

Weekly Legislative Update: **Solid Waste Management**

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This is a tricky time as Wed, March 8, is the deadline to get bills out of the chamber of origin --- and then the opposite house will begin hearings on Thursday and Friday this week on bills that we have already supported in the chamber of origin.... And we need your help again. Those bills begin the second round on their journey to final passage. There are many places where you can indicate your stance on a bill --- just because you signed in PRO several weeks ago when that bill was first heard, doesn't mean that that endorsement follows the bill. You need to weigh in many times as the bill moves to new committees and action.

Please express support for the bills – include your own voice and/or suggested talking points.

Remember, only authorized members can speak for the League; the Issue Chairs will do that. A more powerful influence is many voices speaking for themselves rather than many voices speaking for the League.

Bills Needing Action - As bill status can change over the weekend and into next week, please keep checking the bill status by clicking the [blue bill number](#). Please check all three categories:

- A. Vote on the Floor of the Chamber of Origin by March 8!
- B. Move out of Rules and onto the Floor Calendar
- C. Have passed the House of Origin and moving now to the Opposite House
>>> several of these bills have hearings on Mar 9 or 10 and need sign-ins!

A. Vote on the Floor of Chamber of Origin by March 8!

- **2SHB 1131 Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes. WRAP Act.** Here is a [factsheet](#); you can also learn more with [this video](#) from the Seattle Channel.

Priority Bill

STATUS: Request your Representatives vote yes to pass HB 1131. Click [HERE](#) to complete this action.

- **SB 5245 Concerning biosolids.** Ecology must establish pollutant limits for PFAS chemicals in biosolids, based on the results of the USEPA's risk assessment for PFAS chemicals in biosolids. Ecology must ensure that biosolids are tested for PFAS chemicals

for which this pollutant limit has been established. And land application of biosolids that do not comply with the PFAS chemical pollutant limit would be prohibited. This bill is newly elevated to LWVWA Support.

STATUS: On Floor calendar. Request your [Senator](#) to vote yes.

B. Move out of Rules and onto the Floor Calendar

- **[SHB 1185](#) Reducing environmental impacts associated with lighting products.** Phases out the sale of most mercury-containing lights and extends/expands the product stewardship program for the same lights. Has an extended producer responsibility element in that the producers of lights in the stewardship program will be required to finance the operations of the program (eliminating the handling fee currently applied to retail sales)

STATUS: Still in Rules 2 for Review. Request your [Representatives'](#) help in moving this bill to a vote on the floor without amendment and then to vote yes.

- **[HB 1422](#) Clarifying that certain reusable packing materials are exempt from sales and use tax.**

STATUS: Still in Rules. Request your [Representatives'](#) help in moving this bill from Rules to a vote on the floor without amendment and then to vote yes.

- **[SSB 5376](#) Allowing the sale of cannabis waste:** this bill would allow sale of cannabis if the waste would not be designated as dangerous or hazardous waste. Currently, this organic waste is often landfilled.

STATUS: Still in Rules Committee. Request your [Senator's](#) help in moving this bill from Rules to a vote on the floor without amendment and then to vote yes.

- **[2SSB 5144](#) Providing for responsible environmental management of batteries.** product stewardship bill for recycling all batteries. The batteries in our cell phones, electric toothbrushes and other rechargeable devices are lithium ion batteries. Ensuring the proper handling, recycling, and end-of-life management of used batteries prevents the release of toxic materials into the environment and removes materials from the waste stream that, if mishandled, may present safety concerns to workers, such as by igniting fires at solid waste handling facilities. See [factsheet](#).

STATUS: Still in Senate Rules Committee. Request your [Senator's](#) help in moving this bill from Rules to a vote on the floor without amendment and then to vote yes.

C. Passed the House of Origin and moving to the Opposite House

- **[ESHB 1033](#) Evaluating compostable product usage.** Establishes an advisory committee to standardize composting across Washington.

STATUS: passed out of the House on 2/28/23 ([91-6-0-1](#)) Scheduled for hearing in Senate

Environment, Energy & Technology Committee 3/10/23 @ 8 a.m.

Sign in [PRO](#) by 3/10/23 7 a.m.

- [SHB 1085](#) **Reducing plastic pollution.** A three-pronged approach to reduce the use of plastics by 1) Requiring **refill stations** in drinking fountains in all new construction; 2) Phasing out **mini toiletries plastic packaging** (including shampoos, conditioners, lotions, and soaps) at hotels and other lodging establishments; 3) Banning **foam-filled dock floats** in our lakes and marine waters.
STATUS: Passed out of the House on 2/28/23 (97-0-0-1). Scheduled for hearing in Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee 3/10/23 @ 8 a.m.

Sign in [PRO](#) by 7 a.m. 3/10/23

- [SHB 1047](#) **Concerning the use of toxic chemicals in cosmetic products.** Eliminates the sale of cosmetics that contain one of nine toxins as identified in the bill. Allows for a phase-out to keep toxins out of homes and environment.
STATUS: Passed out of House 3/1/23 (55-41). Referred to Senate Environment, Energy & Technology.
- [2SHB 1392](#) **Right to Repair - Promoting the fair servicing and repair of digital electronic equipment):** This bill requires digital electronic product manufacturers, such as Apple and Microsoft, to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners so that People will keep using devices instead of tossing them or processing in take-back programs! The Senate Companion Bill did not make it out of committee.
STATUS: 2SHB 1392 – Passed out of the House. Senate Committee to be determined.
- [SB 5287](#) **Concerning a study on the recycling of wind turbine blades.** Requires the Washington State University extension energy program to conduct a study on the feasibility of recycling wind turbine blades used in Washington.
STATUS: Passed Senate 2/27/23 (48-0). Referred to House Environment and Energy Committee

Bills League Supported; Did not Move Forward

- **[HB 1164](#) Responsible management of appliances containing harmful gases and other materials.** Creates a producer responsibility program for appliances. **STATUS:** Hearing in Environment and Energy Committee on 2/16/23 to primarily start the conversation on work on this bill for the 2024 session. **No action taken this session.**
- **[HB 1551](#) Reducing lead in cookware –** **STATUS:** Passed out of House Environment and Energy Committee On 2/13/23. Died in Appropriations
- **[SB 5154](#) Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes. WRAP Act.** Here is a [factsheet](#). **STATUS:** **The Senate bill did not move out of committee. The House bill 1131 is the vehicle.**
- **[SB 5464](#) Right to Repair - Promoting the fair servicing and repair of digital electronic equipment):** This bill requires digital electronic product manufacturers, such as Apple and Microsoft, to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners. **STATUS:** **Bill did not make it out of policy committee. HB 1392 is the vehicle**

Bills We Are Watching

- **[SSB 5579](#)** Allows the Department of Ecology to elect to refrain from or cease administering or enforcing a requirement related to the use of hydrofluorocarbons and other ozone-depleting substance substitutes if it determines that supply chain problems or other similar disruptions threaten to impair businesses or consumers in Washington, and that suspending enforcement of a requirement would mitigate the problem. **STATUS:** Executive action taken on 2/17/23. Substitute bill passed out of committee. LWVWA is “watching” this bill. No action recommended at this time.

How You Can Be Involved

- Contact Ann Murphy, Solid Waste Management Issue Chair, amurphy@lwvwa.org or call (509) 385-8910.
- Check the [Solid Waste Management page](#) for updates.
- Read the *Legislative Newsletter* and respond to Action Alerts.