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Week Overview

With 5 weeks left on the regular calendar, the legislature turns to the major work for this session: the budget. Given the significant differences in approach between the Republican-controlled Senate and Democrat-controlled House on whether new revenues are needed, talks are increasing that at least one special session will be necessary for an operating budget deal to come together. Legislators ultimately have until June 30th to avoid shutting down the state government.

Priority Areas

Budget and Infrastructure

The House is scheduled to release their budget first this year, and speculation on when that will happen is varied, but most accounts put the date as sometime next week (the week of March 30th). The Senate is expected to follow shortly thereafter.

It is anticipated that the House will include 1 to 3 possible revenue sources, generating between \$1.2 and \$1.5 billion dollars. The Senate is expected to issue their budget assuming no new revenue. Given the difficulties in finding consensus on revenue, it is possible the House will pass a spending plan but wait to vote on the revenue to support it. Senate Republicans have already stated that negotiations should only begin once both a plan and the funding for it have been voted on.

[SSB 5795](#), the Latecomers Fee bill sponsored by Sen. Pam Roach (R) and supported by the City, was heard in the House Local Government Committee on March 17th and exec'd out on March 20th. The vote was a 5-4 party line vote.

Education

The Senate version of the Early Start Act, [SSB 5452](#) by Sen. Steve Litzow (R), was heard March 20th in

the House Early Learning Committee and is scheduled for exec on March 26th. [HB 1491](#), the House companion by Rep. Ruth Kagi (D), will be heard in Senate committee on March 23rd.

Safety Net, Housing and Health Care

[HB 1553](#), Rep. Brady Walkinshaw's Certificate of Restoration Bill to provide assistance to previously incarcerated individuals seeking employment opportunities, received an emotional hearing in the Senate Law and Justice committee on Thursday, March 19th. Individual speakers testified to their past failures, their rehabilitation and the continued onus placed on their records even after completing their debts to society. The bill previously passed unanimously out of the House.

[SB 5404](#), the Homeless Youth Act, sponsored by Sen. Steve O'Ban, was heard on March 18th in House Early Learning and is scheduled for exec on March 26th.

Representatives Ross Hunter (D) and Reuven Carlyle (D) introduced a new bill on Wednesday aiming to create a new revenue stream for cancer research, prevention and care. [HB 2194](#), endorsed by the governor, adds a fifty-cent tax per pack of cigarettes.

One of the most attended hearings this week happened on Monday, when the House Commerce & Labor Committee held public hearing on [HB 1645](#), addressing vaping regulations. Over 300 people attended, filling four overflow rooms, to testify on the legislation, which proposes a 95% tax on vaping products to be used for youth prevention efforts. The legislation would also require licenses for vaping stores and prohibit e-cigarette sales to minors.

Rep. Tina Orwall's (D) [HB 1068](#), which concerns testing on sexual assault kits, received a hearing on March 16th in the Senate Law and Justice Committee. Seattle Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole sent a letter to the committee in support of this legislation.

A touch of humor and Hollywood proved a compelling lobbying technique as film industry workers descended on the Capitol March 17th in support of [SB 6027](#). Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles' (D) bill would continue the Film Works tax incentive program for motion picture activities in the state. Highlighting the in-state production of Z-Nation, an online TV series, lobby day attendees dressed as zombies and shot actual footage on the capitol steps. Mayor Murray issued a proclamation in support of the bill, declaring the day "Seattle Film Day".

Environment

[E2SSB 5057](#), Sen. Ericksen's (R) bill on hazardous materials transportation, received a hearing in the House Environment Committee on March 16th. [ESHB 1449](#), Rep Jessyn Farrell's (D) alternative, was heard March 18th in Senate Energy, Environment and Telecommunications (EET).

[ESHB 1571](#) by Rep. Strom Peterson (D), which would create a paint stewardship program to handle disposal of unused oil-based paints, came under strong questioning from Republican members of the Senate EET Committee on March 17th. Members focused on the fees generated by the program and where those were allocated and spent.

Transportation

With the House planning on hearing the proposed Senate Transportation Package this week (see below in Looking Ahead), speculation continues on when the House will issue its own funding package. The Governor recently suggested that the House will release its operating budget prior to any transportation package release. He said both budgets “to some degree” may share a revenue source.

