



2026 Legislative Session Weekly Report

CleanTech Alliance

February 8, 2026

Week 4

This week marked the first major legislative cutoff: the House of Origin Policy Committee Cutoff. By Wednesday, February 4, all bills were required to be passed out of their policy 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.

This week, the long-anticipated “millionaires tax” proposal was officially introduced. On Tuesday, Democrats held a press conference to outline the proposal, which would impose a 9.9% income tax on income over \$1 million. You can watch the press conference [here](#). Despite having voiced support for the concept in his State of the State address earlier this session, Governor Ferguson stated that he could not support the proposal as introduced, noting that the tax-relief provisions do not go far enough. You can watch the Governor’s press conference [here](#) and read more about his position [here](#). The bill was heard in the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Friday. There were hundreds of people signed up to testify on both sides of the bill. You can watch the hearing [here](#).

While the income tax proposal has received significant attention, it would not take effect until 2028 and therefore does not address the current budget shortfall. To balance the 2025–27 biennial budget, the Legislature will need to consider other options. Several revenue measures are under discussion, including increases to nicotine, beer, and wine taxes; elimination of certain tax exemptions; potential transfers from the Climate Commitment Account; spending reductions; and use of the state’s rainy day fund. The next revenue forecast is scheduled for mid-February, after which both the House and Senate are expected to release their respective supplemental budget proposals.

Following Wednesday’s cutoff, legislative focus shifts to fiscal committees. Bills with a fiscal impact must pass out of their fiscal committee in their house of origin by Monday, February 9. After that deadline, attention will turn to floor action.

Key Insights:

- **Caucus Newsrooms:**
 - [This Week In The Senate - Week 4: Affordability, safe streets and the first major deadline arrives - Washington Senate Democrats](#)
 - [The House Hot Sheet for Week 4 of the 2026 Legislative Session – Washington State House Democrats](#)

- [House Republicans Caucus Newsroom](#)
- [Senate Republicans Caucus Newsroom](#)
- **Press Conferences:**
 - [Legislative Democratic Leaders Media Availability - TVW](#)
 - [Legislative Republican Leaders Media Availability - TVW](#)
 - [Gov. Bob Ferguson 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](#)
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- [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. Both bills failed to advance before cutoff and are considered dead for this legislative session.

Upcoming Events Report

Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/9 @ 8:30am

- HB 2281 - Exec Session - Concerning the state and tribal government-to-government relationship.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/9 @ 10:30am

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- HB 1960 - Exec Session - Encouraging renewable energy in Washington through tax policy and investment in local communities.
- HB 2416 - Exec Session - Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.
- HB 2515 - Exec Session - Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/9 @ 10:30am

- SB 6346 - Exec Session - Establishing a tax on millionaires.
- 2SSB 5466 - Exec Session - Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.
- SSB 6289 - Exec Session - Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness strategic plan.

Bill Status

Bill #	Companion	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor	Priority
SHB 1071	SB 5058	Recycling rates	Implementing strategies to achieve higher recycling rates within Washington's existing solid waste management system.	H Approps	Fey	
SHB 1155	SSB 5437	Noncompetition agreements	Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements.	H 2nd Reading	Berry	
2SHB 1303	SB 5380	Environmental justice	Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions.	H Approps	Mena	
SHB 1360	SB 5451	Quantum economic development	Concerning advancement of quantum economic development.	H Approps	Ryu	
SHB 1550	SB 5586	Electric vehicle batteries	Improving the end-of-life management of electric	H Rules C	Street	

			vehicle batteries.			
<u>3SHB 1607</u>	<u>2SSB 5502</u>	Recycling & waste reduction	Concerning recycling and waste reduction.	H Rules R	Stonier	
<u>SHB 1673</u>	<u>2SSB 5466</u>	Electric transmission system	Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.	H Approps	Ramel	
<u>3SHB 1960</u>		Renewable energy	Encouraging renewable energy in Washington through tax policy and investment in local communities.	H Approps	Ramel	
<u>SHB 2281</u>		State-tribal relationship	Concerning the state and tribal government-to-government relationship.	H Cap Budget	Stearns	
<u>SHB 2416</u>	<u>SB 6092</u>	Waste to energy facilities	Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.	H Approps	Hill	
<u>SHB 2446</u>		Quantum technology industry	Developing the quantum technology industry into the state's economic development and workforce.	H Approps	Barnard	
<u>SHB 2496</u>	<u>SSB 6010</u>	EFSEC tribal consultation	Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy	H Rules R	Stearns	

			facility site evaluation council.			
<u>SHB 2515</u>	<u>SSB 6171</u>	Large energy use facilities	Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.	H Approps	Doglio	
<u>HB 2608</u>		Nuclear facilities/tax pref.	Modifying the targeted urban areas tax preference for projects related to nuclear facilities.	H Finance	Barnard	
<u>HB 2724</u>	<u>SB 6346</u>	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon	
<u>SSB 5359</u>	<u>HB 1328</u>	Clean energy development	Accelerating the development of clean energy.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	High
<u>SB 5451</u>	<u>SHB 1360</u>	Quantum economic development	Concerning advancement of quantum economic development.	S Ways & Means	Slatter	
<u>2SSB 5466</u>	<u>SHB 1673</u>	Electric transmission system	Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	High
<u>SSB 5601</u>	<u>HB 1844</u>	Alternative jet fuels	Advancing the production and use of alternative jet fuels in Washington.	S Ways & Means	Liias	
<u>ESB 5649</u>	<u>HB 1860</u>	Supply chain competitiveness	Creating a Washington state supply chain competitiveness infrastructure program.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Liias	
<u>SB 5673</u>	<u>HB 1924</u>	Manufacturing /sales tax	Providing a sales and use	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	

			tax exemption for manufacturing facilities and green manufacturing facilities.			
<u>SB 5674</u>		Manufacturing facilities/tax	Concerning manufacturing facilities.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	
<u>SB 5675</u>		Manufacturing /B&O tax	Providing a business and occupation tax exemption for manufacturing facilities and green manufacturing facilities.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	
<u>ESB 5797</u>		Intangible assets tax	Enacting a tax on stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible assets for the benefit of public schools.	S Ways & Means	Frame	
<u>SSB 5798</u>		Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	
<u>SB 5989</u>		Aircraft fuel tax distrib.	Concerning the distribution of aircraft fuel tax revenue.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	High
<u>SSB 6010</u>	<u>SHB 2496</u>	EFSEC tribal consultation	Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Rules 2	Shewmake	
<u>SSB 6076</u>		Utility procurement	Streamlining consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy	S 2nd Reading	Goehner	

			storage, transmission, and distribution projects.			
<u>SSB 6171</u>	<u>SHB 2515</u>	Large energy use facilities	Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	
<u>SSB 6284</u>	<u>HB 2667</u>	AI consumer protections	Providing consumer protections for artificial intelligence systems.	S Ways & Means	Liias	
<u>SSB 6289</u>		Economic dev. strategic plan	Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness strategic plan.	S Ways & Means	Kauffman	
<u>SB 6346</u>	<u>HB 2724</u>	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	