

Weekly Legislative Update: **Growth Management**

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Thank you to all who signed in on last week's bills. Here are some that need your support this week.

Bills Needing Action This Week

Sign in "Pro" for the following bills this week:

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.

These bills needing action are in order of dates on which the public hearings are being held.

On Monday, January 30, the House Housing Committee is holding public hearings at 1:30 pm on bills related to the Growth Management Act that League supports. **Please sign in PRO for these bills before 12:30 pm on Monday, January 30.**

[HB 1401](#) Allowing cities and counties to create a simple, standardized housing permit process for affordable housing units in areas designated for housing. Please sign in PRO [here](#).

[HB 1611](#) Local government permitting. Please sign in PRO [here](#).

[SB 5466](#) Promoting transit-oriented development, is scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on Tuesday, January 31, at 8:00 am. Please sign in PRO [here](#) before 7:00 am on Tuesday, January 31.

[SB 5456](#) Minimum Parking Requirements is scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on Thursday, February 2, at 10:30 am. Please sign in PRO [here](#) before 9:30 am on February 2.

Update on Bill Status

[HB 1133](#) Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas, had a public hearing on January 19 and was passed out of the House Housing Committee as a substitute bill on January 26.

HB 1181 Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework, had a public hearing on January 17 and executive session on January 25. The bill passed out of the committee as a substitute with a do pass recommendation and was referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

HB 1167 Concerning residential housing regulations, had a public hearing in the House Housing Committee on January 19 and is scheduled for executive session on February 2.

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 is scheduled for executive session on Thursday, February 2.

HB 1351 Encouraging transit-oriented development through a prohibition on the imposition of minimum parking requirements, a companion bill to SB 5456, had a public hearing in the House Local Government Committee on January 25 but has not been scheduled for executive session.

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. No executive session has been scheduled, and committee members are working on amendments to present and discuss when that does happen. **HB 1110** has also not been scheduled for executive session following its public hearing in the House Housing Committee on January 17 for the same reason.

Thank you to everyone who signed in for last Thursday's, January 26, public hearing on the following Growth Management bills. Here is their status.

SB 5235 Concerning accessory dwelling units. This bill has been scheduled for executive session in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on Thursday, February 2.

SB 5412 Reducing local governments' land use permitting workloads. This bill has not yet been scheduled for executive session.

SB 5364 Increasing housing options through lot splitting. This bill has been scheduled for executive session in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee on Thursday, February 2.

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.) This bill has not yet been scheduled for executive session.

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@lwwva.org, to receive additional information.