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Week Overview

Week two brought the 2017 Session into full swing. The capitol campus was busy on January 19th with many people taking advantage of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to visit with their legislators. Student, parent, and educator groups rallied on the capitol steps with the goal of putting pressure on the Legislature to fully fund K-12 education. It was estimated that approximately 6,500 people attended.

On the same day, Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced his plan to introduce legislation that would end the death penalty in Washington State. The legislation would replace capital punishment as a sentencing option with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Priority Areas

Education

Levy Cliff: It has been announced that the House expects to run [SHB 1059](#), the levy lid extension bill, on the floor on January 23rd.

Early Learning: Sen. Billig (D) introduced [SB 5107](#), which would create a local pathway for local government, school districts, and nonprofit organizations to provide more high quality early learning opportunities by reducing barriers and increasing efficiency. The bill received a public hearing on January 19th.

Public Safety

Death Penalty: On Monday, Attorney General Bob Ferguson (D), Governor Inslee (D), and former Attorney General Rob McKenna (R) announced a bipartisan bill ([SB 5354](#)) to abolish the state's death penalty. This comes following a 2014 moratorium on the death penalty that the governor instituted.

Use of Deadly Force: The use of deadly force task force meet over the interim to review laws, practices, and training programs regarding use of deadly force and recommend best practices to reduce the number of violent interaction between law enforcement and members of the public. The task force was required to submit a final report to the Legislature and Governor by December 1, 2016. Sen. Frockt (D) and Rep. Ryu (D) introduced [SB 5073/HB 1529](#) reflecting the recommendations of the joint task force. Rep. Doglio (D) and Sen. McCoy (D) introduced [HB 1000/SB 5000](#), which proposes changes to the use of deadly force statute.

Sexual Assault Forensic Exams: [HB 1109](#), which creates a pilot project to create and train multidisciplinary community response teams, and creates a funding account using a fee levied on adult entertainment establishments, was passed out of committee on Thursday, January 19th. [HB 1111](#), which creates procedural improvements to the collection and processing of DNA, is scheduled for a public hearing on January 23rd in House Public Safety Committee.

Human Trafficking: Bipartisan legislation to strengthen current Washington State human trafficking laws was introduced this week. The "Human Trafficking Protection Order Bill" ([HB 1079/SB 5029](#)) protects victims by creating a protection order or no-contact order. [HB 1078/SB 5030](#) extends the statute of limitations for human trafficking crimes from three to ten years. Neither bill has a financial impact on the state. Both House bills ([HB 1079/HB 1078](#)) were passed out of the House Public Safety Committee and the Senate bills ([SB 5029/SB 5030](#)) had a public hearing in the Senate Law and Justice Committee on January 17th.

Gun Responsibility: This week, Rep. Jenkins (D) introduced [HB 1387](#), Enhanced Assault Weapon Background Checks, which raises the legal age of possession to 21 and requires an in-depth background check and safety training in order to purchase an assault weapon. This bill and legislation banning the sales of assault-style rifles ([SB 5050/HB 1134](#)), have not been scheduled for public hearings. In addition, [HB 1122](#), dangerous access prevention, creates criminal liability if a child or anyone prohibited from possessing firearms accesses an unsecured firearm and uses it to hurt themselves or others, has not been scheduled for a public hearing.

Police Citizenship: [HB 1182](#), sponsored by Rep. Stokesbary (R), addresses civil service qualifications by expanding who can apply for a position of any kind under civil service to include a lawful permanent resident. The bill has been scheduled for a public hearing in the House Labor and Workforce Standards on January 24th. The companion bill, [SB 5389](#), sponsored by Sen. Miloscia (R), has not yet been scheduled for any action in the Senate.

Marijuana: [HB 1065](#), concerning penalties for marijuana offenses, received a public hearing in the House Commerce and Gaming Committee on January 17th. This bill would reduce the penalties for possession and transfer of marijuana products outside of the I-502 system in certain circumstances and authorize the noncommercial transfer (gift) of marijuana products in amounts

equal to half of the current possession limits by a person 21 years of age or older to another person(s) 21 years of age or older. David Mendoza (OPI) and Kelly Harris (Law) came down to Olympia to testify on this bill. In addition, [HB 1260](#), sponsored by Rep. Fitzgibbon (D), would require a court to vacate misdemeanor marijuana possession convictions on request of a qualifying applicant. The bill has been scheduled for a public hearing in the House Public Safety Committee on January 23rd.

Ban the Box: [HB 1298](#), sponsored by Rep. Ortiz-Self (D), would prohibit employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position. The bill has been scheduled for a public hearing on January 24th and executive action on January 26th in the House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee. [SB 5312](#), sponsored by Sen. Baumgartner (R), is a similar bill in the Senate that has not yet been scheduled for any action.

Public Records: On January 17th, Rep. McBride (D) and Rep. Nealey (R) introduced [HB 1317](#), concerning the public disclosure of global positioning system data corresponding to residential addresses of public employees and volunteers. We expect to see new pieces of legislation regarding public records in the upcoming days.

General Government

Seattle Center: Rep. Fey (D) introduced [HB 1114](#), which exempts the Seattle Center and Tacoma Dome from the leasehold excise tax. This bill has not been scheduled for a public hearing.

Vested Rights: [SB 5212](#), sponsored by Sen. Wilson (R), concerns the scope of land use control ordinances for purposes of vesting, and has been scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Local Government Committee on January 24th.

Environment

Electrification of Transportation: [HB 1335](#), which seeks to allow for incentives for the installation of electrification equipment, was introduced by Rep. Tarleton (D). The bill has been narrowly drafted to apply to Seattle City Light only. We hope to have this bill scheduled for a public hearing in the next couple of weeks.

Model Toxics Control Act: Sen. Erickson (R) has introduced [SB 5170](#), which concerns independent remedial actions under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Additionally, several work sessions were held over the week on MTCA. On January 16th, the House Environment Committee had the Department of Ecology provide presentations on the MTCA budget and project updates. The work session also included a presentation by the Washington Environmental Council on MTCA reductions and future goals. The House Capital Budget held a work session on January 17th where the Office of Financial Management went over Governor Inslee's approach to solving the MTCA problems. The Department of Ecology also provided a presentation on the MTCA budget. On the same day, the Department of Ecology gave Senate Energy, Environment, and Telecommunications Committee an overview of toxics cleanup.

Homelessness & Housing

Homelessness: Rep. Macri (D) and 28 other legislative members introduced [HB 1570](#), access to homeless housing and assistance, which eliminates the sunset for the local homeless housing and assistance document recording fee and increases the \$40 fee to \$90. The legislation also changes the definition of private rental housing to include non-profit organizations. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing on Thursday, January 26th in the House Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs committee.

Preservation Tax Exemption: Sen. Fain (R) introduced [SB 5182](#), which provides a property tax exemption for the preservation of affordable housing. This legislation is one of the recommendations from the Seattle HALA report and is scheduled for public hearing on Monday, January 23rd, in the Senate Human Services, Mental Health and Housing committee.

Affordable Housing: Rep. McBride (D) introduced [HB 1536](#), local option tools for affordable housing. The bill provides multiple tools such as REET 3, the preservation tax exemption, REET 1 and 2 flexibility, and authorizing a demolition fee. In addition, an omnibus bill ([SB 5254](#)) that makes changes to buildable lands, zoning in urban growth areas, affordable housing, and homelessness, was introduced by Sen. Fain and is scheduled for a public hearing on Thursday, January 26th in the Senate Local Government committee.

Safety Net

Family & Medical Leave Insurance: Legislators introduced two different approaches to family and medical leave. Sen. Keiser (D) and Rep. Robinson (D) introduced [SB 5032/](#)[HB 1116](#), which advocates describe as a holistic, integrated system with paid leave benefits that follow the worker and allows for up to 26 weeks of family leave and 12 weeks for disability leave. Workers, advocates, and business owners testified in favor of [HB 1116](#) on January 19th. Sen. Fain (R) introduced [SB 5149](#), which is fully employee paid, and tied to time with a particular employer and provides only 8 weeks of leave in 2020 (which increases to 12 weeks in 2023). This bill has not been scheduled for a public hearing in Senate Commerce, Labor and Sports.

