



Session Watch

Monday, February 26, 2024 (day 50 of the 60-day Session)

This week the House and Senate released their versions of the supplemental operating, transportation, and capital budgets. These documents came out very similar in size and scope but with some differences which are always expected. The budget documents can be [viewed here](#) under the “Latest Budget proposals” tab. And the new supplemental spending package from the House by agency detail can be viewed [here](#).

This week also marks the sprint to the final committee cutoffs which will take place on Monday February 26th. Monday is the second fiscal cutoff where all bills requiring public tax dollars must be moved with a favorable vote to the Rules Committee. Once the 2/26 deadline has passed we break into “floor action” for the remainder of session. The end of session floor action is where most of the reconciliation and haggling occurs.

Ahead of this final committee deadline the legislature worked the weekend to pass supplemental bills as well as the budgets out of committee to await the final day of session for reconciliation and passage.

Bill	Highlight
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[HB 1589 - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.](#)

This legislative update has referenced HB 1589 several times over the course of the session. We spoke with the Senate Ag chairman this week and it is unclear if the majority caucus has the votes to pass this piece of legislation this year, but there is certainly some reservations about the bill from several majority caucus legislators. The bill has landed in the same place it ended last session which is the Senate Rules Committee where it was placed on X file and held until this session. Now it awaits a vote in Rules and a subsequent floor vote if it passes that final hurdle.

Washington State Grange Legislative Advisory Committee Meetings Set:

Monday, March 4 at 10am
Monday, March 18 at 10am

Please feel free to join us while we discuss current legislative activities in the 2024 Legislature.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>
Meeting ID: 980 3697 1581
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How to Testify on Bills this Year

As a reminder you can easily participate in the lawmaking process by contacting your elected state representatives through the online legislative tools.

Start here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csiremote/>
Select **House** or **Senate**
Committee: **Choose the committee where you bill is being heard**
Meetings: **Choose the date of the hearing**

Select the bill you want from the list.

Select:

I would like to submit written testimony.
I would like to testify live during the hearing. I would like my position noted for the legislative record.
You may check to see who else has signed in to testify.

On the next screen, fill in all the blanks and submit. You will receive an email with a link for the hearing. At the appropriate time, join the meeting and wait to be admitted.

When you are called to speak, introduce yourself and speak for 1-2 minutes.

To prepare, write down what you want to say. Read it aloud several times. Time yourself.

To find hearings not listed below, look here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/>

Things to Remember

If you do not know who your legislators are, find out here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>. Find your legislators e-mail address here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/MemberEmail/Default.aspx?Chamber=H> Legislator phone numbers and office addresses are available on the individual member pages. Links to the member pages can be found on the

House site, the [Senate](#) site or on the [Member Roster lists](#). If you would like to send a message to your legislators regarding a specific bill, you may use the [Bill Comments form](#). Learn more here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/pbc/>.

Toll-Free Hotline - 1-800-562-6000 allows you to leave a message for your legislators. When leaving a message with the Hotline, please be prepared to give your name and street address. During the Legislative session, the Hotline is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Upcoming Events

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/23 @ 1:30pm

- [2SSB 5784](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning deer and elk damage to commercial crops. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/Medium)
- [SSB 5972](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [E2SSB 6058](#) - Public Hearing - Facilitating linkage of Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SSB 6121](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning agricultural and forestry biomass. (Remote Testimony Available).

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/24 @ 9:00am

- [E2SHB 2301](#) - Public Hearing - Improving the outcomes associated with waste material management systems, including products affecting organic material management systems. (Remote Testimony Available).

Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/26 @ 8:00am

- [SSB 5667](#) - Exec Session - Concerning eligibility, enrollment, and compensation of small forestland owners volunteering for participation in the forestry riparian easement program.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/26 @ 10:30am

- [2ESSB 5150](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the beef commission's levied assessment. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning the beef commission.) (Support)
- [2SSB 5784](#) - Exec Session - Concerning deer and elk damage to commercial crops. (Support/Medium)
- [SSB 5972](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.
- [E2SSB 6058](#) - Exec Session - Facilitating linkage of Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market.
- [SSB 6121](#) - Exec Session - Concerning agricultural and forestry biomass.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE BILL TRACKING REPORT

High Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
ESHB 1589 (SSB 5562)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	S Rules 2	Doglio	Oppose

Medium Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
2SSB 5784	Deer & elk crop damage	Concerning deer and elk damage to commercial crops.	H Approps	Van De Wege	Support

