



2026 Legislative Session Weekly Report CleanTech Alliance February 15, 2026

Week 5

Week 5 of the short 60-day legislative session is complete. On Monday, February 9, the Legislature cleared the second major cutoff of the 2026 session. All bills were required to pass out of their fiscal committees in their house of origin to remain alive this session. Bills deemed necessary to implement the budget (NTIB), including all revenue proposals, are exempt from cutoff deadlines. Several bills cleared the cutoff and are now in Rules, you can view the list of bills that survived [here](#).

Revenue shortfalls continue to trouble lawmakers this session, as they grapple with a significant projected budget deficit. We are closely monitoring all tax and revenue-generating proposals as potential components of broader budget negotiations. The Millionaires Tax (SB 6346) advanced out of its fiscal committee this week and now sits in Rules, [with debate highlighting](#) a clear partisan divide over its practicality, economic impact, and long-term reliability as a revenue source. In addition to the “Millionaires Tax” there are dozens of other tax proposals on the table. Because tax bills are not subject to cutoff we will likely see which of these proposals have legs later in the session.

Following Monday’s cutoff legislators are headed to the floor to pass bills out of their respective chambers. The House worked late into the early morning hour and on Saturday in order to pass bills before Tuesday, February 17 which is the chamber-of-origin cutoff. Bills that have not passed the chamber in which they were originally introduced by that date will not advance further this session. Concurrently, budget writers will begin finalizing their 2026 supplemental budget proposals. At this point, we expect budget proposals to be released around February 22, followed by public hearings on February 23, executive action on February 25, and floor action over the weekend of February 28. Once the budget has passed off of the House floor negotiations between the House and Senate will begin. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn on March 12th.

Key Insights:

- **Caucus Newsrooms:**
 - [This Week In The Senate - Week 5](#)
 - [This Week In The House - Week 5](#)
 - [House Republicans Caucus Newsroom](#)
 - [Senate Republicans Caucus Newsroom](#)
- **Press Conferences**
 - [Legislative Republican Leaders Media Availability - TVW](#)

- [Legislative Democrat Leader Media Availability - TVW](#)

Important Session Dates:

- ~~February 4th, 2026: House of Origin Policy Cutoff~~
- ~~February 9th, 2026: House of Origin Fiscal Cutoff~~
- **February 17th, 2026: House of Origin Floor Cutoff**
- **February 25th, 2026: Opposite House Policy Cutoff**
- **March 2, 2026: Opposite House Fiscal Cutoff**
- **March 6, 2026: Opposite House Floor Cutoff**

Helpful Links for Session:

- [The Washington State Legislative Website](#)
- [Find My Legislator](#)
- [Legislative Committees](#)
- [Bill Searcher](#)
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CleanTech Alliance Specifics

[Senate Bill 6004](#), sponsored by Senator Boehnke (R), and [House Bill 2103](#), sponsored by Representative Stearns (D), both broaden existing authority for cities, towns, code cities, operating agencies, and certain public and private utilities and districts to contract with public or private parties for renewable or nonemitting electric generation, including paying for project capability regardless of operational status, and align legacy statutes with Washington's clean energy transformation framework and modern financing practices. Neither version of the bill made it past the cutoff and both are considered dead for this legislative session.

Upcoming Events Report

Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 2/18 @ 8:00am

- ESB 5649 - Public Hearing - Creating a Washington state supply chain competitiveness infrastructure program. (Remote Testimony Available).

Bill Status

Bill #	Companion	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor	Priority
ESHB 1155	SSB 5437	Noncompetiti on agreements	Prohibiting noncompetitio n agreements and clarifying nonsolicitatio n agreements.	S Labor & Comm	Berry	
SHB 1550	SB 5586	Electric vehicle batteries	Improving the end-of-life management of electric vehicle batteries.	H Rules C	Street	
3SHB 1607	2SSB 5502	Recycling & waste reduction	Concerning recycling and waste reduction.	H Rules R	Stonier	
3SHB 1960		Renewable energy	Encouraging renewable energy in Washington through tax policy and investment in local communities.	H Rules R	Ramel	
2SHB 2281		State-tribal relationship	Concerning the state and tribal government-t o-government relationship.	H Rules R	Stearns	
2SHB 2416	SB 6092	Waste to energy facilities	Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.	H Rules R	Hill	
SHB 2496	SSB 6010	EFSEC tribal consultation	Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy	H Passed 3rd	Stearns	

			facility site evaluation council.			
E2SHB 2515	SSB 6171	Large energy use facilities	Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.	H Passed 3rd	Doglio	
3SSB 5466	SHB 1673	Electric transmission system	Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.	S 3rd Reading	Shewmake	Monitoring
ESB 5649	HB 1860	Supply chain competitiveness	Creating a Washington state supply chain competitiveness infrastructure program.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Liias	
SSB 6010	SHB 2496	EFSEC tribal consultation	Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Rules 2	Shewmake	
SSB 6076		Utility procurement	Streamlining consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage, transmission, and distribution projects.	H Local Govt	Goehner	
SSB 6289		Economic dev. strategic plan	Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness	S 2nd Reading	Kauffman	

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SSB 6346	HB 2724	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen	