



# Session Watch

Monday, April 10, 2023 (day 92 of the 120-day session)

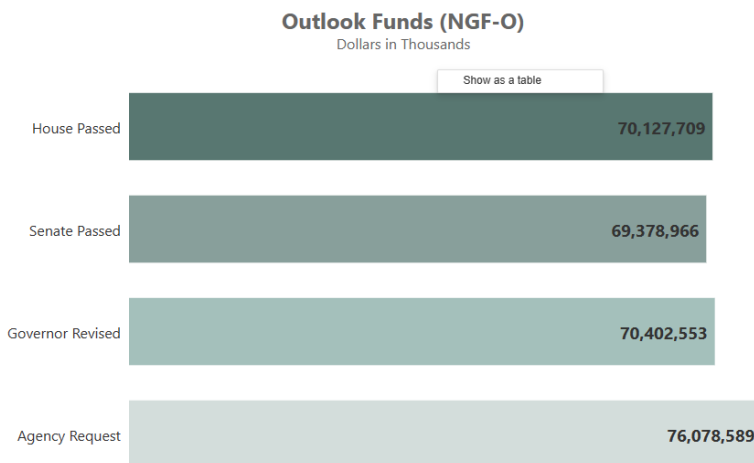
As the session begins to come to a close, we sometimes see weekend floor action and committee work. This weekend was no different as the Senate passed dozens of bills off the floor on Saturday, while adjourning to observe the Easter holiday on Sunday. The House worked until about midnight on Friday night.

Another legislative session milestone was reached this week when the opposite chamber fiscal policy committee cutoff came and went. All bills involving the use of public dollars had to be heard and passed out of the Senate Budget Ways & Means committee and House Appropriations committee by close of business Tuesday night.

From now through April 12<sup>th</sup> the legislature will be passing bills off their respective floors and negotiating NTIB bills and the budget documents. Once the final “cutoff” passes on April 12<sup>th</sup>, it will be a sprint to April 23<sup>rd</sup> where all bills must be reconciled and agreed upon with one final bill document.

This past week saw many bills we are tracking and participating in get moved through the process. Once budgets are final this legislative update will do a side-by-side comparison of this and the previous operating budgets as they pertain to initiatives around CTE and Education overall. This will include enacted bills that impact on the future of our work.

The graphic below is from the Office of Financial Management regarding the Operating budget proposals this year.



## **Bills of interest in the docket this week**

[HB 1589 – Concerning Clean Energy](#) – Ban on gas stoves and heat

Prohibits gas companies serving more than 500,000 retail gas customers in Washington from extending gas service to any commercial or residential location that did not receive or file an application for gas service as of June 30, 2023.

This bill has made its way through the process and has landed in the Senate rules committee for one last hurdle. Look for the Senate to take up this bill before the April 12<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**[HB 1019 - Creating the pesticide advisory board.](#)**

This bill has been supported statewide by many groups throughout the session. On March 30<sup>th</sup> this bill was sent to the Rules committee where it has sat with no action leading to the April 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. If you feel inclined please see the list of Rules Committee members [here](#) and how to contact them and their staff [here](#).

**[HB 1736](#)** -Requiring the DOL to collect vehicle odometer readings at the time of original vehicle registration and registration renewal.

This bill was swiftly moved to the Rules committee back on March 29<sup>th</sup> but has yet to be brought to the Senate floor for final passage. Look for this bill to be a late passage this week. You can use the same process as above to contact your local legislator about this bill.

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