

Weekly Legislative Update: Revenue

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Bills Seeing Action This Week

[HB 1765](#) Ensuring the ongoing sustainability and vitality of the Washington health benefit exchange by eliminating the expiration date of its business and occupation tax exemption.

Ensuring the ongoing sustainability and vitality of the Washington health benefit exchange by eliminating the expiration date of its business and occupation tax exemption (see SB 5654, companion bill, below)

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[HB 1789](#) Establishing a property tax exemption for adult family homes serving people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and owned by a nonprofit. Establishing a property tax exemption for adult family homes serving people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and owned by a nonprofit.

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[HB 1830](#) Clarifying that certain reusable packing materials are exempt from sales and use tax. Clarifying that certain reusable packing materials are exempt from sales and use tax

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[HB 1672](#) Concerning local property tax levies for conservation futures. Concerning local property tax levies for conservation futures. If passed, this bill would exempt property taxes levied for conservation futures from the current limit on growth of property tax, as of 2023. This bill is consistent with League position CD-1, which is that Conservation Districts have a

uniquerole with landowners to encourage conservation of all resources and the League supports that independent role; and PE-1: Exemptions from property tax should be limited but may be valid whenused to further public policy such as encouraging education, cultural or humanitarian causes.

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HB 1025 Concerning local parks funding options. Concerning local parks funding options. This bill would allow cities, counties or metropolitan park districts to enact, with voter approval, a 1/10 of one percent local option sales tax to fund park services. This bill is consistent with League position PO-3: League supports citizen information, education, and participation in city, county and regional park and open space programs to ensure that present and future needs are met.

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HB 1035 Providing local governments with options to grant rent relief and preserve affordable housing in their communities. Providing local governments with options to grant rent relief and preserve affordable housing in their communities.

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SB 5654 Ensuring the ongoing sustainability and vitality of the Washington health benefit exchange by eliminating the expiration date of its business and occupation tax exemption. Ensuring the ongoing sustainability and vitality of the Washington health benefit exchange by eliminating the expiration date of its business and occupation tax exemption. (See HB 1765, companion bill, above)

⚠ The bill will be heard in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on January 18th at 4:00 PM. To express your opinion, go to: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSI/Senate> Enter Ways & Means Committee and January 18, and then click on the bill number, followed by “I would like my position noted for the legislative record.”

[SB 5868](#) Expanding the use of the rural counties public facilities sales and use tax to include affordable workforce housing. Expanding the use of the rural counties public facilities sales and use tax to include affordableworkforce housing.

⚠ The bill will be heard in the Senate Housing & Local Government Committee on January 19th. To express your opinion, go to: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSI/Senate> Enter *Housing & Local Government Committee and January 19*, and then click on the bill number, followed by *"I would like my position noted for the legislative record."*

[SB 5713](#) Providing a property tax exemption for limited equity cooperative housing. Providing a property tax exemption for limited equity cooperative housing.

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[HB 1841](#) Incentivizing rental of accessory dwelling units to low-income households.

Incentivizing rental of accessory dwelling units to low-income households. This bill exempts improvements to ADUs from additional property tax for the duration of the period during which the ADU is rented to a low-income household.

⚠ The bill will be heard in the House Finance Committee on January 20th at 8:00 AM. To express your opinion, go to: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/house> Enter *Finance Committee and January 20*, and then click on the bill number, followed by *"I would like my position noted for the legislative record."*

Bills We Support

Both the House and Senate held public hearings this week on the Governor's proposed operating and capital budgets. Comments during those hearings will inform the legislators in development of their own respective House and Senate budget proposals. In addition, the House and Senate held public hearings on these bills, which the League supported

[HB 1643](#) Exempting a sale or transfer of real property for affordable housing to a nonprofit entity, housing authority, public corporation, county, or municipal corporation from the real estate excise tax.

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[SB 5513](#) Relates to expanding flexibility of existing lodging taxes for affordable workforce housing, which the League also supported.

In the week ahead, a number of bills adding exemptions to the property or sales tax are scheduled for public hearing. The purpose of a tax exemption is to further a public goal by providing a financial incentive, even though the net effect is a reduction in the state's revenue.

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