

Weekly Legislative Update: **Transportation**

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During the first week of this legislative session, the House and Senate Transportation Committees focused primarily on briefings. They also held public hearings, which will be continued in the week ahead, on the Governor's proposed Transportation budget. The House and Senate Transportation budgets will not emerge until the second half of the session.

There have not been a large number of transportation related bills filed yet that are in alignment with League positions, but more will be filed and those will be reported on in the next few weeks. Two of interest are:

[HB 1040](#) Establishing an aviation and aerospace advisory committee, which would require the state aviation and aerospace advisory committee to make recommendations to both Commerce and Transportation on matters including emerging technologies, new federal regulations, funding priorities, policy considerations, methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and workforce development opportunities. It would also mandate representation on the committee from legislators, aviation and aerospace companies and associations, county commissioners, airport officials, and certain state agencies and statewide organizations. This bill had a public hearing on January 11 and will be considered in executive session on January 20.

[HB 1084](#) Concerning freight mobility prioritization, which recognizes the contributions of freight transportation to greenhouse gas emissions and impacts of freight transportation on historically overburdened communities. It would charge the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board with recommending policies and a capital plan for how freight mobility can support the economy and be sustainable while engaging the overburdened communities that would be impacted. It also calls for a study of best practices for preventing or mitigating the impacts of freight systems on overburdened communities. **This bill will have a public hearing in the House Transportation Committee on Thursday, January 19, at 4:0 pm. Please sign in PRO no later than 3:00 pm on January 19 [here](#).**

Note: 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.

Bills We Support

Additional bills will be added in the weeks ahead.

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 transportation.
- Contact Cynthia Stewart, cstewart@lwvwa.org, to receive additional information.