

Weekly Legislative Update: **Growth Management**

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Bills Seeing Action This Week

This past week, several bills that League has been supporting moved through the Ways & Means Committee and now are in the Rules Committee. We will begin watching to see if they are moved to the floor beginning Tuesday, after the deadline for bills in fiscal committees to pass. Until then, the fiscal committees will be pushing the other bills through. **Thank you to everyone who signed on PRO in the last week to help move these forward.**

At this point in the process, there is not much that League can do to further promote our interests in these bills; but if there is new information on Monday or Tuesday, we will send out some new information.

These House bills are scheduled for executive session in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on the deadline, Monday, February 28. They have had public hearings but the committee has not yet voted on them. Given how full the Ways & Means Committee agenda is this weekend, it is not likely that any additional action to get affirmative votes will do much good.

- [HB 1099](#), Improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's comprehensive planning framework
- [HB 1117](#), Promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the State's comprehensive planning network

These House bills are in Senate Rules:

- [HB 1241](#), Relating to planning under the GMA (increasing the timeline for plan revisions; progress reports; consultation with tribes; Commerce to resolve disputes)
- [HB 1660](#), Concerning accessory dwelling units
- [HB 1769](#), Concerning community municipal corporations

These Senate bills are now in House Rules:

- [SB 5042](#), Concerning the effective date of certain actions taken under the GMA (relates to vesting)
- [SB 5428](#), Increasing housing supply through the GMA
- [SB 5593](#), Concerning urban growth area boundaries.

It appears that [SB 5312](#), Facilitating transit-oriented development and increasing housing inventory may have died in the House Environment and Energy Committee, because no action was taken on that bill in executive committee. That was an important bill and it is unfortunate that it has not moved ahead.

The Senate budget included funding for technical assistance for Growth Management Act changes, which is very promising for implementation of HB 1220, passed last year and HB 1099, which we hope will pass this year.

How You Can Be Involved

- During the legislative session we will send Action Alerts in the [Legislative Newsletter](#). Please respond to these, which will direct you to an application to facilitate communicating with your legislators on an important vote in committees or on the chamber floor.
- Local Leagues in Washington have action chairs who coordinate action teams. Some local Leagues have education teams to take action locally. Contact your local League action chair to find out and join.
- You may also express your opinion on legislation with the LWVWA issue chairs. We will take your perspectives under considerations as we determine our support for legislation and prepare testimony. Cynthia Stewart, Growth Management Issue Chair, cstewart@lwwwa.org.