

Weekly Legislative Update: **Housing and Homelessness**

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Thank you to those of you who signed in PRO on bills last week. Several bills passed at the very end before cut-off. An analysis of the effects of bills passed this session will be provided in the next newsletter.

Bills that passed the Senate:

- [HB 1724](#), **Ensuring oversight and coordination of permanent supportive housing resources** to maximize the creation of high-quality housing opportunities for people living with disabling conditions in communities across Washington. This bill was not amended in the Senate so should be able to go to the Governor for signature.
- [HB 1593](#), **Expanding the landlord mitigation program** to alleviate the financial burden on victims attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, unlawful harassment, or stalking. This bill was not amended in the Senate so should be able to go to the Governor for signature.
- [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.** This bill was amended in the Senate so will have to go through reconciliation with the House and re-passed by both chambers.

Bills that passed the House:

- [SB 5566](#), **Expanding eligibility for the independent youth housing program.** This bill was amended by the House and will have to go through reconciliation with the Senate and be re-passed by both chambers.
- [SB 5749](#), **Concerning payments made by residential tenants.** This bill was amended by the House and will have to go through reconciliation with the Senate and be re-passed by both chambers.
- [SB 5868](#), **Expanding the use of the rural counties public facilities sales and use tax to include affordable workforce housing.** This bill was amended by the House and will have to go through reconciliation with the Senate and be re-passed by both chambers.
- [SB 5883](#), **Concerning an unaccompanied homeless youth's ability to provide informed consent ...[the title is quite long]** This bill was amended by the House and will have to go through reconciliation with the Senate and be re-passed by both chambers.

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, Housing and Homelessness Issue Chair, cstewart@lwvwa.org