Public Safety

Marijuana

[SB 5052](#), an omnibus medical marijuana bill sponsored by Sen. Ann Rivers (R), has been referred to the House Rules Committee, rather than Appropriations as reported last week.

New legislation introduced this week, [HB 2196](#) and [SB 6083](#), sponsored by Sen. Kohl-Welles and Rep. Brian Blake (D), respectively, allow individuals to home grow up to six marijuana plants per residence. The legislation has bipartisan support and is intended to streamline recreational and medical marijuana laws, to incorporate more consistency between them and reduce multiple regulatory layers. All three other states and the District of Columbia which have also legalized marijuana have similar provisions already.

Other

[ESHB 1980](#), implementing the recommendations of the sunshine committee, was heard in Senate Government Operations and Security on March 19th. Barb Graff from the City’s Office of Emergency Management testified in support of Sections 5 and 6 of the bill – those that respectively address exemption from public disclosure of information volunteered for 9-1-1 databases or alert and warning system databases.

Looking Ahead

All eyes are on the House Transportation Committee this week as the hearing on the main portions of the Senate Transportation package, [ESSB 5987](#) & [ESSB 5988](#), proceeds this coming Thursday, March 26th. OIR welcomes Seattle Mayor Murray to Olympia to testify on the bills.

[HB 2136](#), Rep. Reuven Carlyle’s omnibus bill regulating aspects of the recreational marijuana market receives a hearing Monday, March 23rd. Representatives from the City will testify in support.

[HB 1745](#), Rep. Luis Moscoso’s (D) Voting Rights Act, is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Government Operations and Security committee, Monday, March 23rd.

Live Bills Status Report

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
ESHB 1093	Unmanned aircraft	Concerning unmanned aircraft.	Public Hearing in Law & Justice (Senate) on 3/23 @ 1:30pm	Morris
E2SHB 1174 (SB 5684)	Flame retardants	Concerning flame retardants.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications	Van De Wege
SHB 1223	Lodging tx/workforce housing	Allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing.	SHumSer/MenHlth - First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing	Springer
SHB 1238	Affordable tuition planning	Concerning affordable tuition planning.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education	Pollet
SHB 1240 (2SSB 5908)	Student restraint, isolation	Concerning restraint or isolation of students, including students with disabilities, in public schools.	Mar 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education	Pollet
SHB 1257 (SB 5123)	Tenant screening reports	Concerning tenant screening.	SFin Inst/Ins - First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Walkinshaw
EHB 1258 (E2SSB 5269)	Detention decision review	Concerning court review of detention decisions under the involuntary treatment act.	Public Hearing in Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (Senate) on 3/23 @ 10:00am	Walkinshaw
E2SHB 1276	Impaired driving	Concerning impaired driving.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice	Klippert
SHB 1295 (2SSB 5437)	Breakfast after the bell	Concerning breakfast after the bell programs.	Mar 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education	Hudgins
HB 1355 (SB 5285)	Minimum hourly wage increase	Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over four years.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Farrell

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HB 1356 (SB 5306)	Sick & safe employment leave	Establishing minimum standards for sick and safe leave from employment.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Jinkins
HB 1389 (SB 5181)	State fire service/disasters	Addressing the scope of state fire service mobilization and ensuring compliance with existing state and federal disaster response policies.	Public Hearing in Government Operations & Security (Senate) on 3/23 @ 10:00am	Goodman
ESHB 1417 (ESSB 5048)	Water-sewer districts	Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.	Public Hearing in Government Operations & Security (Senate) on 3/24 @ 10:00am	Takko
2SHB 1436 (2SSB 5404)	Homeless youth	Concerning homeless youth prevention and protection.	Public Hearing in Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (Senate) on 3/24 @ 10:00am	Kagi
ESHB 1448 (SB 5781)	Suicide threats, response to	Providing procedures for responding to reports of threatened or attempted suicide.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing	Riccelli
ESHB 1449 (SB 5087)	Oil transportation safety	Concerning oil transportation safety.	Mar 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications	Farrell
E2SHB 1472 (SB 5406)	Chemical action plans	Concerning using chemical action plans to require safer chemicals in Washington.	Public Hearing in Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (Senate) on 3/24 @ 1:30pm	Fitzgibbon
E2SHB 1491 (E2SSB 5452)	Early care & education system	Improving quality in the early care and education system.	Public Hearing in Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) on 3/23 @ 1:30pm Exec Session in Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) on 3/24 @ 1:30pm	Kagi
SHB 1511 (SSB 5433)	Tribal history, culture, etc	Requiring Washington's tribal history, culture, and government to be taught in the common schools.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education	Ortiz-Self