Equal Pay: Legislators introduced several bills relating to Equal Pay for women this week. Sen. Cleveland (D) and Rep. Senn (D) introduced [SB 5140](#) and [HB 1506](#) to address work place practices to achieve gender pay equity. [HB 1506](#) is scheduled for a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24th, in the House Labor Committee. Sen. Fain introduced [SB 5344](#), which restricts prohibitions on employee's discussing wages, but does not include restrictions on career tracking or create administrative remedies.

Safe Injection Sites: In 2016 the King County Heroin Crisis Task Force recommended two safe injection sites for drug users in King County. Proponents say safe injection sites could save taxpayers millions in crisis services; opponents believe it condones the practice. The King County prosecutor endorsed safe injection sites earlier this week. The King County Board of Health also voted unanimously on Thursday, January 19th to endorse the sites. Sen. Miloscia (R) introduced [SB 5223](#) to block cities and counties in Washington State from hosting safe injection sites.

Transportation

REAL ID: Rep. Clibborn (D) and Sen. King (R) introduced legislation aimed at facilitating compliance with the federal REAL ID Act ([HB 1041/SB 5008](#)). The bill would modify drivers' licenses and identification card design and fees. Both bills had a public hearing on January 19th.

Distracted Driving: Rep. Farrell (D) and Sen. Rivers (R) introduced legislation to prevent drivers from holding a smartphone, tablet, or communication device while driving or using a mounted device that requires more than a tap, [HB 1371/SB 5289](#).

Looking Ahead

Seattle City Council members will travel to Olympia on Thursday, January 26th, to meet with key legislators and discuss the City of Seattle legislative agenda.

The first round of cut off dates, Policy Committee Cutoff and Fiscal Committee Cutoff, are set for February 17th and February 24th. Bills need to be passed out of their policy and fiscal committees on or before that date in order to be considered this session. Exceptions to these deadlines include bills necessary to implement the budget. The House of Origin Cutoff is on March 8th.

Some of the bills we are monitoring include (please let us know if there are bills you would like us to add to this list):

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
HB 1000 (SB 5000)	Law enforcement deadly force	Concerning the use of deadly force by law enforcement and corrections officers.	H Public Safety	Doglio
HB 1011	Gender-segregated facilities	Allowing the use of gender-segregated facilities.	H Judiciary	Taylor
HB 1015	Carrying concealed pistols	Prohibiting restrictions on the carrying of a concealed pistol by persons with a valid concealed pistol license in certain facilities.	H Judiciary	Shea
HB 1041 (SB 5008)	REAL ID compliance	Facilitating compliance with the federal REAL ID act by modifying driver's license and identicard design and fees.	H Trans	Clibborn
HB 1047	Medication disposal system	Protecting the public's health by creating a system for safe and secure collection and disposal of unwanted medications.	H HC/Wellness	Peterson
HB 1048	Renewable energy promotion	Promoting a sustainable, local renewable energy industry through modifying renewable energy system tax incentives and providing guidance for renewable energy system component recycling.	H Tech & Econ D	Morris
HB 1054 (SB 5025)	Tobacco & vapor products/age	Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.	H HC/Wellness	Harris
HB 1059 (SB 5023)	School levy lid revs./delay	Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.	H 2nd Reading	Lytton
HB 1061 (SB 5043)	Collection agency fees	Concerning collection agency transaction fees for processing electronic payments.	H Bus & Fin Svcs	Stanford
HB 1065	Marijuana offense penalties	Concerning penalties for marijuana offenses.	H Commerce & Gam	Kirby
HB 1073 (SB 5026)	Freight deliverers	Concerning commercial transportation services freight deliverers.	H Bus & Fin Svcs	Kirby
HB 1078 (SB 5030)	Trafficking, etc/time limits	Concerning human trafficking, prostitution, and commercial sexual abuse of a minor.	H PSDP	Pellicciotti
HB 1079 (SB 5029)	No-contact order/trafficking	Creating a criminal no-contact order for human trafficking and promoting prostitution-related offenses.	H PSDPS	Orwall
HB 1082 (SB 5286)	Commercial rent control	Prohibiting regulation of the amount of rent for commercial properties.	H Local Govt	Manweller

