

Weekly Legislative Update: **Growth Management**

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Coming Up This Week

When you sign in “Pro”, you may express support for bills in hearings with the online process. Remember, only authorized members can speak for the League; the Issue Chairs will do that, so please leave the “Organization” box blank. A more powerful influence is many voices speaking for themselves rather than many voices speaking for the League.

SB 5466 Promoting transit-oriented development, passed the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on February 7 and has been referred to the Transportation Committee. It is scheduled for public hearing on Monday, February 13 at 4:00 pm.

Sign in PRO [here](#) before 3:00 pm on Monday.

HB 1167 Concerning residential housing regulations, establishes a grant program to assist counties and cities adopt preapproved middle housing plans and prohibits a city or county from imposing any regulations, reviews, or standards on multiplex housing that is not applied to detached single family residences. This bill passed the House Housing Committee as a substitute on February 2 and has been referred to the House Appropriations Committee. This bill has a **public hearing in that committee on Wednesday, February 15 at 4:00 pm.**

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Bills that Passed

HB 1620 Concerning the number of inhabitants required for incorporation as a city or town would remove the requirement that an area must have at least 3,000 inhabitants, instead of the otherwise standard 1,500, to incorporate if it is within 5 air miles of a city with a population of 15,000 or more. This bill passed the House Local Government Committee as a substitute on February 3 and moved through the Rules Committee to the floor, where it passed as a substitute on February 9.

Updates

Bills in Rules Committee

SB 5364 Encouraging transit-oriented development through a prohibition on the imposition of minimum parking requirements. This bill passed the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee as a substitute on February 2 and is now in Senate Rules Committee.

[SB 5235](#) Concerning accessory dwelling units. This passed the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee as a substitute on February 9 and has been referred to the Rules Committee.

[HB 1401](#) Allowing cities and counties to create a simple, standardized housing permit process for affordable housing units in areas designated for housing. This passed the House Housing Committee on February 2 and has been referred to the Rules Committee.

[HB 1133](#) Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas. (*Recall that League is watching this, in case it is amended to allow more than nominal change in rural areas.*) This bill had a public hearing on January 19 and was passed out of the House Housing Committee as a substitute bill on January 26. It is now in the House Rules Committee.

[HB 1245](#) Increasing housing options through lot splitting, a companion bill to SB 5364 listed below, passed the House Housing Committee as a substitute on February 2 and has been referred to the Rules Committee. It is on second reading.

Other

[SB 5190](#)/[HB 1110](#) Increasing middle housing in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing. **SB 5190** was passed from the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs on January 12 and referred to the Senate Housing Committee, where it was moved out of committee as a substitute bill and has been referred to the Ways & Means Committee but has not yet been scheduled for public hearing in that committee.

HB 1110 passed the House Housing Committee on February 7 as a substitute but the next referral has not yet been posted.

[SB 5203](#)/[HB 1181](#) Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework. **SB 5203** passed the Senate Local Government, Land Use and Tribal Affairs Committee as a substitute on February 0 and has been referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1181 was passed out of the House Local Government Committee as a substitute bill and referred to the House Appropriations Committee, where it had a public hearing on February 6 and executive action on February 9, though the action taken has not been posted as of this writing.

[SB 5412](#) Reducing local governments' land use permitting workloads. This bill passed the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on February 7 and has been referred to the Transportation Committee.

[SB 1425](#) Facilitating municipal annexations, would require an interlocal agreement for annexed areas in which a sales and use tax is imposed to address certain criteria regarding loss and gain of revenue, development and ownership of infrastructure, and revenue sharing agreements.

This bill passed the House Local Government Committee on February 3 and was referred to the Finance Committee, where it is scheduled for public hearing on February 16.

HB 1611 Local government permitting. This bill passed the House Housing Committee on February 7 and has been referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 5456 Minimum Parking Requirements had a public hearing in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on February 2 and is scheduled for executive session on Thursday, February 9.

HB 1133/SB 5357 Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas. (*Recall that League is watching this, in case it is amended to allow more than nominal change in rural areas.*) **HB 1133** had a public hearing on January 19 and was passed out of the House Housing Committee as a substitute bill on January 26. It is now in the House Rules Committee. **SB 5357** had a public hearing in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on January 26 but has not been scheduled for executive session.

HB 1351/SB 5364 Encouraging transit-oriented development through a prohibition on the imposition of minimum parking requirements. **HB 1351** passed the House Local Government Committee on February 8 and has been referred to the House Rules Committee. **SB 5364** passed the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee as a substitute and is now in Senate Rules Committee.

How You Can Be Involved

- Respond to Action Alerts in the legislative newsletter. These will primarily appear in the section of the newsletter related to growth management.
- Contact Cynthia Stewart, cstewart@lwvwa.org, to receive additional information.