



AWC Hot Sheet – Bills of interest Week of March 4, 2024

AWC creates this list as an easy reference guide for certain bills of interest to cities. It is not intended to be a comprehensive list of the bills that AWC is [tracking](#) or taking a position on. The list is updated weekly, and bills may be removed, added, or moved within categories at any time.

Bills – Support

HB 1012	Establishes grants to help cities with providing emergency shelters during extreme weather events.	Needs concurrence
HB 1870	Provides technical assistance and training to local communities for developing competitive applications for federal funding.	Needs concurrence
HB 1892	Creating the workforce housing accelerator program	Passed the legislature, Governor’s signature needed
HB 1982	Codifies CERBs authority to issue grants and loans to local governments and federally recognized tribes to build infrastructure that supports open access broadband networks.	Passed the legislature, Governor’s signature needed
HB 2044	Removes the non-supplant restrictions on property tax levy lid lifts for jurisdictions in King County including cities. This restriction was removed years ago for other jurisdictions outside King County.	Passed the legislature, Governor signature needed
HB 2088	Provides and expands liability protection for local government behavioral health crisis response teams.	Passed the legislature, Governor signature needed
HB 2153	Strengthens criminal penalties for theft of catalytic converters	Needs concurrence
HB 2276	Affordable Homes Act – Adjusts the state real estate excise tax (REET) and adds a real estate transfer tax (RETT) on high-value properties to fund affordable housing.	Needs floor action*
HB 2354	Revises the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) tool. The bill was amended to address AWC’s concerns. It now calls for mitigation negotiations for fire, EMS, and public hospital impacts.	Needs concurrence
SB 5424	Allows for part-time law enforcement officers to be in the LEOFF2 pension system.	Needs concurrence
HB 2296	Provides a six-month extension to the GMA comprehensive plan update timeline for the 2025 for Clark, Lewis, Thurston, Mason, Jefferson, Clallam, Island, San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom counties	Passed the legislature, Governor signature needed
SB 6157	Allows DACA recipients to apply for civil service positions, including law enforcement positions	Needs concurrence
HB 2384	Removes the requirement to share revenues from traffic safety cameras with the state; authorizes cities to use revenues for traffic safety improvements including infrastructure updates. After significant work, concerns related to red-light and school zone cameras have been resolved.	Needs concurrence

Other – Requesting amendments

HB 1998	Preempts city land use authority to regulate single room occupancy housing, which the bill refers to a “co-living housing,” including parking requirements. Retain Senate amendments on concurrence.	Needs concurrence
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<u>SB 5793</u>	Expands paid sick leave requirements to allow employees to use paid sick leave when a child's school is closed for a declared public emergency among other expansions. AWC requested ESD provide guidance on implementation, but it was not included.	Passed the legislature, Governor signature needed
<u>SB 6015</u>	Prescriptive state preemption of how cities regulate on- and off-street parking for residential development. Retain the committee amendment and AWC will not oppose.	Needs concurrence

Notes:

- Upcoming deadlines: March 7 Sine Die (session adjourns)
- *Indicates a bill believed to be Necessary to Implement the Budget (NTIB) and exempt from deadlines.
- Committee action indicates the bill needs to be heard and/or voted on by a policy or fiscal committee.
- Floor action indicates the bill needs to move to the floor to be voted on by the full House or Senate.
- Concurrence means the bill needs final approval in the house of origin for amendments.
 - Conference committee is appointed to work out a compromised when there is not concurrence.
- The Governor has five days to sign bills during session and 20 days (minus Sundays) after session (March 27).
- Unless otherwise stated, bills that pass are effective 90 days after session adjourns (June 6).