

Weekly Legislative Update: **Housing and Homelessness**

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Bills Needing Action This Week

Please sign in “PRO” for each of these bills that will be heard in committee this week at the links provided. Please sign in at least one hour before the meeting starts.

Senate Housing & Local Government, Tuesday, January 25, 8:00 am

⚠ [SB 5832](#) - Expanding the multifamily tax exemption program to include converting existing multifamily units.

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSI/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=29575&aId=144685&caId=18926&tId=3>

⚠ [SB 5861](#) - Concerning housing benefit districts.

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSI/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=29575&aId=144686&caId=18927&tId=3>

House Housing, Human Services & Veterans Committee, Tuesday, January 25, 8:00 am

⚠ [HB 1987](#) - Establishing a task force on creating a new state housing and homelessness department

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mId=29650&aId=144752&caId=19070&tId=3>

⚠ [HB 2017](#) - Addressing housing concerns for individuals impacted by the criminal legal system

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mId=29650&aId=144755&caId=19073&tId=3>

House Appropriations Committee, Tuesday, January 25, 3:30 pm

⚠ [HB 1100](#) - Concerning the sale or lease of manufactured/mobile home communities and the property on which they sit

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mId=29579&aId=144813&caId=19003&tId=3>

Senate Housing & Local Government, Wednesday, January 26, 10:30 am

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

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSI/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=29576&aId=144751&caId=18965&tId=3>

Senate Ways & Means Committee, Thursday, January 27, 4:00 pm

⚠ [SB 5566](#) - Expanding eligibility for the independent youth housing program.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSI/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=29574&aId=144844&caId=18985&tId=3>

⚠ [SB 5033](#) - Limiting the property tax exemption for improvements to single-family dwellings to the construction of accessory dwelling units.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/CSI/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=29574&aId=144860&caId=18986&tId=3>

House Housing, Human Services & Veterans Committee, Friday, January 28, 10:00 am

⚠ [HB 2023](#) - Addressing enforcement of tenant protections.
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mId=29652&aId=144763&caId=19074&tId=3>

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