



# Bill Hot Sheet

Week of February 16, 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.

**Note: This version of the Hot Sheet has been updated to reflect the status of bills post house of origin cut-off. Updated Wednesday, February 18.**

## 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 AMISS	Set for Senate committee hearing
<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. Bill was amended to remove the new voter approved REET for affordable housing.	Passed House – Needs Senate Committee hearing.

## Other bills – Support

<a href="#">HB 2120</a> / <a href="#">SB 5879</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.	<b>HB 2120</b> passed House <b>SB 5879</b> Passed Senate
<a href="#">HB 2374</a>	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.	Passed House, needs Senate committee hearing
<a href="#">SB 6066</a>	Allows a county, city, town, or WSDOT to create an “crash prevention zone” on a portion of Interstate 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 use of a personal electronic device while driving in the zone.	Passed Senate, needs House committee hearing
<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 House, set for Senate committee hearing
<a href="#">SB 6262</a>	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.	Passed Senate, needs House committee hearing



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<a href="#"><u>HB 2451</u></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. Requires more involvement and negotiations with impacted taxing districts.	Set for Senate committee hearing
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## Other & Requesting amendments

<a href="#"><u>SB 6002</u></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. We are requesting amendments to address technical issues and allow the tool to be used in solving misdemeanor crimes.	<b>SB 6002</b> set for House committee hearing
<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.	Set for Senate committee hearing
<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. Seeking amendment to harmonize volunteer requirements with those required to access HB 2015 funding.	Passed Senate, Needs House committee hearing
<a href="#"><u>SB 6110</u></a>	Like <b>HB 2374</b> , above, provides that 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 to recommend a new statutory framework. AWC prefers language of <b>HB 2374</b> .	Passed Senate, needs House committee hearing
<a href="#"><u>SB 6239</u></a>	Bill address government liability challenges by requiring claims against state and local government to go to arbitration before going to court if they are more than 10 years old. Allows any claim involving a government to go to arbitration if agreed to by the parties. The bill also includes a JLARC study of the impact of these changes and other factors impacting settlements and liability.	Passed Senate
<a href="#"><u>HB 2095</u></a>	Expands legal remedies available to non-motorists struck in crosswalks, bike paths, and other protected areas. Seeking amendment to protect cities from liability in incidents caused by negligent private motorists.	Passed House
<a href="#"><u>SB 6346</u></a>	Enacts a tax on annual household income over \$1 million annually. The bill also exempts hygiene products from state and local sales tax and provides other state B&O tax exemptions. A portion of the revenue generated would be provided for municipal public defense. AWC is asking for a larger amount of funding for municipal public defense costs and for mitigation for lost local sales tax revenue.	Passed Senate



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## Opposed

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 2266</u></a></p>	<p>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 restricts the ability to require operating agreements as a condition of permitting or funding for emergency housing and limits the ability to have spacing requirements between facilities and sensitive areas. Cities are requesting restoration or expansion of those authorities.</p>	<p><b>HB 2266</b> set for committee Senate Committee hearing</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 6026</u></a></p>	<p>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. Helpful amendments have been adopted but concerns still remain regarding scope of the first floor restrictions and the compliance timeline.</p>	<p>Awaiting House Committee hearing</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1750</u></a></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Awaiting Senate Committee hearing.</p>

### Notes:

- Upcoming deadlines: House of origin cut-off deadline February 17; opposite house policy committee cut-off deadline February 25; fiscal committee cut-off deadline March 2
- 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.