



# AWC Hot Sheet – Bills of interest

## Week of January 20, 2025

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.

### Priority bills – Support

<a href="#">HB 1334</a>	Revises the property tax cap up to 3% tied to inflation providing a more flexible local option.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">HB 1428</a>	Increases the funding to the Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account by \$25 million for public safety to recruit and retain officers.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">SB 5060</a>	\$100 million in grants for hiring law enforcement officers. Competitive grants would cover 75% of the costs up to \$125,000 for up to 3 years. AWC will be asking for sustainable ongoing support beyond one-time grants.	Needs committee action

### Other bills – Support

<a href="#">HB 1037</a> <a href="#">/SB 5053</a>	Updates the population restrictions to allow smaller communities to develop Public Facilities Districts.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">HB 1096</a>	Lot splitting. Bill has improved since previous versions but still needs further amendments to address concerns.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">HB 1135</a>	Addresses issues where ordinances are found to be non-compliant by the Growth Management Hearings Board and are reverted to other non-compliant ordinances. AWC is proposing amendments to further clarify.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">HB 1150</a>	Creates an extended producer responsibility (EPR) system to improve residential recycling access, increase recycling rates, and require accountability by producers of paper and packaging.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">HB 1212</a>	Requires cities to allow childcare centers in all but industrial zones. AWC working on amendments to exempt additional zones with incompatible uses.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">SB 5034</a>	Eliminates the expiration of the interagency, multijurisdictional system improvement team.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">SB 5068</a>	Expands eligibility to serve as firefighter, prosecutor, or police officer to anyone eligible to work in the US.	Needs committee action

### Other – Monitoring or requesting amendments

<a href="#">HB 1237/</a> <a href="#">SB5246</a>	Facilitating predictable and timely application decisions by the energy facility site evaluation council. Improves consistency with local regulations (monitoring).	Needs committee action
<a href="#">SB 5061</a>	Requires wages for public works projects to be paid at the prevailing wage in effect when work is performed.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">SB 5085</a>	Merges the 3 closed public pension plans (LEOFF 1, PERS 1, TRS 1). AWC is monitoring to determine if this will be a cost savings for cities or increase pension costs.	Needs committee action
<a href="#">SB 5360</a>	Adds first, second, and third class distinctions for environmental crimes related to Water Pollution Control Act, Clean Air Act, and Hazardous Waste Management (70A.300). Defines “knowing/knowingly” and “negligent/negligently.”	Needs committee action



# AWC Hot Sheet – Bills of interest

## Week of January 20, 2025

### Opposed

<a href="#">HB 1045/ SB 5040</a>	Extends binding interest collective bargaining for law enforcement officers to jurisdictions under 2,500 in population.	Do not advance
<a href="#">HB 1213</a>	Expands the Paid Family Medical Leave program by lowering the eligibility requirements and increasing job protection elements creating more administrative burden and costs.	Do not advance
<a href="#">HB 1218</a>	Establishes unworkable county-wide caps on the number of individuals charged with crimes that can be referred for competency evaluation and restoration and creates a financial penalty for exceeding the cap.	Do not advance
<a href="#">SB 5041</a>	Allows striking workers to collect unemployment insurance. The bill was amended in the Senate to require a final judgment declaring a strike illegal before declining benefit payments to striking employees. This is problematic for cities because it has the potential to leave taxpayers funding benefits paid during an illegal strike. Public employees are statutorily prohibited from striking. AWC continues to look for ways to mitigate this impact.	Do not advance
<a href="#">SB 5107</a>	Creates a requirement for cities to provide additional insurance to cover public employees harmed by uninsured motorists. This bill is in conflict with the underlying workers compensation insurance provisions.	Do not advance
<a href="#">SB 5148</a>	Housing Accountability Act. In its current form it would delay adoption of new, updated housing GMA elements and development regulations until they are approved by the state—including those updates the state directed cities to make.	Do not advance without significant amendments
<a href="#">SB 5184</a>	Significantly reduces local authority to set on-site parking requirements, down to no parking requirements at all for several uses.	Do not advance

### Notes:

- Upcoming deadlines: February 21 Policy Committee cut-off; February 28 Fiscal Committee cut-off
- \*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