



# Bill Hot Sheet

Week of March 9, 2026



*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 1717</a>	Local option to adopt a program to exempt building materials, labor and services from the local portion of sales tax associated with qualifying affordable housing up to 120% of AMI	Needs Senate floor vote
<a href="#">HB 2442</a>	This omnibus local government revenue flexibility and enhancement proposal includes updates to existing REET revenues to add nuisance abatement as an allowable use; establishes a new local option sales tax for services for children and families; creates more flexibility for the existing local option housing sales tax; and expands the time frames for voter approved levy lid lifts to up to 10 years. Includes an amendment to add in modifications to the single city fire district authority previously included in HB 2224/SB 6037.	Passed Senate - Needs House concurrence

## Other bills – Support

<a href="#">HB 2120</a>	Eliminates the JLARC lodging tax reporting requirement. This reporting takes staff time and is unnecessary given the other accountability and reporting requirements cities are subject to with regular audits.	Needs Senate floor vote
<a href="#">SB 6066</a>	Allows a county, city, town, or WSDOT to create an “crash prevention zone” on a portion of U.S. Highway 395 and, beginning in 2029, on other public roads with an elevated number of instances of collisions resulting in serious injuries or fatalities, authorizes use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect speed violations, and doubles penalty amount for speed violations or use of a personal electronic device while driving in the zone.	Passed House – Awaiting Senate concurrence
<a href="#">HB 2420</a>	Brings the cost threshold for use of a small works roster to award public works contracts up from \$350,000 to \$530,000 on January 1, 2027, with a further increase of \$30,000 each year for four years, starting July 1, 2027.	Passed Senate – Needs Governor signature
<a href="#">HB 2451</a>	This bill represents a compromise agreement by various stakeholders to modify local property tax based Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for future TIF areas to exempt EMS levies and future levy lid lifts and requires more involvement and negotiations with impacted taxing districts.	Passed Senate – Needs Governor signature
<a href="#">SB 6002</a>	Creates regulations for use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology used by law enforcement. Helpfully clarifies that ALPR data is not subject to release for any non-law enforcement purpose unless by court order. The bill now allows for ALPR data to be searchable by vehicle characteristics and for all felony and gross misdemeanor crimes.	Passed House – need Senate concurrence
<a href="#">SB 6110</a>	Provides that vehicles that have a similar appearance as electric-assisted bicycles, but which do not meet criteria for existing classes of e-bicycles in RCW, are not e-bicycles; creates work group to recommend a new statutory framework for such vehicles.	Passed House – Awaiting Senate concurrence



### Other & Requesting amendments

<a href="#"><u>HB 2266</u></a>	GMA planning jurisdictions must allow transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, indoor emergency shelters, and indoor emergency housing (STEP housing) in a variety of zones. Cities have reached a compromise agreement on the ability to require operating agreements as a condition of permitting or funding for emergency housing and limits on the ability to have spacing requirements between facilities and sensitive areas.	Passed Senate – needs House concurrence
<a href="#"><u>SB 5974</u></a>	Creates new qualifications for police chiefs and sheriffs, and mandates that all law enforcement agencies that use volunteers adopt a list of restrictions on their uses. At AWC’s request, House amended volunteer restrictions to enable limited uses of surveillance cameras and police database access.	Passed House – Needs Senate concurrence
<a href="#"><u>SB 6346</u></a>	Enacts a tax on annual household income over \$1 million annually. The bill also exempts hygiene products, diapers, and over the counter medication from state and local sales tax and provides other state B&O tax exemptions. Troubling is the impact of the sales tax exemptions which are projected to result in lost local sales tax revenue. AWC is asking for mitigation for lost local sales tax revenue. The funding for public defense has been removed from the latest version of the proposal.	Awaiting a House floor vote
<a href="#"><u>SB 6026</u></a>	Requires GMA cities over 30,000 to allow residential uses in commercial and mixed-use zones. Cities have expressed significant concerns with the restrictions around first-floor retail and the time frames for compliance. AWC is asking for no further amendments and will be neutral on the proposal if House Local Government amendments are retained.	Passed House – Needs Senate concurrence

### Opposed

<a href="#"><u>HB 1750</u></a>	Adds enforcement capacity for Voting Rights Act violations but undercuts the safe harbor period against future claims while limiting cities’ pathways to reasonable defense arguments. Also does not allow cities that succeed in defending litigation to recover attorneys’ fees.	Passed Senate – needs House concurrence
<a href="#"><u>HB 1710</u></a>	Requires jurisdictions found to have committed any voting rights violation in the last 25 years to obtain authorization from the attorney general before making changes to their voting methods, district boundaries, plan of government, or any other change deemed to possibly harm voting rights because of race, color, or membership in a language minority group. AWC is seeking amendments to shorten the look-back period, allow cities to recover attorney’s fees after prevailing in court, and to require clarity on how jurisdictions and practices qualify as covered.	Passed Senate – needs House concurrence

#### Notes:

- Upcoming deadlines: Sine Die March 12
- Floor vote means the bill needs to be scheduled for and brought up for a vote 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.