



2026 Legislative Session Weekly Report CleanTech Alliance February 22, 2026

Week 6

Tuesday marked the House of Origin cutoff, meaning all bills had to pass out of the chamber in which they were introduced to remain alive this session. Legislators worked late nights and through the weekend to move bills off the floor. A number of proposals survived the cutoff; you can view the full list [here](#). As a reminder, bills there are many bills that are exempt from the cutoff because of their fiscal implications, including all fee and tax bills.

On Monday, the February revenue forecast was released, providing legislators with the amount they have available when building the supplemental budget proposal. The forecast was positive and shows Washington's economy has performed a bit better than expected since the November forecast. Employment at the end of 2025 exceeded prior assumptions, reversing concerns about a downward trend, and modest job growth (0.4%) is now projected for 2026. Growth remains steady but slow through 2029, with unemployment expected to peak around 5% in 2027 before improving. Personal income was revised upward, aerospace jobs are beginning to recover, and housing permits ticked up late last year, though inflation (3.1% in the Seattle area) and housing prices remain mixed.

On the revenue side, collections are outperforming expectations. Since November, General Fund–State revenues are up about \$340 million, driven largely by sales and B&O taxes, with Real Estate Excise Tax collections T also coming in stronger than previously forecast. Because of this, the 2025–27 General Fund is increased by \$655.5 million (to \$70.4 billion), and when including related accounts, total resources increase by \$827.4 million. Overall projected revenue is now \$75.3 billion for 2025–27 (12.1% growth over the prior biennium) and \$80.4 billion for 2027–29 (6.8% growth).

While the outlook has improved since November, budget writers are still flagging ongoing risks tied to federal policy, trade, inflation, and broader economic uncertainty. Following the release of the forecast budget writers in the House and Senate will finalize their respective budget proposals. The House is scheduled to release their budget proposal on Sunday, February 22nd with a hearing the next day. The budget bill is expected to pass off the floor by the following weekend. The Senate will release their budget proposal sometime shortly after and then negotiations between the House and Senate will begin. You can review the full February Revenue Forecast [here](#).

Wednesday legislators returned to committee to begin hearing bills passed by the opposite chamber. The Senate is now considering House bills, and the House is taking up Senate bills. This process will continue until the opposite house policy cutoff on February 25.

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:

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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 bill made it out of committee prior to cutoff, and are therefore considered dead for this legislative session.

Upcoming Events Report

Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/23 @ 10:30am

- ESHB 1155 - Public Hearing - Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements. (Remote Testimony Available).

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/24 @ 8:00am

- ESSB 6346 - Public Hearing - Establishing a tax on millionaires. (Remote Testimony Available).

Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/24 @ 10:30am

- ESHB 1155 - Exec Session - Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements.

Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/24 @ 10:30am

- SSB 6076 - Public Hearing - Streamlining consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage, transmission, and distribution projects. (Remote Testimony Available).

Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 2/24 @ 10:30am

- SSB 6289 - Public Hearing - Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness strategic plan. (Remote Testimony Available).
- ESB 5649 - Exec Session - Creating a Washington state supply chain competitiveness infrastructure program.

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/24 @ 1:30pm

- E2SHB 2515 - Exec Session - Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.
- E2SHB 2416 - Exec Session - Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.

Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/25 @ 8:00am

- SSB 6076 - Exec Session - Streamlining consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage, transmission, and distribution projects.

Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 2/25 @ 8:00am

- SSB 6289 - Exec Session - Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness strategic plan.

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/27 @ 8:00am

- ESSB 6346 - Exec Session - Establishing a tax on millionaires.

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	
HB 1117		Motor vehicle emissions	Removing the delegation of authority related to California motor vehicle emissions standards to generate new transportation revenue for the state by reducing administration burdens on the government and the people.	H Env & Energy	Barkis	
2SHB 1150	E2SSB 5284	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	H Rules X	Berry	
ESHB 1155	SSB 5437	Noncompetition agreements	Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements.	S Labor & Comm	Berry	
HB 1237	SB 5246	Energy facility site eval.	Facilitating predictable and timely application decisions by the energy facility site evaluation council.	H Env & Energy	Fitzgibbon	Monitoring

