other cities.

Status: SB 5656 had a public hearing in the Ways and Means Committee and passed out.

City Position: Seattle **opposes** this legislation.

City Pension Fund

HB 1899: Authorizing the state investment board to invest the assets of the first class cities' retirement systems.

Sponsor: Representative Reuven Carlyle

Co-Sponsors: [Hunter](#), [Ormsby](#), [Pedersen](#), [Kagi](#), [Tarleton](#), [Sawyer](#), [Jinkins](#), [Ryu](#), [Pollet](#)

Summary: HB 1899 would allow first class cities to negotiate with the State Investment Board to have the Board invest the assets of the first class cities' retirement systems. The City testified with initial reactions to this extraordinarily complex topic.

Status: HB 1899 had a public hearing in the House Appropriations Committee on February 21st but did not pass out of committee.

Other Issues of Significant Interest

Automatic Traffic Safety Cameras

SB 5678: Clarifying the use of automated traffic safety cameras at intersections with two or more arterial highways.

Sponsor: Senator David Frockt

Co-Sponsor: [Darneille](#)

Summary: This legislation would clarify that local jurisdictions may use automated traffic safety cameras at intersections that include more than two arterials. SPD testified in support at a public hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Status: SB 5678 was not voted out of the Senate Transportation Committee before the March 1st cutoff, and so it is now dead for this legislative session.

Companion Bill: [HB 1670](#)

Sponsor: Representative Jessyn Farrell

Co-Sponsors: [Pollet](#)

Status: HB 1670 is dead for this legislation session.

City Position: Seattle supported this legislation.

Disabled Parking Placards

HB 1946: Concerning Special Parking Privileges for Persons with Disabilities.

Sponsor: Representative Sam Hunt

Co-Sponsor: [Reykdal](#)

Status: HB 1946 would help reduce disabled parking placard abuse by improving enforcement of illegal

use of placards and by establishing a work group that will develop recommendations for other ways to curtail abuse.

Status: HB 1946 was voted out of in the House Transportation Committee on February 28th.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Energy Efficiency

HB 1017: Creating new efficiency standards

Sponsor: Representative Jeff Morris

Co-Sponsors: [Fitzgibbon](#), [Fey](#), [Lias](#), [McCoy](#), [Hudgins](#), [Farrell](#), [Morrell](#), [Ormsby](#), [Upthegrove](#), [Pollet](#)

Summary: HB 1017 establishes minimum energy efficiency standards for battery charger systems, quartz halogen lamps, and minimum water conservation performance standards for faucets.

Status: This bill is in the Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

SB 5438: Using conservation achieved by a qualifying utility in excess of its biennial acquisition target under the energy independence act.

Sponsor: Senator Doug Eriksen

Co-Sponsor: [Chase](#)

Summary: SB 5438 revises the energy independence act to allow conservation achieved by a qualifying utility in excess of its biennial acquisition target to be used to meet its subsequent biennial target.

Status: SB 5438 is currently in the Rules Committee.

Product Stewardship

HB 1364: Adopting the Washington Small Rechargeable Battery Stewardship Act

Sponsor: Representative Steve Tharinger

Co-Sponsors: [Zeiger](#), [Moscoso](#), [Crouse](#), [Lias](#), [McCoy](#), [Fitzgibbon](#), [Upthegrove](#), [Maxwell](#), [Morrell](#), [Pollet](#), [Fey](#)

Summary: HB 1364 would help standardize, facilitate and reduce barriers to battery stewardship programs and hold all battery suppliers to the same stewardship obligations.

Status: HB 1364 is in the Rules Committee.

Companion Bill: [SB 5457](#)

Sponsor: Senator Sharon Nelson

Co-sponsors: [Delvin](#), [Ranker](#), [Kohl-Welles](#), [Kline](#)

Status: This bill is dead for the current legislative session.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation

SB 5658: Concerning mercury-containing lights.

Sponsor: Senator Doug Eriksen

Co-Sponsors: [McAuliffe](#), [Hobbs](#)

Summary: SB 5658 repeals the product stewardship program and the product stewardship programs account. Requires producers of mercury-containing lights sold in this state to pay a registration fee and an administration fee to the department of ecology for reimbursement of documented costs for recycling and transportation of unwanted product from covered entities and for administration and enforcement costs.

Status: SB 5658 is currently being considered in the Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle opposes this legislation.

Reducing Toxins

SB 5181: Concerning Flame Retardants.

Sponsor: Senator Sharon Nelson (D-Seattle)

Co-sponsors: [Billig](#), [Hargrove](#), [Harper](#), [Schlicher](#), [Kline](#), [Frocht](#), [Chase](#), [Hasegawa](#), [Tom](#), [Mullet](#), [Fraser](#), [Rolfes](#), [Litzow](#), [McAuliffe](#), [Keiser](#), [Murray](#), [Ranker](#), [Shin](#)

Summary: This bill to revises flame retardant provisions for residential upholstered furniture and children's products.

Status: This bill is dead for the current legislative session.

Companion Bill: [HB 1294](#)

Sponsor: Representative Kevin Van de Wege

Status: HB 1294 is in the Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Public Records

[HB 1128](#): Regarding Local Agencies Response to Public Records Requests

Sponsor: Representative Dean Takko

Co-Sponsors: [Rodne](#), [Appleton](#), [Johnson](#), [Klippert](#), [Fitzgibbon](#), [Sullivan](#), [Green](#), [Clibborn](#), [Nealey](#), [Ryu](#), [Walsh](#), [Jinkins](#), [Wylie](#), [Moscoco](#), [Sells](#), [Angel](#), [Seaquist](#), [Hunt](#), [Springer](#), [Maxwell](#), [Riccelli](#), [Morrell](#), [Hudgins](#), [Bergquist](#), [Fey](#)

Summary: HB 1128 allows local governments to seek a civil injunction when faced with financially motivated or punitive requests.

