



**Week 2 Report
01.24.26**

The second week of session featured a flurry of public hearings, executive sessions, and the beginning of floor action. We have a rundown of the highlights below and updates on the top priority bills we are tracking later in the report.

As a reminder, we only include bills in our report that we have marked as “high or medium” priority in our tracking list and that are currently moving forward in the process or experienced a change of status in the past week or the week ahead. For a full list of the bills we’re tracking, including all priority levels, or to raise a specific bill you don’t see in the list below, please contact WPPA staff directly.

Thank you!

-WPPA team

This Week’s 3 Key Things:

- **Tax Increment Financing:** [HB 2451](#) updates the tax increment financing statute in a number of ways. Generally, it tightens the “but for” requirement for new tax increment areas, establishes a mitigation framework for all impacted taxing jurisdictions, and allows the “assessed value” cap on the size of an increment area to increase with the Consumer Price Index. Throughout the interim, WPPA has been engaged with a work group of local government representatives, the Washington Economic Development Association, fire commissioners, and more who were drafting this TIF update. WPPA maintains some concerns with the current text of HB 2451, but is actively working on language that, if adopted, would get the Association to neutral as the bill advances. Staff will testify to that ongoing drafting work at the House Local Government Committee on January 27th and the bill is scheduled for executive session on January 30th.
- **SEA Environmental Justice and Community Engagement:** Last year, [SB 5652](#)/[HB 1948](#) proposed new requirements on the Port of Seattle to develop new and additional environmental justice implementation plans, engage with overburdened communities, and assess the environmental and health impacts of any “port action” costing more than \$8 million.

AT A GLANCE

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SESSION CUTOFF DATES

- February 4: House of Origin Policy Cutoff
- February 9: House of Origin Fiscal Cutoff
- February 17: House of Origin Floor Cutoff
- February 25: Opposite House Policy Cutoff
- March 2: Opposite House Fiscal Cutoff
- March 6: Opposite House Floor Cutoff
- March 12: Last Day of Session

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WPPA Weekly Bill Tracking Update

**Indicates A New Bill Introduced in 2026*

Aviation

***Aircraft Fuel Tax to Aeronautics Account**

[SB 5898/HB 2592](#) – Sen. Boehnke (R-8th, Kennewick), Rep. Ley (R-18th, Vancouver)

This bill directs the proceeds of the hazardous substance tax ([RCW 82.21.030](#)), the oil spill response tax ([RCW 82.23B.020](#)), and the petroleum products tax ([RCW 82.23A.020](#)) on aircraft fuel to the aeronautics account which must be spent by appropriation on aviation-related purposes. HB 2592 has not yet been scheduled for a public hearing in the House Appropriations Committee. While not a companion bill, [HB 1730](#) (Rep. Orcutt, R-20th, Kalama) is very similar to SB 5898/HB 2592.

***[SB 5989](#)** – Sen. Boehnke (R-8th, Kennewick)

This bill directs an increasing portion of the use tax ([RCW 82.12.020](#)) and retail tax ([RCW 82.08.020](#)) that may be imposed on aviation fuel to the aeronautics account. It also requires the aviation division of WSDOT to track and report the amount of additional funds awarded to airport projects through the airport aid grant program.

Both SB 5898 and SB 5989 are scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on January 26th. WPPA will testify “other” on the SB 5898 to communicate our concerns about diverting funds from the MTCA account while expressing our support for policy solutions that get the state into compliance with FAA regulations on aviation fuel tax diversion and our appreciation for the effort to ensure that the aeronautics account has adequate funding to support our member airports.

***Aviation Impact Grants**

[SB 6240](#) – Sen. Orwall (D-33rd, Des Moines)

This bill directs the proceeds from the inflationary increase on the hazardous substance tax on petroleum products to a newly created state aircraft noise and air quality mitigation account. The Dept. of Commerce would oversee a grant program for mitigation strategies within aviation-

impacted communities related to aviation-related air quality impacts and aviation-related noise impacts. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on January 26th. WPPA will testify to our continuing concerns about proposals that divert funds from the MTCA account.