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ESHB 1553	Opportunity restoration	Encouraging certificates of restoration of opportunity.	Mar 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice	Walkinshaw
HB 1554	Children/guardians, family	Exempting information of guardians or family members of children enrolled in child care, early learning, parks and recreation, after-school, and youth development programs.	Public Hearing in Government Operations & Security (Senate) on 3/24 @ 10:00am	Stambaugh
ESHB 1571 (SB 5926)	Paint stewardship	Concerning paint stewardship.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications	Peterson
2SHB 1576 (SSB 5864)	Annexed areas/sales & use tx	Concerning sales and use tax for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas.	Exec Session in Ways & Means (Senate) on 3/24 @ 3:30pm	Fitzgibbon
ESHB 1646 (SB 5630)	Equal pay and opportunities	Enacting the equal pay opportunity act by amending and enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act and protecting worker communications about wages and employment opportunities.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Senn
HB 1647 (SB 5574)	Reproductive health care	Concerning health plan coverage of reproductive health care.	SHealth Care - First reading, referred to Health Care. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Cody
ESHB 1713	Mental hlth, chem dependency	Integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency.	Public Hearing in Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (Senate) on 3/23 @ 10:00am	Cody
HB 1720	Healthy housing	Concerning healthy housing.	Mar 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing	Robinson
2SHB 1735 (SSB 5740)	Extended foster care	Concerning extended foster care services.	Mar 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing	Orwall
ESHB 1745 (SB 5668)	Voting rights	Enacting the Washington voting rights act.	Public Hearing in Government Operations & Security (Senate) on 3/23 @ 10:00am	Moscoso
SHB 1783 (SB 5675)	Dual language instruction	Expanding dual language and bilingual instruction for early learners through secondary students.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education	Ortiz-Self

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HB 1821 (SB 5710)	For hire, limo, taxi/ind ins	Addressing industrial insurance requirements and options for owners and lessees of for hire vehicles, limousines, and taxicabs.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Sullivan
2SHB 1916	Chem dependency & mental hlth	Integrating administrative provisions for chemical dependency and mental health.	Public Hearing in Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (Senate) on 3/23 @ 10:00am	Pollet
ESHB 1980 (SB 6020)	Sunshine committee rec's	Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee.	Mar 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security	Springer
E2SHB 2060 (SSB 5889)	Competency eval, restoration	Concerning competency evaluation and restoration services.	Public Hearing in Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (Senate) on 3/23 @ 10:00am	Jinkins
EHB 2086 (SB 5900)	The homeless/religious orgs	Prohibiting certain limitations on the hosting of the homeless by religious organizations.	Public Hearing in Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (Senate) on 3/24 @ 10:00am	McBride
SSB 5012	Industrial hemp	Authorizing the growing of industrial hemp.	Exec Session in Commerce & Gaming (House) on 3/23 @ 1:30pm Exec Session in Commerce & Gaming (House) on 3/24 @ 1:30pm Exec Session in Commerce & Gaming (House) on 3/26 @ 9:00am	Hatfield
ESSB 5048 (ESHB 1417)	Water-sewer districts	Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.	Exec Session in Local Government (House) on 3/24 @ 10:00am	Chase
2SSB 5052	Cannabis patient protection	Establishing the cannabis patient protection act.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Rivers
E2SSB 5057	Hazardous material transport	Concerning the safe transport of hazardous materials.	Mar 16 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment	Ericksen
SB 5088 (HB 1182)	Geological hazard assessment	Concerning a geological hazards assessment.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Pearson

