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News from the Washington Landlord Association (WLA)!

2024 Legislative Session Update

For the week of Friday, January 26th, 2024

Today marks the 19th day of the 2024 Legislative session in Olympia. On Monday, Governor Jay Inslee made a [press release](#) regarding the Pacific Coast Collaborative's Vision and Action Plan. The Pacific Coast Collaborative was formed in 2013 by California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia to, "dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a vibrant, low carbon regional economy by transforming energy systems, buildings, transportation, and food waste management." The Vision and Action Plan outlines three pathways along with strategies and actions that will move the Pacific Coast region toward the vision of reducing embodied carbon through low-carbon construction:

- Pathway 1: Build regional demand for low-carbon construction
- Pathway 2: Encourage growth of regional supply of low-carbon construction materials and services
- Pathway 3: Build strategic partnerships

"Many people don't realize the places where we live, learn and work are among our biggest sources of carbon emissions," said Washington Gov. Jay Inslee. "As we see the ravages of climate change around us, we can no longer ask 'if' we should look for ways to decarbonize our buildings, we have to ask 'how' and 'how fast.' These low-carbon construction strategies are an important part of that effort."

Legislative Session Upcoming Cutoffs

Lastly back to the logistics of creating/stopping legislation, our first cutoff is this upcoming Wednesday, January 31st, which will be the last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees. Our next upcoming cutoff will be for those fiscal committees which will be on Monday, February 5th.

We will keep you updated on important and relevant legislation throughout the session.

If you are wanting or asked to testify on a bill, please click this [link](#) on instructions and helpful hints on the testimony process.

2024 Weekly Hearing Schedule

Week of January 29

Below is the weekly schedule of legislative committee hearings we are tracking for the week of Monday, January 29 to Friday, February 2.

If anyone is interested in watching any of these hearings, they can do so on TVW at www.tvw.org and select the appropriate committee hearing to view.

To take action on any of the bills you can do the following:

§ To Sign up to Submit written testimony,

§ Testify virtually or in-person, or

§ To Provide position to be noted for the legislative record, [click here](#)

Select either House or Senate (Whether the bills is being heard in a House or Senate Committee)

Select the Committee name the bill is scheduled for a hearing.

Select the date of the hearing to the corresponding bill.

Click on the bill number of interest.

Then you select one of the options you would like to take

I would like to testify in person during the hearing.

I would like to testify remotely.

I would like my position noted for the legislative record.

I would like to submit written testimony.

Please let us know if you would like to take Action on any of these bills or update/change our position(s).

Upcoming Events

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/29 @ 1:30pm

• [HB 2070](#) - Exec Session - Integrating environmental justice considerations into certain project decisions. (Oppose/High)

Housing (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/29 @ 1:30pm

• [HB 2464](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the development of new manufactured/mobile homes and new manufactured/mobile home communities. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)

• [HB 2270](#) - Exec Session - Creating a Washington state department of housing. (Oppose/High)

• [HB 2308](#) - Exec Session - Concerning housing affordability tax incentives for existing structures. (Support/High)

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/30 @ 8:00am

• [HB 2003](#) - Exec Session - Concerning an exemption to the leasehold excise tax for leases on public lands. (Support/Priority Needed)

Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 1/30 @ 8:00am

• **SB 6015** - Exec Session - Concerning residential parking configurations. (Support/High)

• **SB 6152** - Exec Session - Requiring certain counties to measure the gap between estimated existing housing units and existing housing needs. (Support/High)

Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/30 @ 10:30am

• **HB 1054** - Public Hearing - Addressing the authority of owners' associations in common interest communities to regulate or limit occupancy by unrelated persons. (Remote Testimony Available). (Neutral/Monitor)

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/30 @ 1:30pm

• **SB 5990** - Public Hearing - Integrating environmental justice considerations into certain project decisions. (Remote Testimony Available). (Oppose/High)

Housing (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/30 @ 4:00pm

• **HB 2323** - Exec Session - Requiring landlords to report on-time rent payments to consumer reporting agencies. (Oppose/High)

• **HB 2464** - Exec Session - Concerning the development of new manufactured/mobile homes and new manufactured/mobile home communities. (Support/High)

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/31 @ 8:00am

• **ESHB 1589** - Public Hearing - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. (Hearing is on the Proposed Striking Amendment.) (Remote Testimony Available). (Oppose/High)

Housing (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/31 @ 10:30am

• **SB 5989** - Exec Session - Confirming property ownership or owner authorization for short-term rentals. (Support/Medium)

• **SB 6064** - Exec Session - Concerning moneys collected by a landlord as fees, deposit, or security for pets. (Oppose/High)

• **SB 6211** - Exec Session - Creating clarity and consistency in rental agreements under the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act. (Support/High)

Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/1 @ 8:00am

• **SHB 1892** - Exec Session - Concerning the workforce housing accelerator program. (Neutral/Monitor)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/1 @ 1:30pm

• **SB 5967** - Public Hearing - Concerning an exemption to the leasehold excise tax for leases on public lands. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/Priority Needed)

• **SSB 5118** - Public Hearing - Modifying the multifamily property tax exemption to promote development of long-term affordable housing. (Remote Testimony Available). (Neutral/High)

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