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****Sustainable Aviation Fuel Development***

[SB 5932/ HB 2322](#) – *Sen. Warnick (13th, Moses Lake), Rep. Dent (13th, Moses Lake)*

This bipartisan bill aims to encourage and support the production and use of alternative jet fuel in Washington by modifying tax rates. It creates production and use tax credits for alternative jet fuel, contingent on meeting carbon intensity reduction standards. WPPA supports this legislation based on our members’ engagement in supporting the development of a robust sustainable aviation fuel industry. SB 5932 is scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee on January 28th, while HB 2322 is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on January 29th. WPPA will sign in pro on both bills.

Broadband

Digital Equity

[HB 2365](#) – *Rep. Gregerson (D-33rd, Sea-Tac)*

This bill updates state law to clearly define ideas like “digital equity” and “broadband adoption,” and it recognizes the role of places like libraries, schools, ports, and other community organizations as “community anchor institutions” that help connect underserved communities. WPPA supports this legislation due to our members’ interest in supporting broadband adoption. We signed in pro at the public hearing in the House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans on January 20th. The bill is scheduled for an executive session on January 27th.

****Broadband Infrastructure Repair & Replacement:***

[SB 5188](#) – *Sen. Wellman (D-41st, Mercer Island)*

This bill would allow the Public Works Board to fund repair projects for broadband infrastructure by either grants or loans. WPPA supported this bill throughout the 2025 Session. The bill passed the Senate 48-2 on January 21st.

Economic Development

***Industrial Land Banks**

[HB 2006](#) – Rep. Ybarra (R-13th, Quincy)

This bill extends and updates a planning tool for certain rural counties that want to promote industrial economic development outside urban growth areas. It would allow eligible rural counties to establish up to two “industrial land bank” areas in their comprehensive plans. WPPA supports this legislation based on member feedback, while we didn’t sign in pro at the public hearing we contacted the committee to let them know we were supportive. The bill is scheduled for an executive session on January 30th.

***MATCH Act 2.0**

[HB 2186](#) – Rep. Barnard (R-8th, Pasco)

This bill requires the Dept. of Commerce to support local agencies in the acquisition of federal funds to promote economic development. WPPA supports this bill and signed in pro at the public hearing in the House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans Committee on January 16th. The bill was passed out of committee on January 23rd with amendments that seek to reduce the fiscal and workload impacts to the Department.

***Port Bonding Authority**

[SB 6132](#)– Sen. Warnick (R-13th, Moses Lake)

This bill would allow the Port of Moses Lake to increase its bonding capacity by modifying the section of RCW 53 that specifies the borrowing limit for port districts. This will allow the port to contribute its required match for federal funding for its rail expansion project. WPPA signed in support of this bill at the public hearing in the Senate Local Government Committee on January 22nd.

***Rural Public Facilities Funding**

[SB 6149](#) – Sen. Wilson, J. (R-19th, Longview)

This bill would expand the statutory definition of rural counties to include those counties with a population density over 100 people per square mile but no city over 75,000 people for the purposes of funding eligibility in programs such as CERB and .09 (current definition is *just* the “per square mile” metric). Cowlitz County is the only county that would meet the parameters established in the bill, and it’s our understanding that the Cowlitz EDC requested the bill. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Business, Trade & Economic Development Committee on January 28th and an executive session on January 29th. WPPA will sign in pro at the public hearing.

Energy

Electric Transmission System Improvements

[SB 5466/](#)[HB 1673](#) – Sen. Shewmake (D-42nd), Rep. Ramel (D-40th, Bellingham)

This proposal creates an Electric Transmission Authority and provides opportunities for specific SEPA exemptions. SB 5466 received a public hearing on January 21st in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee. WPPA was supportive of this effort last session and is reviewing the proposed changes to the legislation and seeking feedback from members and stakeholders.

***Renewable Energy Contracting**

[HB 2103/SB 6004](#) – Rep. Stearns (D-47th, Auburn), Sen. Boehnke (R-8th, Kennewick)

This bill aligns the language in CETA with the contracting statutes for projects using renewable or non-emitting electrical generation, increasing ability for advanced contracting for things like small modular nuclear. WPPA supports this legislation and signed in pro at the public hearing in the House Local Government Committee on January 20th and the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee on January 16th. SB 6004 was scheduled for an executive session on January 23rd, but no action was taken.