Status: HB 1128 is now in the House Rules Committee.

[HB 1037](#): Establishing a cost recovery mechanism for public records sought for commercial purposes.

Sponsor: Representative Jim Moeller

Co-Sponsors: [Fitzgibbon](#), [Appleton](#), [Hudgins](#), [Morrell](#), [Bergquist](#)

Summary: HB 1037 would allow jurisdictions to charge a fee for records requested for commercial purposes.

Status: This bill was not voted out of the Appropriations Committee and is dead for this legislative session.

Service Animals in Housing

[HB 1024](#): Addressing Service Animals

Sponsor: Representative Jim Moeller

Co-Sponsors: [Appleton](#), [Ryu](#), [Haigh](#), [Cody](#), [Upthegrove](#)

Summary: HB 1024 would allow the state to collect approximately \$100,000 per year in federal funding for discrimination-based inspections. HB 1024 passed out of the House Judiciary Committee with technical amendments to more specifically indicate that it is unfair to discriminate in real estate transactions on the basis of use of a service animal.

Status: HB 1024 is in the Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Sick Leave

[HB 1313](#): Establishing Minimum Standards for Sick and Safe Leave from Employment

Sponsor: Representative Laurie Jinkins

Co-Sponsors: [Farrell](#), [Morrell](#), [Green](#), [Dunshee](#), [Lytton](#), [Sawyer](#), [Sells](#), [Fitzgibbon](#), [Riccelli](#), [Moeller](#), [Appleton](#), [Reykdal](#), [Roberts](#), [Ryu](#), [Pollet](#), [Moscoco](#)

Summary: HB 1313 aligns with Seattle's current law and provides minimum requirements for sick and safe leave related to employment.

Status: HB 1313 is in the Rules Committee.

Companion Bill: [SB 5594](#)

Sponsor: Senator Nick Harper

Status: SB 5594 is officially dead for this legislative session.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation

[SB 5726](#): Placing geographic limitations on local paid sick leave and paid safe leave programs.

Sponsor: Senator John Braun

Co-Sponsors: [Tom](#), [Bailey](#), [Schoesler](#), [Padden](#), [Benton](#)

Summary: SB 5726 would place limits on Seattle's current law.

Status: SB 5726 is in the Rules Committee.

Companion Bill: [HB 1781](#)

Sponsor: Representative Matt Manweller

Status: HB 1781 is dead for this legislative session.

City Position: Seattle opposes this legislation.

[SB 5728](#): Declaring state preemption of local paid sick and paid safe leave regulation.

Sponsor: Senator John Braun

Co-Sponsors: [Padden](#), [Tom](#), [Schoesler](#), [Bailey](#), [Benton](#)

Summary: SB 5728 would preempt local sick leave legislation entirely.

Status: SB 5728 is in the Rules Committee.

Companion Bill: [HB 1780](#)

Sponsor: Representative Matt Manweller

Status: HB 1780 is dead for this legislative session.

City Position: Seattle opposes this legislation.

Medical Marijuana

[SB 5528](#): Concerning the Medical Use of Cannabis

Sponsor: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Co-Sponsors: [Delvin](#), [Litzow](#), [Kline](#), [Darneille](#), [Keiser](#), [Murray](#)

Summary: SB 5528 provides arrest protection to patients who are in compliance with the law on medical cannabis use and who present their valid documentation, although there is no requirement that patients register.

Status: The bill is currently in the Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Washington Investment Trust

[SB 5029](#): Creating the Washington Investment Trust

Sponsor: Senator Bob Hasegawa

Co-Sponsors: [Chase](#), [Shin](#), [Conway](#), [Rolfes](#), [Darneille](#), [Hargrove](#), [Keiser](#), [Kohl-Welles](#), [Kline](#), [Frocht](#)

Summary: SB 5029 creates the Washington Investment Trust as an institution that uses capital reserves to fund projects in our state.

Status: SB 5029 is dead for this legislative session.

City Position: Seattle supported this legislation.

Public Works Contracting

[HB 1466](#): Revising Alternative Public Works Contracting Procedures.

Sponsor: Representative Kathy Haigh (D-Shelton)

Co-Sponsors: [Warnick](#), [Dunshee](#), [Fey](#), [Kristiansen](#), [Reykdal](#)

Summary: HB 1466 reauthorizes the alternative public works contracts and makes other changes recommended by the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB).

Status: HB 1466 is in the Rules Committee.

Companion Bill: [SB 5349](#)

Sponsor: Senator Bruce Dammeier

Status: SB 5349 passed out of the chamber in a 49-0 vote. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing in Capital Budget on March 8th.

Extended Foster Care Services

SB 5405: Concerning Extended Foster Care Services

Sponsor: Senator Ed Murray

Co-Sponsors: [Tom](#), [Kohl-Welles](#), [Darneille](#), [Hobbs](#), [Harper](#), [Frockt](#)

Summary: SB 5405 helps young people aging out of the foster care system who still face numerous and serious challenges by allowing them to chose to extend foster care services until they are 21 years old.

Status: SB 5405 passed out of the Ways & Means committee on March 1st.

Companion Bill: [HB 1302](#)

Sponsor: Representative Mary Helen Roberts

Status: HB 1302 is in the Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Looking Ahead:

With policy and fiscal committee cutoffs behind us, attention now turns fully to floor action. Bills must pass their house of origin by March 13th. Our efforts will focus on passing the City's priority legislation, defeating and amending bills we oppose, and working to smooth out problematic language in other bills. City staff will continue to analyze amended versions of bills and proposed floor amendments.