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Last Wednesday, April 12th, was the cut-off for bills to pass out of the opposite chamber. At this point, the Legislature is focused on negotiating policy bills that have passed both chambers, but may have some differences in language. Negotiations on the general fund budget still appear to be stalled while the Senate insists that the House must pass their new revenue proposals prior to starting any budget negotiations.

Most legislators and stakeholders agree that it is unlikely the Legislature will complete its general fund operating and capital budget work by April 23rd and many expect that those two budgets will likely not be complete until the end of June. It is not clear whether the Governor will declare a special session immediately upon adjournment of the regular session, or whether he will give legislators time to take a break before coming back to Olympia to continue budget negotiations.

In addition to the budget, there are several other bills that will likely continue to be negotiated until there is an agreement on a general fund budget. Negotiations will continue on an agreement on a legislative solution to the *Whatcom v. Hirst* Supreme Court decision on exempt wells, extension of the document recording fee and related policy decisions regarding affordable housing, changing the existing property tax cap, establishing a surcharge on hazardous substances and creating a paid family leave program.

High Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
ESHB 1465	Wolf depredation/public recs	Exempting from public disclosure certain information regarding reports on wolf depredations.	S Passed 3rd	Short
HB 1555 (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.	H Finance	Lytton
SHB 2186	Taxes	Concerning investing in Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's excise tax system by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, imposing a business and occupation tax surcharge while eliminating tax liability for small businesses, enacting an excise tax on capital gains, modifying the real estate excise tax, making administrative changes, and	H Rules R	Lytton

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		implementing marketplace fairness in Washington.		
HB 2195	Water rulings/revaluation	Requiring revaluation of property in response to water rulings.	H Finance	Koster
SB 5075 (HB 1132)	Seed buyer & dealer disputes	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	Del to Gov	Takko
SB 5111 (HB 1730)	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 2nd Reading	Braun
SB 5113 (HB 1550)	B&O tax/education	Investing in education by modifying the business and occupation tax and providing small business tax relief.	S 2nd Reading	Braun
SSB 5196 (SHB 1299)	Cattle feedlots/odor & dust	Including cattle feedlots implementing best management practices within the statutory exemption for odor or fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity.	H Spkr Signed	Warnick
SB 5331	Irrigation district admin.	Concerning irrigation district administration.	H Spkr Signed	Takko
SB 5385	Carbon pollution tax	Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.	S Energy, Enviro	Hobbs
SSB 5607	Education	Concerning education.	H Approps	Braun
ESB 5720 (Dead) (HB 2049)	Production-based comp. wages	Addressing the payment of production-based compensation wages for the employment and use of labor in agricultural activities and in the production, handling, and storage of farm products.	H Labor & Workpla	Hawkins