***Port Districts Under CETA**

[HB 2245/SB 5982](#) – Rep. Doglio (D-22nd, Olympia), Sen. Hunt (D-5th, Issaquah)

This bill would add public port districts to the definition of consumer-owned utilities and require them to comply with CETA if they generate and sell energy to at least one customer. WPPA has concerns about this bill and is engaged with stakeholders and bill sponsors. Staff testified at the public hearings in the House Energy & Environment Committee and the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee on January 13th. The House version is scheduled for an executive session on January 27th, and the Senate version was scheduled for an executive session on January 23rd, but no action was taken. This same language including public port districts in CETA is also in [HB 2515/SB 6171](#) relating to large energy use facilities (below).

***Data Center Energy Usage**

[HB 2515/SB 6171](#) – Rep. Doglio (D-22nd, Olympia), Sen. Shewmake (D-42nd, Bellingham)

This bill adds additional requirements around the energy use of data centers and other large energy use projects. HB 2515 received a public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on January 22nd. SB 6171 received a public hearing on January 23rd in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee. WPPA testified to our concerns of being included in the definition of consumer owned utilities similar to HB 2245/ SB 5982.

***Waste to Energy Facilities**

[HB 2416/SB 6092](#) – Rep. Hill (D-3rd, Spokane), Sen. Riccelli (D-3rd, Spokane)

Reasonably adjusts compliance requirements under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) for waste to energy facilities. The waste to energy facility in Spokane is the only of its kind in the state. There are a couple of ports with international flights that rely on the facility's assured destructive services for waste, which is federally required to be incinerated. WPPA supports this bill and testified at the public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on January 20th.

***Emissions-intensive, Trade-Exposed Facilities**

[HB 2537/SB 6246](#) – Rep. Doglio (D-22nd, Olympia), Sen. Slatter (D-48th, Bellingham)

This bill would change the framework moving forward of how emissions-intensive, trade-exposed (EITE) facilities receive carbon allowances, including setting criteria for no-cost allowances based on emissions intensity and rigorous reporting and planning requirements. The bill also directs the Dept. of Ecology to consider the location of such facilities relative to overburdened communities. WPPA is evaluating this bill for its impact as we have many ports with [EITEs](#) as tenants and participated on the Advisory Policy Group process with Ecology this past year. HB 2537 is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on January 27th. SB 6246 is scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee on January 28th.

***Clean Energy Project Procurement**

[SB 6076](#) – Sen. Goehner (R-12th, Dryden)

This bill would allow public utility districts to streamline procurement and self-perform work for projects related to electric generation facilities fueled by non-emitting or renewable resources, energy storage, transmission, and distribution. The bill received a public hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology committee on January 20th. WPPA signed in pro based on our support for the build-out of energy projects statewide.

Environment & Natural Resources

Environmental Justice SEPA Element

[HB 1303/SB 5380](#) - Rep. Mena (D-29th, Tacoma), Sen. Lovelett (D-40th, Anacortes)

This bill would integrate environmental justice (EJ) considerations into certain projects at the Department of Ecology by adding it as an element of the environment in the SEPA checklist. WPPA worked with a coalition of stakeholders in 2025 to raise concerns about this bill and engaged over the interim. WPPA will be opposed to any proposal that adds substantial, additional time and cost to projects going through SEPA. We do not expect any additional changes to the bill this session. SB 5380 did not receive a hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee in 2025. HB 1303 was re-referred to the House Appropriations Committee on January 12th for consideration of the fiscal impact, which continues to be high at over \$6.4 million for implementation from last session. There was no action again this week.

Emissions From Ocean-Going Vessels [Scrubbers]

[HB 1652/SB 5519](#) - Rep. Lekanoff (D-40th, Bow), Sen. Lovelett (D-40th, Anacortes)

The bill seeks to reduce emissions from ocean-going vessels by mandating the use of low-sulfur fuel within three miles of Washington shorelines. The updated [proposed substitute](#) bill contains similar language but with new definitions and record-keeping requirements. The advocates supporting the bill intend to limit the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems, or scrubbers. WPPA is working with stakeholders and impacted ports to express our concerns and opposition. HB 1652 received a public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on January 19th. WPPA testified “con” with our concerns. SB 5519 has not yet been scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee but we expect it to be soon.