HB 1093	Legal financial obligations	Clarifying legal financial obligation provisions.	H Judiciary	Appleton
HB 1101	GMA populat. growth criteria	Simplifying the population growth criteria for planning required by the growth management act.	H Environment	Taylor
HB 1109	Victims of sexual assault	Supporting victims of sexual assault.	H Public Safety	Orwall
HB 1111	DNA biological samples	Concerning DNA biological samples.	H Public Safety	Orwall
HB 1112 (SB 5272)	Trafficking victims/vacating	Vacating convictions arising from offenses committed as a result of being a victim of trafficking, promoting prostitution, or promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor.	H Public Safety	Orwall
HB 1113	Excess liquor revenue dist.	Concerning gradually increasing the local government share of excess liquor revenues until the percentage-based method for distributions is restored.	H Approps	Hayes
HB 1114	Performing arts/leasehold tx	Exempting certain leasehold interests in performing arts facilities or arenas from the leasehold excise tax.	H Finance	Fey
HB 1116 (SB 5032)	Family & med leave insurance	Implementing family and medical leave insurance.	H Labor & Workpl	Robinson
HB 1122	Storage of firearms	Protecting public safety through responsible storage of firearms.	H Judiciary	Kagi
HB 1123 (SB 5251)	Tourism marketing	Concerning tourism marketing.	H Comm Dev, Hous	Condotta
HB 1134 (SB 5050)	Assault weapons ban	Banning the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.	H Judiciary	Peterson
HB 1144	Greenhouse gas emissions	Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	H Environment	Fitzgibbon
HB 1158	I-200 repeal	Restoring the fair treatment of underserved groups in public employment, education, and contracting.	H Cap Budget	Santos
HB 1163	Domestic violence	Concerning domestic violence.	H PSDPS	Goodman
HB 1182	Civil service qualifications	Addressing civil service qualifications.	H Labor & Workpl	Stokesbary
HB 1210	Oil spill prevention account	Strengthening funding for oil spill programs in Washington by increasing revenue to the oil spill prevention account.	H Finance	Farrell
HB 1226	Electronic waste collection	Improving the convenience of electronic waste collection.	H Environment	Pike
HB 1260	Marijuana misdemeanors	Providing for the vacation of misdemeanor marijuana	H Public Safety	Fitzgibbon

		offense convictions.		
HB 1298	Job applicants/arrests, etc.	Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.	H Labor & Workpl	Ortiz-Self
HB 1317 (SB 5207)	GPS data disclosure	Concerning the public disclosure of global positioning system data corresponding to residential addresses of public employees and volunteers.	H State Governme	McBride
HB 1335	Transp. electrification	Concerning the electrification of transportation infrastructure.	H Tech & Econ D	Tarleton
HB 1371 (SB 5289)	Distracted driving	Modifying the infraction of and penalties for distracted driving.	H Trans	Farrell
HB 1427	Opioid treatment programs	Concerning opioid treatment programs.	H HC/Wellness	Cody
HB 1506	Workplaces/gender pay equity	Addressing workplace practices to achieve gender pay equity.		Senn
HB 1529 (SB 5073)	Use of deadly force	Concerning recommendations from the joint legislative task force on the use of deadly force in community policing.		Ryu
HB 1536	Afford. housing/local tools	Concerning local option tools to promote, preserve, and incentivize affordable housing.		McBride
HB 1570	Homeless housing & assist.	Concerning access to homeless housing and assistance.		Macri
SB 5000 (HB 1000)	Law enforcement deadly force	Concerning the use of deadly force by law enforcement and corrections officers.	S Law & Justice	McCoy
SB 5008 (HB 1041)	REAL ID compliance	Facilitating compliance with the federal REAL ID act by modifying driver's license and identicard design and fees.	S Transportation	King
SB 5023 (HB 1059)	School levy lid revs./delay	Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.	S EL/K-12	Wellman
SB 5025 (HB 1054)	Tobacco & vapor products/age	Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.	S HLTHw/o Rec	Miloscia
SB 5026 (HB 1073)	Freight deliverers	Concerning commercial transportation services freight deliverers.	S Transportation	Hobbs
SB 5029 (HB 1079)	No-contact order/trafficking	Creating a criminal no-contact order for human trafficking and promoting prostitution-related offenses.	S Law & Justice	Padden
SB 5030	Trafficking, etc/time limits	Concerning human trafficking, prostitution, and	S Law & Justice	Darneille

