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**Week Overview**

In week eight of the legislative session, the legislature held very few committee meetings and focused their work on passing bills off of the floors of the House and Senate, often meeting late into the evening. Seattle Police Department Assistant Chief Dick Reed was in Olympia on Tuesday and took time to thank the senate champions on legislation to end human trafficking, Senator Jeanne Kohl Welles and Senator Mike Padden.

**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](#), [Jinkins](#), [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 passed out of the chamber in a 51-46 (1 excused) vote on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Companion Bill**: [SB 5598](#)

**Sponsor**: Senator Mark Mullet

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

**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 eligible for a floor vote in the House.

**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 the House 54 to 44. The Senate has scheduled HB 1680 for a public hearing in the Early Learning & K-12 Committee on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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

**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 is eligible for a floor vote in the House.

**Companion Bill:** [SB 5861](#)

**Sponsor:** Senator Ed Murray

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

**Status:** SB 5861 was heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on February 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Jim 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

**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 eligible for a floor vote in the House.

**Companion Bill:** [SB 5711](#)

**Sponsor:** Senator Adam Kline

**Co-Sponsors:** [Tom](#), [Kohl-Welles](#), [Litzow](#), [Darneille](#), [Keiser](#), [Harper](#), [Froct](#), [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.

**[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 is eligible for a floor vote in the House.

**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 passed out of the chamber in a 49-0 vote. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**[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](#), [Frocht](#), [Rolfes](#)

**Status:** SB 5066 is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

**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 passed out of the Senate in a 49-0 vote. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in the House Public Safety Committee on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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 which will hold a hearing on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**[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 passed out of the chamber in a 49-0 vote and has been sent to the House Education 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 passed the House 97 to 0, with 1 excused.

### **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](#), [Moscoso](#), [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 bill could be 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 could be 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 is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

**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 is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

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

***Other Issues of Significant Interest***

Disabled Parking Placards

**[HB 1946](#): Concerning Special Parking Privileges for Persons with Disabilities.**

**Sponsor:** Representative Sam Hunt

**Co-Sponsor:** [Reykdal](#)

**Summary:** 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 passed the House 98-0.

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

Towing

**[HB 1625](#): Concerning limitations on certain tow truck operator rates.**

**Sponsor:** Representative Gerry Pollet

**Co-Sponsors:** Clibborn, Kagi, Pedersen, Hunt, Ricelli, Appleton, Hudgins, Moscoso, Fitzgibbon, Morrell, Sells, Bergquist

**Summary:** The bill would establish statewide maximum rates on private impound tows. The bill was amended on the floor to clarify that Seattle would retain the ability to set rates and related charges should the City prevail in pending litigation.

**Status:** HB 1625 passed the House 91-7.

**Position:** Seattle supports this legislation.

Energy Efficiency

**[HB 1017](#): Creating new efficiency standards**

**Sponsor:** Representative Jeff Morris

**Co-Sponsors:** [Fitzgibbon](#), [Fey](#), [Liias](#), [McCoy](#), [Hudgins](#), [Farrell](#), [Morrell](#), [Ormsby](#), [Uptegrove](#), [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:** HB 1017 was voted out of the House in a 59-38 vote, with 1 excused.

**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:** Senator Maralyn 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 passed out of the Chamber in a 31-18 vote. The bill has now been referred to the House Environment 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 was passed out of the House in a 57-40 vote, with 1 excused.

**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 on the calendar for a floor vote in the Senate.

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

## Reducing Toxins

### **SB 5181: Concerning Flame Retardants.**

**Sponsor:** Senator Sharon Nelson

**Co-sponsors:** [Billig](#), [Hargrove](#), [Harper](#), [Schlicher](#), [Kline](#), [Frockt](#), [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 passed out of the Chamber in a 53-44 vote, with 1 excused.

**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](#), [Moscoso](#), [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.

## 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 eligible for a floor vote in the House.

**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](#), [Moscoso](#)

**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 eligible for a floor vote in the House.

**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 eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

**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 eligible for a possible floor vote in the Senate.

**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 eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

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



Public Works Contracting

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

**Sponsor:** Representative Kathy Haigh

**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 passed the House unanimously, with 3 excused.

**Companion Bill:** [SB 5349](#)

**Sponsor:** Senator Bruce Dammeier

**Status:** SB 5349 passed out of the chamber in a 49-0 vote. The bill was heard in the House Capital Budget committee on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Extended Foster Care Services

**[SB 5405](#): Concerning Extended Foster Care Services**

**Sponsor:** Senator Ed Murray

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

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

**Status:** SB 5405 is eligible for a floor vote in the Senate.

**Companion Bill:** [HB 1302](#)

**Sponsor:** Representative Mary Helen Roberts

**Status:** HB 1302 passed the House 91 to 6, with 1 excused.

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

**Looking Ahead:**

The house of origin cutoff date is March 13<sup>th</sup>, and the legislature is expected to work long hours to vote on bills prior to this deadline. In the final days before cutoff, floor speeches are limited to only 3 minutes instead of 10 minutes, so this is a popular time to schedule contentious bills.