****DNR-request ecosystem services and forest lands***

[HB 2170/SB 5999](#) – Rep. Reeves (D-30th, Federal Way), Sen. Lovelett (D-40th, Anacortes)

This bill would allow the Department of Natural Resources to change how it generates revenue from state lands, such as forest trust lands, by participating in “natural climate solutions” and ecosystem services markets. In other words, it authorizes DNR to conserve forestland in “ecosystem service contracts” rather than process timber sales on those lands and defines new mechanisms and credits for such projects. When this legislation was brought forward in a similar form in 2023, WPPA opposed the bill due to concerns that it would reduce proceeds from timber sales that go to trust beneficiaries of county trust lands, including port districts. We are continuing to seek member feedback and will most likely oppose the bill. HB 2170 is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee on January 28th. SB 5999 has not yet been scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

***Permitting and Licensing Timeline Adherence**

[HB 2198/SB 5968](#) – Rep. Richards (D-26th, Gig Harbor), Sen. Krishnadasan (D-26th, Gig Harbor)

This bill gives the authority and requires agencies that review any permitting applications to reimburse application fees if agency established timelines are not met. It also requires a centralized database and inventory of all permit applications and status. This bill comes at the request of the Governor's office. WPPA testified in support of this bill the public hearing in the Senate State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections Committee on January 16th. SB 5968 was passed out of committee on January 23rd. WPPA also testified in support at the House State Government & Tribal Relations Committee public hearing on January 23rd.

***Regulating 6PPD**

[SB 6119/HB 2421](#) – Sen. Lias (D-21st, Edmonds), Rep. Hall (D-5th, Issaquah)

This bill would ban the manufacturing and sale of tires containing 6PPD beginning in 2035 and establishes a per tire fee beginning in 2027. WPPA is seeking feedback on the potential affordability implications of this proposal with no alternative tire replacement options. HB 2421 received a public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on January 19th, while SB 6119 received a public hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee on January 20th.

***PCHB Efficiency in Appeals**

[HB 2426](#) - Rep. Bernbaum (D-24th, Port Angeles)

This bill aims to improve the appeals process to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) by modifying procedures or criteria for how appeals are handled, with the goal of streamlining environmental review. The bill focuses on making the appeals process more effective and timelier by opening who can hear appeals if all parties agree. It received a public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on January 20th and is scheduled for an executive session on January 29th. WPPA signed in pro.

Environmental Crimes

[SB 5360](#) - Sen. Trudeau (D-27th, Tacoma)

This bill creates new definitions for environmental crimes such as violations of the state Water Pollution Control Act, Clean Air Act, Hazardous Waste Management Act, and others. The bill increases penalties for these crimes up to certain first- and second-degree felony violations. WPPA worked extensively in 2025 to express concerns about this bill. The bill is still in the Senate Rules Committee where it will need to be brought up for a Senate floor vote again before it can be referred to the House. There was no action taken on this bill again this week.

Governance

***Third Party Litigation**

[HB 2255](#) – Rep. Walen (D-48th, Kirkland)

This bill would establish standards for third-party litigation funding in Washington, including disclosure and agreement-production requirements for along with contract limits and enforcement provisions under the Consumer Protection Act. WPPA received feedback on this bill from our Legal Committee and will plan to support the bill as it advances. It received a public hearing in the House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee on January 21st.

***State & Tribal Government to Government Relations**

[HB 2281](#) – Rep. Stearns (D-47th, Auburn)

The [substitute bill](#) would apply to any agency action that may affect a tribal "traditional cultural

place" and requires state agencies to comply with the consultation requirements of Executive Order 21-02. WPPA is monitoring this proposal based on its potential impact on agency decision-making times, rulemaking, and enforcement. The amended bill was passed out of the House State Government & Tribal Relations Committee on January 20th and referred to Capital Budget Committee.

***Public Records Act: Employee Information**

[SB 6123](#) – Sen. Conway (D-29th, Tacoma)

This bill would prevent the disclosure of individual employee demographic information. This was requested by Pierce County due to concerns that employees in certain demographic groups could be targeted for harassment. WPPA supports this bill and signed in pro at the public hearing in the Senate State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections Committee on January 23rd. It is scheduled for an executive session on January 30th.