(HB 1078)		commercial sexual abuse of a minor.		
SB 5032 (HB 1116)	Family & med leave insurance	Implementing family and medical leave insurance.	S Com/Labor/Spor	Keiser
SB 5034	Local gov. financial reports	Concerning local government financial reports.	S Local Governmen	Rivers
SB 5046	Language of public notices	Providing public notices of public health, safety, and welfare in a language other than English.	S Local Governme	Hasegawa
SB 5050 (HB 1134)	Assault weapons ban	Banning the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.	S Law & Justice	Frocket
SB 5073	Use of deadly force	Concerning recommendations from the joint legislative task force on the use of deadly force in community policing.	S Law & Justice	Frocket
SB 5077	Housing assistance/WCCW	Allowing the department of corrections to provide temporary housing assistance to individuals being released from the Washington corrections center for women.	S Law & Justice	Angel
SB 5098 (HB 1498)	Flammable train speed limits	Concerning high hazard flammable train speed limits in certain urban areas.	S Transportation	Billig
SB 5111	Capital gains excise tax	Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.	S Ways & Means	Braun
SB 5116	1st class cities' retirement	Authorizing the state investment board to invest the assets of the first class cities' retirement systems.	S Ways & Means	Carlyle
SB 5127	Carbon pollution tax	Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.	S Ways & Means	Braun
SB 5136	Electronic product recycling	Concerning electronic product recycling.	S Energy, Environ	Chase
SB 5137 (HB 1135)	Oil spill planning/railroads	Limiting oil spill contingency planning requirements to those railroads that haul oils used as fuel.	S Energy, Enviro	Warnick
SB 5140	Equal pay and opportunities	Concerning enforcement of the equal pay act and worker communications about wages and employment opportunities.	S Com/Labor/Sport	Cleveland
SB 5149	Paid family leave	Addressing paid family leave.	S Com/Labor/Spor	Fain

SB 5170	Independent remedial actions	Concerning independent remedial actions under the model toxics control act.	S Energy, Environ	Ericksen
SB 5182	Affordable housing options	Providing local governments with options to preserve affordable housing in their communities.	S HumSer/MenHlth	Fain
SB 5212	Land use control ordinances	Concerning the scope of land use control ordinances for purposes of vesting.	S Local Governme	Wilson
SB 5223	Safe injection sites	Concerning safe injection sites in Washington state.	S Health Care	Miloscia
SB 5254	Buildable lands & zoning	Ensuring adequacy of buildable lands and zoning in urban growth areas and providing funding for low-income housing and homelessness programs.	S Local Governmen	Fain
SB 5272 (HB 1112)	Trafficking victims/vacating	Vacating convictions arising from offenses committed as a result of being a victim of trafficking, promoting prostitution, or promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor.	S Law & Justice	Salda?a
SB 5289 (HB 1371)	Distracted driving	Modifying the infraction of and penalties for distracted driving.	S Transportation	Rivers
SB 5312	Criminal record/employment	Prohibiting certain employers from including any question on an application about an applicant's criminal record, inquiring either orally or in writing about an applicant's criminal records, or obtaining information from a criminal background check, until after the employer initially determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified.	S Com/Labor/Spor	Baumgartner
SB 5344	Equal pay act enforcement	Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.	S Com/Labor/Spor	Fain
SB 5354	Death penalty elimination	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.	S Law & Justice	Miloscia
SB 5389 (HB 1182)	Civil service qualifications	Addressing civil service qualifications.		Miloscia