Other Bills

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HB 1740 (SSB 5667)	Forestry riparian easements	Concerning eligibility, enrollment, and compensation of small forestland owners volunteering for participation in the forestry riparian easement program.	H Cap Budget	Orcutt	
HB 1752	Water/consumptive quality	Modifying the application of the annual consumptive quantity calculation to change applications related to certain water rights held by the United States bureau of reclamation.	S Rules 2	Dye	
SHB 1903	Lost or stolen firearms	Reporting lost or stolen firearms.	S Rules 2	Berry	
ESHB 2021 (SB 6001)	Firearm disposition	Concerning the disposition of privately owned firearms in the custody of state or local government entities or law enforcement agencies.	S Rules 2	Senn	
SHB 2069 (SSB 5919)	Biogenic carbon dioxide	Concerning the sale of biogenic carbon dioxide and other coproducts of biogas processing.	S Rules 2	Mosbrucker	
ESHB 2118 (SB 6266)	Firearms dealers	Protecting the public from gun violence by establishing additional requirements for the business operations of licensed firearms dealers.	S Rules 2	Walén	
SHB 2147 (SSB 6036)	Agriculture pests & diseases	Concerning agriculture pest and disease response.	S WMDPA	Dent	
SHB 2165 (SB 6043)	Recreational use fees	Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to determine recreational use fees for activities on agency-managed public lands.	S Rules 2	Kloba	
HB 2257	Back country search & rescue	Supporting back country search and rescue organizations and volunteers through the creation of the back country search and rescue grant program.	S Ways & Means	Goehner	
SHB 2258	Regional 911 funding	Providing funding for municipalities participating in the regional 911 emergency communications system.	H Rules X	Ormsby	
E2SHB 2301 (SSB 6180)	Waste material management	Improving the outcomes associated with waste material management systems, including products affecting organic material management systems.	S Ways & Means	Doglio	
HB 2302 (SB 6166)	Pesticide application comm.	Extending the pesticide application safety committee.	S Labor & Comm	Dent	
SHB 2333	Carbon seq./state lands	Assessing the carbon sequestration potential of state-owned lands for the	H Cap Budget	Reeves	

		purpose of generating offset credits under the climate commitment act.			
HJR 4210	Natural resources	Adding a new section to the Washington state Constitution regarding the conservation and protection of the state's natural resources.	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	
2ESSB 5150	Beef commission	Concerning the beef commission's levied assessment. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning the beef commission.)	H Approps	Shewmake	Support
2SSB 5444	Firearms/certain premises	Concerning firearm sensitive places.	H Rules R	Valdez	Oppose
SSB 5667 (HB 1740)	Forestry riparian easements	Concerning eligibility, enrollment, and compensation of small forestland owners volunteering for participation in the forestry riparian easement program.	H Cap Budget	Muzzall	
SSB 5785	WDFW/volunteer organizations	Concerning department of fish and wildlife authority with regard to certain nonprofit and volunteer organizations.	H Rules R	Warnick	
SB 5915 (HB 2454)	Ag. crop products/tax ex.	Extending an existing hazardous substance tax exemption for certain agricultural crop protection products that are temporarily warehoused but not otherwise used, manufactured, packaged, or sold in the state of Washington.	H Finance	Torres	
SSB 5919 (SHB 2069)	Biogenic carbon dioxide	Concerning the sale of biogenic carbon dioxide and other coproducts of biogas processing.	H Rules R	King	
SB 5921	Tribal rep./conserv. comm'n	Concerning tribal representation on the state conservation commission.	H Ag&Nr	Stanford	
SSB 5972	Neonicotinoid pesticides	Concerning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.	H Approps	Lias	
SSB 6036 (SHB 2147)	Agriculture pests & diseases	Concerning agriculture pest and disease response.	H Ag&Nr	Muzzall	
E2SSB 6058 (2SHB 2201)	Carbon market linkage	Facilitating linkage of Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market.	H Approps	Nguyen	
SSB 6121 (HB 2483)	Ag. and forestry biomass	Concerning biochar production from agricultural and forestry biomass.	H Approps	Van De Wege	
SSB 6140	Intensive rural development	Concerning limited areas of more intensive rural development.	H Rules R	Short	
SSB 6163	Biosolids	Concerning biosolids.	H Approps	Wilson	
SB 6166 (HB 2302)	Pesticide application comm.	Extending the pesticide application safety committee.	H Rules R	Saldana	
SSB 6278	Organic agriculture	Promoting organic agriculture.	H Ag&Nr	Lias	

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