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Week Overview

Budgets came fast and furious this week, as the Senate released its 2015-17 response to the House proposal passed last week, and both chambers released Transportation Maintenance and Operating budgets. The House held a hearing on both its Capital and Operating Budget on Monday, March 30th and its Revenue proposal on Tuesday, March 31st. The Senate released their budget on Tuesday, and held hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday. The House then passed their Operating budget on Thursday, April 2nd on a party line vote, while the Senate debated amendments well into Thursday evening and early Friday morning but delayed a final vote on the full proposal until Monday, April 5th. The House Capital Budget passed Thursday with a bi-partisan vote of 95-2.

Priority Areas

Budget and Infrastructure

As noted, the Senate released its budget in a press conference on Tuesday, March 31st. The \$38.2 billion proposal's spending level is approximately \$1.6 billion less than the House proposal of \$39.8 billion, and assumes no new revenue where the House proposed \$1.5 billion in new revenue. Instead the Senate balances its budget by counting a projected \$3 billion in increased revenue collections for the biennium as well as spending cuts and transfers such as:

Cuts:

- \$49 million from additional LEAN management efforts
- \$53 million from reducing state employee health care spousal coverage and lowering the retiree subsidy payment
- \$50 million in lower mental health funding based on assuming savings from the federal waiver, use of regional support networks (RSN) reserves, and shifting to a lower bound of RSN rate ranges.

Transfers:

- \$200 million from the Public Work Assistance Account
- \$67 million from the Life Science Discovery Fund
- \$29 million from redirecting health premium resources from the Health Benefit Exchange
- \$24 million from maintaining liquor excise tax distributions to local governments at current levels

In addition, the Senate assumes \$325 million from increased marijuana excise tax revenue which is dedicated primarily to an Education Legacy Account.

Capital Budget

The proposed \$2.17 billion House Capital Budget was passed on Thursday with a bipartisan vote of 96-2. [HB 1115](#) provides nearly \$3.8 billion in new appropriations for state grants. Funding is derived from state general obligation bonds and \$1.6 billion from other funds. The proposal includes \$80 million for affordable housing units, \$60 million for Western & Eastern State mental health hospitals, and \$11 million for local mental health beds. It also includes \$690 million for public school construction. However, the Superintendent of Public Instruction voiced concerns at the hearing that this was not enough funding to build the needed 5,700 classrooms to meet all-day kindergarten needs. The Senate plans to unveil their capital budget proposal next week.

Education

Senate budget leaders highlighted the policy and fiscal enhancements they made in their proposal, including adding \$1.3 billion to K-12 funding this cycle. This amount includes funding for reducing K-3 classroom sizes, establishing all-day Kindergarten, and Maintenance, Operations and Supplies. Other highlights of education funding include:

- \$95 million to fund the Early Start Act programs
- Reductions in resident undergraduate tuition operating fees to a percentage of the state average wage
- \$20 million to support STEM bachelor degree programs
- \$22 million in Opportunity Scholarships

Safety Net, Housing and Health Care

The House budget proposes \$90 million in mental health funding increases to increase bed capacity and community placement. It also appears that the Senate reduces or makes no increases to current levels of funding for TANF, HEN and ABD programs. Other highlights include:

- \$13.9 million for Chemical Dependency caseloads and rates
- \$5 million for Extended Foster Care
- \$10 million for AAA Medicaid Case Management

- \$434 thousand to establish the Office of Homeless Prevention

[ESHB 1745](#), Rep. Luis Moscoso's (D) Voting Rights Act legislation was voted out of the Senate Government Operations and Security Committee on Monday March 30th and sent to Rules.

[SHB 1223](#), Rep. Larry Springer's (D) bill allowing the use of lodging taxes for workforce housing, passed out of the Senate Human Services Committee on Tuesday, March 31st.

Several bills of importance to the City failed to make the March 31st deadline to move out of committee, including Rep. Jessyn Farrell's (D) bill increasing the minimum wage to \$12, [HB 1355](#); Rep. Laurie Jinkins' (D) bill granting paid sick leave for all employees, [HB 1356](#); and Rep. Tana Senn's (D) pay equity bill, [HB 1646](#). All three bills were heard on March 30th in the Senate Commerce & Labor Committee, but were not exec'd.

[HB 1553](#), Rep. Brady Walkinshaw's Certificate of Restoration Bill to provide assistance to previously incarcerated individuals seeking employment opportunities, also failed to move prior to the deadline.

Environment

The Senate budget includes \$5.9 million to fund [SB 5057](#), Sen. Dan Ericksen's (R) bill related to hazardous materials transportation. The bill is in the House Appropriations Committee.

