

## Weekly Legislative Update: **Transportation**

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The few transportation bills League is following in addition to the budgets are these:

- [HB 1673](#), Concerning broadband infrastructure loans and grants made by the public works board, is in the Senate Rules Committee awaiting a floor vote.
- [SB 5528](#), Authorizing voter-approved additive revenue sources within a regional transit authority area for enhanced service zones, had a public hearing on February 24. It must be moved out of the House Transportation Committee by Monday, February 28 or will die.
- [SB 5510](#), Relating to renewal of the sales and use tax for transportation benefit districts, had a public hearing on February 24 and must have a vote in executive session by Monday, February 28, or it will die.

Both the House and Senate Transportation Committees have amended the budget bills introduced by their respective Chairs, Rep. Fey and Sen. Liias. Each chamber will now need to pass its respective budget bill and then negotiations between the House and Senate will ensue. **At this point, there is no way to influence the outcomes, and mid-week we will put out a status report about the differences between the two.**

### 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@lwvwa.org](mailto:cstewart@lwvwa.org)