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ESB 5091	Nuclear energy as alt energy	Including nuclear energy in the definition of a "qualified alternative energy resource" for the purposes of RCW 19.29A.090.	Public Hearing in Technology & Economic Development (House) on 3/25 @ 8:00am	Brown
SB 5094 (HB 1352)	Hydroelectric generation	Allowing incremental electricity produced as a result of efficiency improvements to hydroelectric generation projects whose energy output is marketed by the Bonneville power administration to qualify as an eligible renewable resource under the energy independence act.	Public Hearing in Technology & Economic Development (House) on 3/25 @ 8:00am	Brown
SB 5121	Marijuana research license	Establishing a marijuana research license.	Public Hearing in Commerce & Gaming (House) on 3/23 @ 1:30pm Exec Session in Commerce & Gaming (House) on 3/24 @ 1:30pm Exec Session in Commerce & Gaming (House) on 3/26 @ 9:00am	Kohl-Welles
E2SSB 5269 (EHB 1258)	Detention decision review	Concerning court review of detention decisions under the involuntary treatment act.	Mar 19 Passed out of the House Committee on Judiciary	O'Ban
ESSB 5343 (HB 1751)	Transit construction/parking	Concerning parking impact mitigation from regional transit authority facility construction.	HTrans - First reading, referred to Transportation. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Hasegawa
SB 5396	Children/guardians, family	Exempting information of guardians or family members of children enrolled in child care, early learning, parks and recreation, after-school, and youth development programs.	Exec Session in State Government (House) on 3/24 @ 10:00am	Roach
2SSB 5404 (2SHB 1436)	Homeless youth	Concerning homeless youth prevention and protection.	Exec Session in Early Learning & Human Services (House) on 3/24 @ 8:00am	O'Ban

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SSB 5433 (SHB 1511)	Tribal history, culture, etc	Requiring Washington's tribal history, culture, and government to be taught in the common schools.	Public Hearing in Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (House) on 3/23 @ 1:30pm Exec Session in Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (House) on 3/23 @ 1:30pm	Litzow
E2SSB 5452 (E2SHB 1491)	Early care & education system	Improving quality in the early care and education system.	Public Hearing in Early Learning & Human Services (House) on 3/20 @ 10:00am Exec Session in Early Learning & Human Services (House) on 3/26 @ 10:00am	Litzow
SSB 5463 (2SHB 1107)	Cultural & heritage programs	Concerning access to and creation of cultural and heritage programs and facilities.	Exec Session in Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (House) on 3/23 @ 1:30pm	Hill
2SSB 5486 (2SHB 1728)	Parents for parents program	Creating the parents for parents program.	Exec Session in Early Learning & Human Services (House) on 3/24 @ 8:00am	Frockt
ESSB 5550	Commercial trans. providers	Regulating providers of commercial transportation services.	HBus & Fin Svcs - First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Habib
SSB 5609 (HB 1378)	Synthetic plastic microbeads	Protecting waterways from pollution from synthetic plastic microbeads.	Public Hearing in Environment (House) on 3/23 @ 1:30pm	Bailey
SSB 5715	Initiatives, fiscal impact	Including the contents of fiscal impact statements in the ballot title for certain initiative measures.	Mar 18 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government	Fain
ESSB 5735	Carbon reduction investments	Providing incentives for carbon reduction investments.	Public Hearing in Technology & Economic Development (House) on 3/24 @ 10:00am	Ericksen

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SSB 5740 (2SHB 1735)	Extended foster care	Concerning extended foster care services.	Exec Session in Early Learning & Human Services (House) on 3/26 @ 10:00am	Fain
ESSB 5748 (HB 2019)	Teacher and principal eval.	Clarifying the teacher and principal evaluation process with the intent of strengthening the process.	HEducation - First reading, referred to Education. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Litzow
2SSB 5755 (2SHB 1885)	Property crimes, impacts of	Addressing and mitigating the impacts of property crimes in Washington state.	Public Hearing in Public Safety (House) on 3/24 @ 9:00am	Hargrove
SSB 5795 (SHB 1911)	Water or sewer facilities	Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.	Exec Session in Local Government (House) on 3/24 @ 10:00am	Roach
ESSB 5804 (HB 1289)	State energy code, adoption	Modifying the procedure for adoption and amendment of the Washington state energy code.	HTech & Econ D - First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development. Not yet scheduled for Public Hearing.	Liias
SSB 5889 (E2SHB 2060)	Competency eval. timeliness	Concerning timeliness of competency evaluation and restoration services.	C 5 L 15 - Effective date 7/26/2015.	O'Ban
ESSB 5899 (2SHB 1922)	Small loans	Addressing small loans and small consumer installment loans.	Public Hearing in Business & Financial Services (House) on 3/24 @ 8:00am Exec Session in Business & Financial Services (House) on 3/25 @ 1:30pm	Liias