Unlike the House, the Senate did not provide funding for LiDAR data collection, which helps assess risks of geological hazards such as landslides, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Transportation

Both Chambers held hearings on their respective Transportation "state law" maintenance and operating budgets for the 2015-17 biennium on Wednesday, April 1st. Both budgets made only modest maintenance level appropriations.

[SB 5550](#), the TNC regulatory bill, was heard and passed out of the House Business and Finance Committee on Tuesday, March 31st. The substitute bill has been narrowed to focus only on insurance regulations and requirements. Testimony on the bill again centered on creating level playing fields for TNC's and taxis and other for-hire vehicles.

Public Safety

Marijuana

The House Appropriations committee passed [HB 2136](#), Rep. Reuven Carlyle's omnibus recreational marijuana bill on Tuesday, March 31st. It was referred to Rules. Action on 2136 and [SB 5052](#), Sen. Ann Rivers' (R) medical marijuana bill, is expected sometime next week.

As noted above the Senate budget proposal assumes \$325 million in new marijuana revenue. This new revenue is directed, through [SB 6062](#) by Sen. Andy Hill (R), to a dedicated Education Legacy Account,

with the exception of \$6 million per year which would be shared with local jurisdictions. During the floor debate, SB 6062 was amended to allow revenues to be shared with jurisdictions which ban sales of marijuana, something not allowed under HB 2136.

Tuesday, March 31st, the Senate Law & Justice Committee passed [PSHB 1068](#) addressing rape kit processing and [PSHB 1069](#) establishing DNA evidence guidelines, both proposed by Rep. Tina Orwall (D). PSHB 1068 has been referred to Ways & Means and is scheduled for a hearing on April 6th. The Senate Law and Justice committee also passed [HB 2033](#), by Rep. Roger Goodman (D), which will extend the time for which Sexual Assault Protective Orders may be issued (currently, they can only be issued for up to 2 years), and removes barriers to reissuance. HB 2033 has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Passing out of the Senate unanimously, [SSSB 5105](#), sponsored by Sen Mike Padden (R), aimed at creating more stringent DUI laws (making the fourth offense a felony) will head to the House.

Other

[ESHB 1980](#), implementing the recommendations of the Sunshine Committee, which included allowing exemptions of certain information to Enhanced 911, passed out of Senate Government Operations on Monday, March 30th. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Larry Springer (D).

Looking Ahead

Another deadline looms as all fiscal bills must be out of committee by Tuesday, April 7th. Meanwhile, the Senate is expected to complete voting on its budget on Monday and then negotiations with the House will begin.

Made the April 1st Cutoff

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
SHB 1068 (SB 5225)	Sexual assault exam kits	Concerning sexual assault examination kits.	Public Hearing in Ways & Means (Senate) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	Orwall
ESHB 1093	Unmanned aircraft	Concerning unmanned aircraft.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Morris
SHB 1223	Lodging tx/workforce housing	Allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Springer
SHB 1240 (SB 5908)	Student restraint, isolation	Concerning restraint or isolation of students, including students with disabilities, in public schools.	SRules 2 - On motion, referred to Rules.	Pollet
E2SHB 1276	Impaired driving	Concerning impaired driving.	Public Hearing in Ways & Means (Senate) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	Klippert
HB 1389 (SB 5181)	State fire service/disasters	Addressing the scope of state fire service mobilization and ensuring compliance with existing state and federal disaster response policies.	SWays & Means - Referred to Ways & Means.	Goodman
ESHB 1417 (ESSB 5048)	Water-sewer districts	Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Takko
ESHB 1448 (SB 5781)	Suicide threats, response to	Providing procedures for responding to reports of threatened or attempted suicide.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Riccelli
ESHB 1449 (SB 5087)	Oil transportation safety	Concerning oil transportation safety.	SWays & Means - Referred to Ways & Means. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing.	Farrell
E2SHB 1472 (SB 5406)	Chemical action plans	Concerning using chemical action plans to require safer chemicals in Washington.	SWays & Means - Referred to Ways & Means. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing.	Fitzgibbon
E2SHB 1491 (E2SSB 5452)	Early care & education system	Improving quality in the early care and education system.	SWays & Means - Referred to Ways & Means. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing.	Kagi
HB 1554	Children/guardians, family	Exempting information of guardians or family members of children enrolled in child care, early learning, parks and recreation, after-school, and youth development programs.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Stambaugh

