



Session Watch

Friday, February 27, 2026 (day 47 of the 90-day Session)

The fourth cutoff of the session came and went on Tuesday night as the second half policy committee deadline came and went. This is the beginning of the homestretch of the session. The 356 bills that remain “alive” are working their way through the fiscal committee cutoff which happens on Monday, March 2nd. Fiscal committees have already scheduled weekend work with Ways & Means expected to work through substantial bill lists on Saturday. Once the Monday deadline passes all eyes turn to “floor action” and Rules committee to get bills through the next two steps of a Rules “pull” and then subsequent floor vote.

Bill Highlights

[SB 6113](#) is the vehicle currently being used for the Live Presentations tax exemption relief being requested by non-profits around the state. In the first half of the session, this bill’s companion, [HB 2257](#), was subject to a striking amendment by Rep. April Berg that was favorable to the non-profit space and affiliated organizations. The amendment was adopted but the underlying bill stalled in committee at the cutoff. This bill was heard in House Finance on Friday, February 27th. We look forward to a favorable amendment to this bill before they vote it out committee on March 2nd.

Background: In 2025 a bill in the Washington State Legislature imposed a retail sales tax (and related retail business & occupation tax) on live presentations. This tax applied to non-profit entities who charge registration fees for events that include a live speaker. Live presentations are defined as lectures, seminars, workshops, courses, or similar activities (in-person or virtual) where participants and the presenter/instructor can interact and exchange information in real time, and a fee or other consideration is involved. The Grange has been working with other non-profits in the state to get a carve out for registered non-profit entities in the state.

[SB 5252](#) – Acreage Limit for tax exemption – Assembly Halls

– This bill is scheduled to be voted out of Finance Committee on March 2nd with a do pass recommendation.

[HB 2431](#) – Increasing fundraising days for non-profit assembly halls from 15 days per year to 50 days per

year. This bill had a great hearing in Senate Ways and Means on Tuesday night, and we await executive action before the end of the fiscal deadline on Monday.

Budget

The supplemental Budgets were dropped this week starting with the operating budget on Sunday with the Transportation and Capital Budget following. These budget bills can be viewed in the following links.

[House Operating Budget](#)
[Senate Operating Budget](#)
[House Capital Budget](#)
[Senate Capital Budget](#)
[House Transportation Budget](#)
[Senate Transportation Budget](#)

In [this attached document](#) you can also view an agency breakdown of the budget regarding the Ag, DNR, Ecology and DFW budgets.

As the cutoffs come and go the bill list gets trimmed down. The current standing bill list of policy proposals is now down to 356 Bills in total all of which can be [viewed here.](#)

You can follow along with all of the action the rest of the way at www.tvw.org and view the committee schedules with agendas at <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/>

Washington State Grange Legislative Advisory Committee Meetings Set:

Monday, March 2 at 6pm
Monday, March 16 at 6pm

Please feel free to join us while we discuss current legislative activities in the 2026 Legislature.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>
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GRANGE Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/2 @ 8:00am

- [ESSB 5252](#) - Exec Session - Removing the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places. (High)
- [SB 6244](#) - Exec Session - 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.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/2 @ 10:30am

- [E2SSB 5981](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the 340B drug pricing program.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
EHB 1941	Agricultural coops/cannabis	Authorizing agricultural cooperatives for cannabis producers.	S Rules 2	Morgan	
2SHB 2105 (SSB 5852)	Immigrant workers	Concerning immigrant worker protections.	S Ways & Means	Ortiz-Self	
E2SHB 2215	Fuels/climate commitment act	Concerning climate commitment act compliance obligations for fuels supplied or otherwise sold into Washington.	S Ways & Means	Fitzgibbon	
SHB 2295 (SSB 6003)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H CBDPS	Tharinger	
ESHB 2320 (SB 6314)	Firearm manufacturing	Concerning the regulation of firearm manufacturing.	S Rules 2	Salahuddin	
SHB 2355 (SSB 6053)	Domestic workers	Establishing labor protections for domestic workers.	S Passed 3rd	Thomas	
HB 2431	Nonprofit halls/fundraising	Increasing the maximum annual limit for regularly scheduled fundraising activities for the nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places property tax exemption.	S Ways & Means	Shavers	High
ESHB 2471 (SSB 6117)	Collective bargaining	Concerning collective bargaining for employees not covered by the national labor relations act.	S Rules 2	Scott	
ESSB 5252	Assembly halls/property tax	Removing the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places.	H Finance	Shewmake	High
2ESSB 5268	Unlawful firearm possession	Imposing community custody after a conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm.	H Approps	Wagoner	
SSB 5852 (2SHB 2105)	Immigrant workers	Concerning immigrant worker protections.	S Ways & Means	Saldana	
SSB 5971	Green fertilizer incentives	Establishing a green fertilizer incentive program to support the production and adoption of low-carbon nitrogen fertilizer in Washington state.	H Approps	Boehnke	
E2SSB 5981 (2SHB 2145)	340B drug pricing program	Protecting patient access to discounted medications and health care services through Washington's health care safety net by preventing manufacturer limitations on the 340B drug pricing program.	H Approps	Cleveland	
SB 6244	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	

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