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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.

Note: due to the Feb. 9 cut-off deadline, AWC will update this hot sheet again later this week with outcomes of fiscal committee votes.

Priority bills – Support

HB 2442	This omnibus local government revenue flexibility and enhancement proposal includes updates to existing REET revenues to add nuisance abatement as an allowable use; creates a new voter approved local option REET for affordable housing; 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.	Needs floor vote
HB 2559	Local option to adopt a 4% excise tax on short-term rental lodging. Authorized uses include operating and capital costs of affordable housing programs including homeless housing assistance, temporary shelters, and other related services, as well as housing infrastructure projects.	Needs fiscal committee hearing
HB 1717	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 AMISS	Needs floor vote
HB 1592	Increases state share of public defense funding and replaces state grants for city public defense with a formula distribution.	Set for fiscal committee vote

Other bills – Support

HB 2224 / SB 6037	Allows a city to form a single city fire district without having to reduce the city's existing property tax revenue. The new fire district has the same taxing authority as any other fire districts or Regional Fire Authority. AWC is working with hospital districts to address concerns about impacts on junior levies.	SB 6037 & HB 2224 set for fiscal committee vote
HB 2120 / SB 5879	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.	HB 2120 passed House SB 5879 needs floor vote
HB 1529	Exempts a county's paving and striping of city and town streets under interlocal agreement with a city from statutory public works requirements. AWC working on identifying compromise amendments that will be necessary for the bill to advance further.	Needs floor vote
HB 2374	Provides that vehicles that appear to be electric-assisted bicycles but do not meet criteria for existing classes of e-bicycles are e-motorcycles; provides that e-motorcycles are "motorcycles" under RCW; and creates work group to examine whether training or investments could facilitate rule compliance and help consumers distinguish between vehicles.	Set for fiscal committee vote

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<p><u>HB 2174 / SB 6066</u></p>	<p>Allows a county, city, town, or WSDOT to create an “crash prevention zone” identifying public roads where there have been multiple traffic collisions—after conducting an engineering and traffic investigation of public roads in the zone—and doubles penalties for certain traffic infractions in that zone with posted signage. Both bills were advanced to fiscal committees. AWC prefers SB 6066, which includes language excluding zone-related materials from evidence in civil actions, but the sponsor of HB 2174 indicated an openness to include that language.</p>	<p>HB 2174 needs amendment and fiscal committee vote SB 6066 scheduled for fiscal committee vote</p>
<p><u>HB 2420</u></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Needs floor vote</p>
<p><u>SB 6262 / HB 2722</u></p>	<p>Increases the maximum weight of vehicles on which a transportation benefit district can levy a vehicle license fee from 6,000 to 9,000 pounds. HB 2722 sponsor is supportive of amendment to match SB 6262, which was amended to lower maximum from 10,000 to 9,000 pounds.</p>	<p>SB 6262 needs Senate floor vote HB 2722 set for fiscal committee vote</p>

Other – Requesting amendments

<p><u>SB 6002</u></p>	<p>Creates regulations for use of Automated License Plater 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. We are requesting amendments to address technical issues and allow the tool to be used in solving misdemeanor crimes. SB 6002 was amended to address some concerns including the retention time, but more work is needed.</p>	<p>SB 6002 passed Senate; needs House committee hearing</p>
<p><u>SB 5974</u></p>	<p>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. Seeking amendment to harmonize volunteer requirements with those required to access HB 2015 funding.</p>	<p>Set for fiscal committee vote</p>
<p><u>SB 6110</u></p>	<p>Like HB 2374, above, provides that apparent electric-assisted bicycles that do not meet criteria for existing classes of e-bicycles are not e-bicycles, but stops short of providing that such vehicles are “motorcycles” under RCW or defining e-motorcycles; also creates work group, but charges it with recommending new statutory framework. AWC prefers HB 2374.</p>	<p>Voted out of fiscal committee but needs amendment</p>
<p><u>SB 6239</u></p>	<p>Bill address government liability challenges by requiring claims over \$15,000 against state and local government to go to arbitration before going to court. This is intended to reduce time and costs. The bill has been narrowed to require mediation for claims more than 10 years old which significantly reduces the impact for cities.</p>	<p>Set for fiscal committee vote</p>
<p><u>HB 2648</u></p>	<p>Creates new duty for local law enforcement to document activity of immigration officers in communities.</p>	<p>Needs fiscal committee vote</p>

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<u>HB 2095</u>	Expands legal remedies available to non-motorists struck in crosswalks, bike paths, and other protected areas. Seeking amendments to protect cities from liability in incidents caused by negligent private motorists.	Needs floor vote
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Opposed

<u>HB 2266 / SB 6069</u>	GMA planning jurisdictions must allow transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, indoor emergency shelters, and indoor emergency housing (STEP housing) in a variety of zones. The bill removes the ability to require operating agreements as a condition of permitting or funding for emergency housing, and removes the ability to have spacing requirements between facilities and sensitive areas. Cities are requesting restoration of those authorities.	HB 2266 scheduled for committee vote SB 6069 scheduled for committee vote
<u>HB 1622</u>	Requires public employers to bargain the decisions around the adoption of AI related technology. This interferes with management rights to make business decisions and can slow down implementation of new software. Public employers are already required to bargain the impacts of implementing new technology on wages, hours, and working conditions.	Awaiting House floor vote
<u>HB 2489</u>	Prohibits adoption or enforcement of ordinances restricting “life-sustaining activities” on public property unless the city or town can demonstrate that (a newly defined) “adequate alternative shelter space” was available. To be “available,” the shelter must be in the city and allow pets, partners, family members, other support persons, and the individual’s personal property. Allows for a cause of action against the city with a prevailing plaintiff entitled to attorney fees and costs.	Awaiting House floor vote
<u>SB 6026</u>	Requires GMA cities over 30,000 to allow residential uses in commercial and mixed-use zones. Cities must comply within a year. Cities have expressed significant concerns with the restrictions around first-floor retail and the time frames for compliance. Helpful amendments have been adopted but concerns still remain regarding scope of the first floor restrictions and the compliance timeline.	SB 6026 set for fiscal committee vote
<u>SB 6204</u>	Legalizes cannabis home grows of up to six plants per person/15 plants per housing unit. Places entire burden of enforcement on local jurisdictions based on visibility, smell, and number of plants.	Awaiting floor vote

Notes:

- Upcoming deadlines: Fiscal committee cut-off deadline February 9; House of origin cut-off deadline February 17; opposite house policy committee cut-off deadline February 25
- Floor vote means the bill needs to be scheduled for and brought up for a vote by the full body of the House or Senate.