



ARCH Legislative Update - Week 2

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Hi All – Welcome to week 2 of the legislative session. See below for action alerts and updates on the bills associated with ARCH's [2026 legislative agenda](#).


Priority Action Alerts Related to Core Priorities

- **Housing Funding Flexibility.** SB 2442, which would allow flexibility in the use of funds generated from HB 1406 (state sales tax credit) and HB 1590 (.1% sales tax), is scheduled for public hearing on 1/20 at 8:00 AM in House Committee on Finance. This bill would allow these funds to support *existing* affordable housing, in line with ARCH's priorities to protect East King County's existing stock of affordable housing.
- [Consider signing in pro here](#)
- [Consider signing up to testify](#). Let me know if you'd like talking points.


Bill Updates

indicates upcoming public hearing. Cell color shading indicates related bills.

Bill Number	Description	Status	ARCH Member Positions (message me your position!)
HB 1867 (Ramel)	Local Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) for affordable housing	Substitute bill going back to House Finance.	
SB 5576 (Lovelett)	Local tax on short-term rentals (e.g. AirBnB)	Referred to Ways and Means	
HB 1808 (Zahn)	Revolving loan fund for affordable homeownership	Referred to House Committee on Capital Budget	
SB 6028 (Alvarado)	Revolving loan fund for mixed income affordable homeownership	1/21 @ 10:30 AM – Exec. Session Senate Committee on Housing	
HB 1859 (Salahuddin)	Affordable housing on faith owned land	Referred to House Finance	Bellevue Deputy Mayor Hamilton testified – thank you!
SB 5885 (Riccelli)	Affordable housing on faith owned land	1/21 @ 10:30 AM - Exec. Session Senate Committee on Housing	Redmond Mayor Birney testified – thank you!
HB 1974 (Hill)	Establishing land banking authorities	1/19 @ 1:30 PM – Public Hearing in the House Housing	

		Committee. See fact sheet.	
SB 6026 (Alvarado)	Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones.	1/21 @10:30 AM Exec. Session Senate Housing	Redmond and Kirkland have concerns about SB 6026. Woodinville will be opposed if threshold drops to cities below 30K population.
SB 6027 (Alvarado)	Allowing for flexibility for use of HB 1590 and 1406 funds.	1/21 Exec. Session Senate Housing	
HB 2442 (Berg). 	Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.	1/20 @ 8 AM -Public Hearing in the House Committee on Finance. See action alert above.	
HB 2295 (Tharinger)	Concerning the capital budget.	No funding for the Workforce Housing Accelerator Program was included in the Governor's proposed supplemental budget.	
SB 6003	Concerning the capital budget	But \$73M was included for homeownership (record!)	
HB 2153 (Connors)	Prohibits homebuyers from receiving multiple state-funded down payment assistance loans or grants.	Referred to the House Housing Committee.	Could negatively impact ARCH's downpayment assistance program.

Please reach out if you need any support from ARCH to advance bills that align with ARCH's legislative priorities.

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