



Weekly Hot Sheet

Counties - the State's partner for progress

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 26, 2022

HEARINGS

Monday, February 21

H Finance at 10 am

[SB 5868](#) - Expanding the use of the rural counties public facilities sales and use tax to include affordable workforce housing. WSAC will sign in pro.

H Consumer Protection & Business at 1:30 pm

[SJM 8006](#) - Concerning a national infrastructure bank. WSAC will sign in pro.

S Health & Long Term Care at 1:30 pm

[HB 1893](#) - Allowing emergency medical technicians to provide medical evaluation, testing, and vaccines outside of an emergency in response to a public health agency request. WSALPHO will sign in pro.

H State Government & Tribal Relations at 1:30 pm

[SB 5961](#) - Incentivizing the use of biochar in government contracts. WSAC will testify other.

H Appropriations at 3:30

[HB 1816](#) - Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. WSAC will

H Transportation at 3:30 pm

[HB 1786](#) - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. WSAC/E will testify other.

[HB 2118](#) - Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations. WSAC/E will testify other.

S Transportation at 4 pm

[SB 5975](#) - Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations. WSAC/E will testify other.

[SB 5689](#) - Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. WSAC/E will testify other.

S Ways & Means at 4 pm

[SB 5693](#) - Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. WSAC will

Tuesday, February 22

S Housing & Local Government at 8 am

[HB 1717](#) - Concerning tribal participation in planning under the growth management act. WSAC will sign in pro.

[HB 1241](#) - Planning under the growth management act. WSAC will testify pro.

H Environment & Energy at 8 am

[E2SSB 5885](#) – Concerning marine shoreline habitat. WSAC will sign in pro.

H Community & Economic Development at 10 am

[SB 5715](#) - Modifying the definition of broadband or broadband service. WSAC will sign in pro.

H Civil Rights & Judiciary at 10 am

[SSB 5575](#) - Adding additional superior court judges in Snohomish county. WSAC will sign in pro.

H Local Government at 10 am

[SSB 5964](#) - Concerning consolidated local permit review processes. WSAC will testify pro.

[ESSB 5593](#) - Concerning urban growth area boundaries. WSAC will testify pro.

H Rural Development, Agriculture. & Natural Resources at 10 am

[SB 5411](#)- Establishing a programmatic safe harbor agreement on forestlands for northern spotted owls. WSAC will sign in pro.

S Environment, Energy & Technology at 10:30 am

[SHB 1684](#) - Concerning public health and fluoridation of drinking water. WSALPHO will sign in pro.

[EHB 1964](#) – Concerning the decommissioning of alternative energy facilities. WSAC will sign in pro.

H Capital Budget at 1:30 pm

[HB 1781](#) - Concerning the capital budget. WSAC will

S Law & Justice at 1:30 pm

[HB 1169](#) - Concerning sentencing enhancements. WSAC will testify other.

H Appropriations at 3:30 pm

[SB 5676](#) - Providing a benefit increase to certain retirees of the public employees' retirement system plan 1 and the teachers' retirement system plan 1. WSAC will testify other.

[E2SSB 5796](#) - Restructuring cannabis revenue appropriations. WSAC will sign in pro.

S Ways & Means at 4 pm

[SB 5841](#) - Incentivizing cities and counties to increase employment of commissioned law enforcement officers. WSAC will testify pro.

[EHB 1982](#) - Clarifying the applicability of penalty and interest on personal property taxes. WSAC will testify pro.

Wednesday, February 23

Thursday, February 24

H Capital Budget at 8 am

[SB 5895](#) - Concerning timing restrictions for remedial action grants to local government. WSAC will sign in pro.

Friday, February 25

H Transportation at 10 am

[SB 5510](#) - Concerning renewal of the sales and use tax for transportation benefit districts. WSACE will sign in pro.

Saturday, February 26

PRIORITY BILLS – SUPPORT

- [SHB 1333](#) - Providing an extension to the local sales and use tax for public facilities in rural counties. Passed House 93-3, Executive session in S Housing & Local Government on 2/17.
- [HB 1978](#) – Concerning shoreline master program review schedules. Passed House 93-1. Hearing in S Environment, Energy & Technology on 2/16.
- [SB 5275](#) – Enhancing opportunity in limited areas of more intense rural development. Passed Senate 46-1. Hearing in H Local Government on 2/18.

OTHER BILLS – SUPPORT

- [ESHB 1329](#) - Concerning public meeting access and participation. Passed House 79-16. Hearing in S State Government & Elections on 2/18.
- [HB 1620](#) – Addressing the response to extreme weather events. Passed House 68-28. Hearing in S State Government & Elections on 2/16.
- [HB 2010](#) – Eliminating unnecessary homeless funding budget and auditing requirements. Passed House 57-40. Referred to S Housing & Local Government.
- [SB 5514](#) – Increasing the frequency of county legislative meetings at alternate locations. Passed Senate 45-2. Hearing in H Local Government on 2/16.
- [SB 5593](#) – Concerning urban growth area boundaries. Passed Senate 49-0. Scheduled for hearing in H Local Government on 2/22.
- [SB 5841](#) - Incentivizing cities and counties to increase employment of commissioned law enforcement officers. Hearing in S Ways & Means on 2/22.

OTHER/CONCERNS

- [HB 1099](#) – Improving the state’s climate response through updates to the state’s comprehensive planning framework. Passed House 57-41. Executive action in S Housing & Local Government on 2/17.
- [HB 1241](#) – Planning under the GMA. Passed House 55-43. Referred to S Housing & Local Government.
- [HB 1799](#) – Concerning organic materials management. Passed House 56-42. Hearing in S Environment, Energy & Technology on 2/17.
- [HB 2034](#) – Concerning juvenile records. Passed House 70-26. Hearing in S Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation on 2/16.
- [SB 5597](#) – Concerning the Washington voting rights act. Passed Senate 29-20. Hearing in H State Government & Tribal Relations on 2/16.

OPPOSE

- [HB 1812](#) – Modernizing the energy facility site evaluation council to meet the state’s clean energy goals. Passed House 95-3. Hearing in S Environment, Energy & Technology on 2/17.
- [HB 1918](#) – Reducing emissions from outdoor power equipment. Scheduled for hearing in H Finance on 2/17.
- [SB 5042](#) – Concerning the effective date of certain actions taken under the GMA. Passed Senate 27-20. Hearing in H Environment & Energy on 2/17.

FULL BILL TRACKING LIST

DATES TO REMEMBER

- LSC members will meet via Zoom every Friday from 12-2 pm
- Opposite House Policy Committee Cutoff – February 24
- Opposite House Fiscal Committee Cutoff – February 28
- Opposite House Floor Action Cutoff – March 4
- Legislature Adjourns Sine Die – March 10

WSAC ISSUE AREA COVERAGE

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 - Pensions and labor, health care and insurance (as employer), unfunded mandates, civil legal liability, elections, open government (PRA/OPMA)