



AWC Hot Sheet – Bills of interest

Week of April 21, 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

HB 1791	Very helpful bill that harmonizes uses of local REET and permanent authority for use for affordable housing and operations and maintenance purposes.	Needs Governor's signature
HB 2015	Creates a new councilmanic 0.10% sales tax authority for funding public safety and criminal justice and a new grant program to help fund co-responders, officers, and other public safety needs. Cities that meet grant eligibility requirements may impose the new sales tax.	Needs House concurrence action
HB 2049	Revises the state and local property tax cap up to 3% tied to inflation and population providing a more flexible local option for elected city councils to choose to increase their annual property tax revenue.	Needs House committee action*

Other bills – Support

HB 1096	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.	Needs House concurrence
HB 1183	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 Governor's signature
SB 5284	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 Senate concurrence
SB 5509	Requires cities to allow childcare centers in all but industrial, light industrial and open space zones. Requires a conditional use process for on-site childcare in certain conditions in industrial and light industrial zones.	Needs Governor's signature
HB 1403	Condo reform proposal targeting issues around defects in condominium construction and how the current law has impacted insurance coverage.	Needs Governor's signature
HB 1515	Allows cities to request Liquor Control Board authorize libation zones in preparation for the 2026 World Cup festivities.	Needs House concurrence
HB 1516	Directs Office of Insurance Commissioner to conduct study of insurance coverage options to reduce cost of condominium insurance	Needs Governor's signature
HB 1934	Expands protections to releasing employee information when the individual is a victim or witness in a harassment investigation.	Needs House concurrence

Other – Requested amendments

HB 1213	Expands the Paid Family Medical Leave program by lowering the eligibility requirements and increasing job protections. Allow concurrent counting of PFML and FMLA leave. The bill has been amended to phase in the impact on smaller employers resolving some outstanding concerns.	Needs House concurrence
HB 1491	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 provided technical feedback. AWC is neutral.	Needs House concurrence



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SB 5148	Housing Accountability Act. Senate floor amendment made the bill more problematic. We are seeking changes to re-create the incentive-based approach to state pre-approval of development regulations, supporting the Connors/Peterson floor amendment to do so.	Awaiting Governor's signature
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Opposed

SB 5040	Extends interest arbitration for collective bargaining for law enforcement officers to cities and towns under 2,500 in population creating new and administrative requirements and increases costs.	Awaiting Governor's signature
SB 5041	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. Public employees are statutorily prohibited from striking so the bill has the potential to leave taxpayers funding benefits paid during an illegal strike without taking costly legal action.	Do not advance - Awaiting Senate concurrence
SB 5184	Significantly reduces local authority to set on-site parking requirements for cities over 30,000 in population, down to no parking requirements at all for several uses.	Do not advance - Awaiting Governor's signature
SB 5503	Revises PERC procedures. AWC opposes the provision in Section 4 that would make it impossible to enter into agreements to settle grievance cases. An amendment to address the most significant concerns was rejected.	Do not advance - Awaiting House concurrence
SB 5804	Effectively diverts the funding from the Public Works Assistance Account out of the program and uses it instead to pay for bonds to fulfill the state's obligation to address state-owned fish blocking culverts.	Do not advance – Awaiting Senate floor action*

Notes:

- Upcoming deadline: Sine Die (adjournment) April 27
- *Indicates a bill believed to be Necessary to Implement the Budget (NTIB) and exempt from previous deadlines
- Floor action indicates the bill needs to move to the floor to be voted on by the full House or Senate
- Concurrence is required when the opposite house passes an amended version of the bill and the house of origin needs to approve the amendment version. If they do not concur a bill can die from lack of concurrence or the bodies can send the bill to conference committee to work out a compromise.