Labor & Workforce

***Port Employee Pensions**

[HB 2179/SB 5905](#) – Rep. Abell (R-7th, Inchelium), Sen. Short (R-7th, Addy)

This bill would allow a small number of impacted ports to continue to make contributions to employee pension plans that are outside of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). WPPA worked with Senator Short on this legislative proposal after being alerted to this situation by the Ports of Pend Oreille and Vancouver. This bill also impacts a small number of employees at the Ports of Longview and Seattle. WPPA testified in support at the public hearing in the House Appropriations Committee on January 15th and the Senate Ways & Means Committee on January 20th, along with representatives from the Ports of Pend Oreille and Vancouver. HB 2179 was passed out of the House Appropriations Committee on January 22nd. WPPA worked to eliminate an amendment that would have applied the changes to statute only prospectively, which would not help the Port employees who are currently employed by the impacted ports. We engaged in on-going conversations to address concerns about pension liability.

Land Use

No bills included in this report.

Marina

***Derelict Vessels**

[HB 2199](#) – Rep. Richards (D-26th, Gig Harbor)

This bill allows for problem vessels that have not been registered for two years or more to be declared derelict and for the custody process to begin so they can be removed. It makes minor changes to the custody process to ensure proper notification of the legal owner. A workgroup of Kitsap County Ports, County Officials, and Dept. of Natural Resources staff brought this bill forward. WPPA supports this bill. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee on January 27th. WPPA will testify in support.

Public Works

***Small Works Roster**

[HB 2420](#) – Rep. Zahn (D-41st, Bellevue)

This gradually increases the thresholds for the use of the small works roster from in 2026 \$530K

to \$650K by July 1, 2030. This bill was brought forward by the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) based on extensive discussions over the interim with public owners, labor organizations, and contractors. WPPA supports this bill, which is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Capital Budget Committee on January 29th. WPPA will testify in support.

Recreation & Tourism

***Tourism Promotion Funding: Lodging Tax**

[HB 2278](#) – Rep. Barnard (R-8th, Pasco)

This bill removes the expiration date on the lodging tax assessed to visitors of the state, which provides funding to the state’s tourism promotion account. It received a public hearing in the House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans Committee on January 21st. WPPA signed in support, and the bill is scheduled for an executive session on January 28th.

***Tourism Promotion Funding: Industry Self-Assessment**

[HB 2325/SB 6061](#) – Rep. Paul (D-10th, Oak Harbor), Sen. Riccelli (D-3rd, Spokane)

This bill would establish a tourism self-supported assessment program to fund statewide tourism promotion. It also creates the governance and oversight structure of the program to ensure industry compliance and engagement. HB 2325 received a public hearing in the House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans Committee on January 21st and SB 6061 received a public hearing in the Senate Business, Trade & Economic Development Committee on January 22nd. WPPA signed in pro on both bills, which are scheduled for an executive session on January 28th.

Revenue & Tax

Renewable Energy Personal Property Tax Exemption

[HB 1960](#) - Rep. Ramel (D-40th, Bellingham)

This bill authorizes a personal property tax exemption for qualified renewable energy facilities and replaces their personal property tax obligation with a new state and local renewable energy excise tax. The intent of the bill sponsor and proponents is to address what they view as an unintentional “property tax shift” that results from the development and current tax treatment of large renewable energy facilities. We have met with the WA Counties Association who are requesting this bill and have worked with the bill sponsor on some concerns relating to local levy limits. The [third substitute bill](#) received a public hearing in the House Finance Committee on January 23rd. WPPA will continue to monitor the bill.

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Transportation

***I-5 Bridge Tolling Funds**

[HB 2111](#) – Rep. Fey (D-27th, Tacoma)

This bill will allow the future I-5 replacement bridge tolling account to receive its proportionate share of earnings once the tolls begin to be collected. This bill is essential to the financing of the project, which is supported by WPPA given its importance to freight mobility in the region. The bill received a hearing in the House Transportation Committee on January 15th, where WPPA signed in pro. It was passed out of the committee unanimously by voice vote on January 21st.

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