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
SHB 1576 (SB 5864)	Annexed areas/sales & use tx	Concerning sales and use tax for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas.	SWays & Means - First reading, referred to Ways & Means. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing.	Fitzgibbon
HB 1645 (SB 5573)	E-cigarettes, vapor products	Concerning youth substance use prevention associated with tobacco and drug delivery e-cigarettes and vapor products.	HApprops - Referred to Appropriations. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing.	Pollet
ESHB 1713	Mental hlth, chem dependency	Integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency.	SWays & Means - Referred to Ways & Means. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing	Cody
HB 1720	Healthy housing	Concerning healthy housing.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Robinson
2SHB 1735 (SSB 5740)	Extended foster care	Concerning extended foster care services.	SWays & Means - Referred to Ways & Means. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing	Orwall
ESHB 1745 (SB 5668)	Voting rights	Enacting the Washington voting rights act.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Moscoso
2SHB 1916	Chem dependency & mental hlth	Integrating administrative provisions for chemical dependency and mental health.	Public Hearing in Ways & Means (Senate) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	Pollet
ESHB 1980 (SB 6020)	Sunshine committee rec's	Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	Springer
EHB 2086 (SB 5900)	The homeless/religious orgs	Prohibiting certain limitations on the hosting of the homeless by religious organizations.	SRules 2 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.	McBride
HB 2136	Marijuana market reform T.O.	Relating to comprehensive marijuana market reforms to ensure a well-regulated and taxed marijuana market in Washington state.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Carlyle
SSB 5012	Industrial hemp	Authorizing the growing of industrial hemp.	HApprops - Referred to Appropriations. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing.	Hatfield
ESSB 5048 (ESHB 1417)	Water-sewer districts	Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Chase
2SSB 5052	Cannabis patient protection	Establishing the cannabis patient protection act.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Rivers

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
E2SSB 5057	Hazardous material transport	Concerning the safe transport of hazardous materials.	Public Hearing in Appropriations (House) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	Ericksen
SB 5088 (HB 1182)	Geological hazard assessment	Concerning a geological hazards assessment.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Pearson
SB 5094 (HB 1352)	Hydroelectric generation	Allowing incremental electricity produced as a result of efficiency improvements to hydroelectric generation projects whose energy output is marketed by the Bonneville power administration to qualify as an eligible renewable resource under the energy independence act.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Brown
SB 5121	Marijuana research license	Establishing a marijuana research license.	Public Hearing in Appropriations (House) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	Kohl-Welles
E2SSB 5269 (EHB 1258)	Detention decision review	Concerning court review of detention decisions under the involuntary treatment act.	Public Hearing in Appropriations (House) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	O'Ban
ESSB 5343 (HB 1751)	Transit construction/parking	Concerning parking impact mitigation from regional transit authority facility construction.	HTrans - First reading, referred to Transportation. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing	Hasegawa
SB 5396	Children/guardians, family	Exempting information of guardians or family members of children enrolled in child care, early learning, parks and recreation, after-school, and youth development programs.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Roach
2SSB 5404 (2SHB 1436)	Homeless youth	Concerning homeless youth prevention and protection.	Public Hearing in Appropriations (House) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	O'Ban
SSB 5433 (SHB 1511)	Tribal history, culture, etc	Requiring Washington's tribal history, culture, and government to be taught in the common schools.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Litzow
E2SSB 5452 (E2SHB 1491)	Early care & education system	Improving quality in the early care and education system.	HApprops - Referred to Appropriations. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing	Litzow
SSB 5463 (HB 1107)	Cultural & heritage programs	Concerning access to and creation of cultural and heritage programs and facilities.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Hill
2SSB 5486 (HB 1728)	Parents for parents program	Creating the parents for parents program.	Public Hearing in Appropriations (House) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	Frocht

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ESSB 5550	Commercial trans. providers	Regulating providers of commercial transportation services.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Habib
SSB 5715	Initiatives, fiscal impact	Including the contents of fiscal impact statements in the ballot title for certain initiative measures.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Fain
SSB 5740 (2SHB 1735)	Extended foster care	Concerning extended foster care services.	Public Hearing in Appropriations (House) on 4/6 @ 10:00am	Fain
SSB 5795 (HB 1911)	Water or sewer facilities	Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.	HRules R - Referred to Rules 2 Review.	Roach
SSB 5889 (E2SHB 2060)	Competency eval. timeliness	Concerning timeliness of competency evaluation and restoration services.	C 5 L 15 - Effective date 7/26/2015.	O'Ban
ESSB 5899 (HB 1922)	Small loans	Addressing small loans and small consumer installment loans.	Public Hearing in General Government & Information Technology (House) on 4/6 @ 8:00am Exec Session in General Government & Information Technology (House) on 4/6 @ 8:00am	Liias
ESSB 5987	Transportation revenue	Concerning transportation revenue.	Mar 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation	King
ESSB 5988	Additive trans funding	Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations.	Mar 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation	King
SB 6027	WA motion picture industry	Increasing Washington state's motion picture and film industry viability by increasing the tax credit available to certain motion picture activities.	Mar 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means	Kohl-Welles

