

## 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 5203/HB 1181](#) Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework. **SB 5203** had a public hearing in the Senate Local Government, Land Use and Tribal Affairs Committee on January 17 and is scheduled for executive session on February 9. **HB 1181** was passed out of the House Local Government Committee as a substitute bill and referred to the House Appropriations Committee, where it has a public hearing on Monday, February 6. Sign in PRO [here](#) before 3:00 pm on Monday.**

### **Updates**

**[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 had a public hearing on January 25. It has now been scheduled for executive session on Wednesday, February 8.**

**HB 1110** has been scheduled for executive session in the House Housing Committee on February 7.

**[HB 1401](#) Allowing cities and counties to create a simple, standardized housing permit process for affordable housing units in areas designated for housing. This bill was moved out of the House Housing Committee on February 2 with a Do Pass recommendation.**

**[SB 1425](#) Facilitating municipal annexations, would requires 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 had a public hearing in the House Local Government Committee on**

February 1 and executive action was taken on February 3 but the action taken is not available as of this writing.

**HB 1611 Local government permitting.** This bill had a public hearing in the House Housing Committee on January 30 and is scheduled for executive session on February 7.

**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 had a public hearing in the House Local Government Committee on February 1 and executive action was taken on February 3 but the action taken is not available as of this writing.

**SB 5466 Promoting transit-oriented development,** had a public hearing in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on January 31 and is scheduled for executive session on Tuesday, February 7.

**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 1167 Concerning residential housing regulations,** had a public hearing in the House Housing Committee on January 19 and executive action was taken but the action was not specified as of this writing.

**HB 1245 Increasing housing options through lot splitting,** a companion bill to SB 5364 listed below, had a public hearing in the House Housing Committee and was moved out of committee with a Do Pass recommendation on February 2.

**HB 1351/SB 5364 Encouraging transit-oriented development through a prohibition on the imposition of minimum parking requirements.** **HB 1351** had a public hearing in the House Local Government Committee on January 25 but has not been scheduled for executive session. **SB 5364** was moved out of the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee as a substitute with a Do Pass recommendation and is now in Senate Rules Committee.

**SB 5235 Concerning accessory dwelling units.** This bill had an executive session in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on Thursday, February 2 but no action was taken.

**SB 5412 Reducing local governments' land use permitting workloads.** This bill had a public hearing on January 26 and is scheduled for executive session on February 7.

## **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](mailto:cstewart@lwvwa.org), to receive additional information.