



# AWC Hot Sheet – Bills of interest

## Week of March 3, 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 1791</a>	Very helpful bill that harmonizes uses of local REET and permanent authority for use for affordable housing and operations and maintenance purposes.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1907</a>	Closes the state tax exemptions for storage facilities. AWC asks that the new revenue is directed towards funding housing needs.	Needs committee action*
<a href="#">HB 1921 / SB 5726</a>	Creating a Road Usage Charge (RUC) and sharing revenues with local governments for transportation purposes.	Needs committee action*
<a href="#">HB 2015</a>	Creates a new councilmanic 0.10% sales tax authority for funding criminal justice. Cities that impose the new tax are eligible to apply for a new grant program to help recruit, retain, and train officers. Cities that receive the grant are eligible for additional direct distributions of funding. The bill does not specify an amount of funding for the grants or direct funding.	Needs floor 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 three years. AWC is asking for sustainable ongoing support beyond one-time grants.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">SB 5775</a>	Makes the existing public safety sales tax authority councilmanic for the next two years.	Needs floor action

### Other bills – Support

<a href="#">HB 1150 / SB 5284</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 floor action
<a href="#">SB 5509</a>	Requires cities to allow childcare centers in all but industrial, light industrial and open space zones.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1403</a>	Condo reform proposal targeting issues around defects in condominium construction and how the current law has impacted insurance coverage.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1515</a>	Allows cities to request Liquor Control Board authorize libation zones in preparation for the 2026 World Cup festivities.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1607 / SB 5502</a>	Establishes bottle deposit and return system under Recycling Refund PROs regulated by the Department of Ecology.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1700</a>	Provides an additional six-month extension to the 2026 GMA update cohort.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1867</a>	Provides a local option voter approved 0.5% REET for affordable housing	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1934</a>	Expands protections to releasing employee information when the individual is a victim or witness in a harassment investigation.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 2027</a>	New state REET for expensive single family homes valued at over \$3 million to fund affordable and developmental disabilities housing.	Needs committee action*
<a href="#">SB 5576</a>	Imposes a 6% tax on short term rentals to help fund affordable housing programs.	Needs floor action



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### Other – Monitoring or requesting amendments

<a href="#">HB 1096</a>	Lot splitting bill requires cities to set up an administrative process to approve a parcel split without a public hearing when certain conditions are met. With agreed upon amendments, AWC will be neutral.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1183</a>	Omnibus development regulation bill adds six new sections to the GMA, requires all cities and towns to comply with two of them, and amends an existing chapter of GMA.	Needs floor action
<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. Does allow concurrent counting of PFML and FMLA leave. Some helpful amendments have been adopted. AWC continues to oppose the expansion to all small employers, but is working with stakeholders to amend the bill to mitigate impacts on employers.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1399</a>	Updates statutes to create consistency for police chief certification requirements. Limits police volunteer activities. AWC requesting the section on volunteers be removed or modified.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1491</a>	Transit Oriented Development (TOD) proposal seeks to increase density and reduce regulations in areas around rail and bus rapid transit. The bill does contain a proposed grant program to support infrastructure. Impacted cities continue to provide technical feedback.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1549</a>	Adds criteria for "responsible bidders": must have completed at least one PW project in the last three years, must not have received a citation under responsible bidder or prevailing wage RCWs OR have designated person that has received RB and PW training within the previous three years. Removes exemption for those who have completed three or more projects and maintained WA license for three years.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">HB 1633</a>	Within one hour of bid submittal time, prime contractor must submit list of licensed HVAC, plumbing, and electrical subcontractors or to name itself, if licensed to perform the work.	Needs floor 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. AWC working with stakeholders on revisions including exempting small projects and other technical adjustments.	Needs floor action
<a href="#">SB 5148</a>	Housing Accountability Act. The bill encourages cities to go through a voluntary approval process, which would delay adoption of a cities' new, updated housing GMA elements and development regulations until they are approved by the state—including those updates the state directed cities to make. Ways & Means amendment improves the bill slightly.	Needs floor action; Seeking updated feedback



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### Opposed

<a href="#">HB 1195</a>	STEP housing bill. Requires that comprehensive plans, developments regulations, and permit processes must not deny or preclude supportive, transitional, or emergency housing/shelter <i>on every residential parcel</i> . Requires Commerce to enforce requirements by withholding city revenues including sales, motor vehicle, liquor, and other taxes.	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 cities and counties for exceeding the cap.	Do not advance
<a href="#">HB 1380</a>	Safe spaces bill. Creates significant new restrictions on cities’ ability to regulate camping in public spaces. The vague language around the restrictions creates significant litigation concerns.	Do not advance
<a href="#">HB 1443</a>	Requires cities authorize at least two mobile homes, RVs, and other temporary structures as permanent living spaces in addition to traditional ADUs on residential lots with no oversight or inspection.	Do not advance
<a href="#">HB 1622 / SB 5422</a>	Requires public employers to bargain the adoption of AI related technology. This interferes with management rights to make business decisions.	Do not advance
<a href="#">HB 1710</a>	Modifies the Voting Rights Act to add prescriptive restrictions (preclearance) for certain covered jurisdictions before they can take certain actions like updating council districts. The bill has been amended to address some of AWC’s concerns. We continue to work with stakeholders.	Do not advance
<a href="#">HB 1750</a>	Revises the Voting Rights Act to create additional enforcement actions.	Do not advance
<a href="#">SB 5040</a>	Extends interest arbitration for collective bargaining for law enforcement officers to cities and towns under 2,500 in population creating costs.	Do not advance
<a href="#">SB 5041</a>	Allows striking workers to collect unemployment insurance. Requires a final judgment declaring a strike illegal before declining or requiring repayment of benefits paid to striking employees. It has the potential to leave taxpayers funding benefits paid during an illegal strike without taking costly legal action. Public employees are statutorily prohibited from striking.	Do not advance
<a href="#">SB 5184</a>	Significantly reduces local authority to set on-site parking requirements for cities over 20,000 in population, down to no parking requirements at all for several uses.	Do not advance
<a href="#">SB 5503</a>	Revises PERC procedures. AWC opposes the provision in Section 4 that would make it impossible to settle grievance cases.	Do not advance

#### Notes:

- Upcoming deadlines: House of origin cut-off March 12; opposite house policy committee cut-off April 2
- \*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