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
E2SHB 1174 (SB 5684)	Flame retardants	Concerning flame retardants.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications	Van De Wege
SHB 1238	Affordable tuition planning	Concerning affordable tuition planning.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education	Pollet
SHB 1257 (SB 5123)	Tenant screening reports	Concerning tenant screening.	Mar 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance	Walkinshaw
EHB 1258 (E2SSB 5269)	Detention decision review	Concerning court review of detention decisions under the involuntary treatment act.	Mar 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing	Walkinshaw
SHB 1295 (SB 5437)	Breakfast after the bell	Concerning breakfast after the bell programs.	Mar 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education	Hudgins
HB 1355 (SB 5285)	Minimum hourly wage increase	Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over four years.	Mar 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor	Farrell
HB 1356 (SB 5306)	Sick & safe employment leave	Establishing minimum standards for sick and safe leave from employment.	Mar 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor	Jenkins
2SHB 1436 (2SSB 5404)	Homeless youth	Concerning homeless youth prevention and protection.	Mar 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing	Kagi
SHB 1511 (SSB 5433)	Tribal history, culture, etc	Requiring Washington's tribal history, culture, and government to be taught in the common schools.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education	Ortiz-Self
ESHB 1553	Opportunity restoration	Encouraging certificates of restoration of opportunity.	Mar 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice	Walkinshaw
ESHB 1571 (SB 5926)	Paint stewardship	Concerning paint stewardship.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications	Peterson

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
<u>ESHB 1646</u> (SB 5630)	Equal pay and opportunities	Enacting the equal pay opportunity act by amending and enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act and protecting worker communications	Mar 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor	Senn
<u>HB 1647</u> (SB 5574)	Reproductive health care	Concerning health plan coverage of reproductive health care.	SHealth Care - First reading, referred to Health Care. Not yet scheduled for a public hearing	Cody
<u>SHB 1783</u> (SB 5675)	Dual language instruction	Expanding dual language and bilingual instruction for early learners through secondary students.	Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education	Ortiz-Self
<u>HB 1821</u> (SB 5710)	For hire, limo, taxi/ind ins	Addressing industrial insurance requirements and options for owners and lessees of for hire vehicles, limousines, and taxicabs.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.	Sullivan
<u>E2SHB 2060</u> (SSB 5889)	Competency eval, restoration	Concerning competency evaluation and restoration services.	Mar 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing.	Jinkins
<u>HB 2194</u>	Cancer research and care	Creating a funding stream and program for cancer research, prevention, and care.	Apr 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development	Hunter
<u>HB 2196</u> (SB 6083)	Marijuana plants	Authorizing the growing of up to six marijuana plants per domicile.	HCommerce & Gam - First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming.	Blake

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
ESB 5091	Nuclear energy as alt energy	Including nuclear energy in the definition of a "qualified alternative energy resource" for the purposes of RCW 19.29A.090.	Mar 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development	Brown
SSB 5609 (HB 1378)	Synthetic plastic microbeads	Protecting waterways from pollution from synthetic plastic microbeads.	Mar 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment	Bailey
ESSB 5735	Carbon reduction investments	Providing incentives for carbon reduction investments.	Mar 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development	Ericksen
ESSB 5748 (HB 2019)	Teacher and principal eval.	Clarifying the teacher and principal evaluation process with the intent of strengthening the process.	Mar 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education	Litzow
2SSB 5755 (HB 1885)	Property crimes, impacts of	Addressing and mitigating the impacts of property crimes in Washington state.	Mar 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Public Safety	Hargrove
ESSB 5804 (HB 1289)	State energy code, adoption	Modifying the procedure for adoption and amendment of the Washington state energy code.	Apr 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development	Liias
ESB 5921 (HB 1394)	Land use permit process	(REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Increasing certainty and predictability in the land use permit process.	Mar 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary	Honeyford
SB 6083 (HB 2196)	Marijuana plants	Authorizing the growing of up to six marijuana plants per domicile.	SCommerce and L - First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.	Kohl-Welles