HB 1249		Advanced nuclear commission	Creating the commercial liftoff for energy from advanced nuclear advisory commission.	H Env & Energy	Barnard	
2SHB 1303	SB 5380	Environmental justice	Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions.	H Approps	Mena	
HB 1328	SSB 5359	Clean energy development	Accelerating the development of clean energy and transmission.	H Env & Energy	Doglio	Monitoring
SHB 1360	SB 5451	Quantum economic development	Concerning advancement of quantum economic development.	H Approps	Ryu	
HB 1481		Nuclear energy study	Concerning the commercial liftoff for energy from advanced nuclear study.	H Env & Energy	Barnard	
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	
SHB 1673	3SSB 5466	Electric transmission system	Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.	H Approps	Ramel	
HB 1679		Nuclear reactor projects	Encouraging electric utility investments in advanced nuclear reactor projects for clean energy	H Env & Energy	Barnard	

			transformation act compliance.			
HB 1712		Qualified biomass facilities	Allowing the use of electricity generated by qualified biomass facilities in the Pacific Northwest to meet renewable resource requirements.	H Env & Energy	Waters	
ESHB 1819		Transmission capacity	Increasing transmission capacity.	H Rules X	Barnard	
HB 1844	SSB 5601	Alternative jet fuels	Advancing the production and use of alternative jet fuels in Washington.	H Env & Energy	Gregerson	
2SHB 1847		Distributed alt. energy dev.	Prioritizing the development of distributed alternative energy resources in targeted circumstances.	H Approps	Doglio	
HB 1860	ESB 5649	Supply chain competitiveness	Creating a Washington state supply chain competitiveness infrastructure program.	H Transportation	Reed	
2SHB 1871	SB 5727	Residential energy storage	Incentivizing grid-connected residential battery energy storage systems.	H Approps	Hunt	
3SHB 1960		Renewable energy	Encouraging renewable energy in Washington through tax policy and investment in	H 2nd Reading	Ramel	

			local communities.			
HB 1994		Renewable energy hosts/tax	Encouraging local support of communities that host renewable energy through changes in tax policy.	H Finance	Klicker	
HB 2045		Business and occupation tax	Investing in Washington families by restructuring the business and occupation tax on high grossing businesses and financial institutions.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon	
HB 2046		Intangible assets tax	Creating fairness in Washington's tax by imposing a tax on select financial intangible assets.	H Finance	Berg	
HB 2082	ESSB 5813	Tax rates/cap. gains, estate	Increasing funding to the education legacy trust account by creating a more progressive rate structure for the capital gains tax and estate tax.	H Finance	Street	
HB 2083	ESSB 5814	Excise taxes	Modernizing the excise taxes on select services and nicotine products and requiring certain large businesses to make a one-time prepayment of	H Finance	Stonier	

			state sales tax collection.			
SHB 2084		Tax preferences	Increasing funding for K-12, health care, and public safety by repealing or modifying tax preferences for certain industries and goods.	H Rules X	Ramel	
HB 2103	SB 6004	Electric/public contracts	Authorizing certain public entities to contract for the capability of renewable or nonemitting electric generation projects.	H Local Govt	Stearns	High
2SHB 2281		State-tribal relationship	Concerning the state and tribal government-to-government relationship.	H Rules X	Stearns	
E2SHB 2416	SB 6092	Waste to energy facilities	Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.	S Environment, En	Hill	
SHB 2446		Quantum technology industry	Developing the quantum technology industry into the state's economic development and workforce.	H Approps	Barnard	
SHB 2496	SSB 6010	EFSEC tribal consultation	Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy facility site evaluation council.	S ENETDPA	Stearns	

HB 2509		EFSEC application review	Improving the efficiency of the review of applications by the energy facility site evaluation council.	H Env & Energy	Bernbaum	
E2SHB 2515	SSB 6171	Large energy use facilities	Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.	S Environment, En	Doglio	
HB 2608		Nuclear facilities/tax pref.	Modifying the targeted urban areas tax preference for projects related to nuclear facilities.	H Finance	Barnard	
HB 2682		Env. justice application	Ensuring the consistent application of environmental justice principles.	H Env & Energy	Reeves	
HB 2724	ESSB 6346	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon	
SB 5015		EFSEC governor approval	Increasing efficiency at the energy facility site evaluation council by removing the governor from the project approval process.	S Environment, E	Boehnke	Monitoring
SB 5058	SHB 1071	Recycling rates	Implementing strategies to achieve higher recycling rates within Washington's existing solid waste management system.	S Environment, E	Chapman	
SSB 5160	HB 1226	Additive transp. funding	Concerning additive transportation	S Rules X	Liias	

			funding and appropriations.			
SB 5208		Clean energy fund program	Establishing a new clean energy fund program.	S Environment, E	MacEwen	Monitoring
SSB 5241	HB 1018	Fusion energy facilities	Adding fusion energy to facilities that may obtain site certification for the purposes of chapter 80.50 RCW.	S Rules X	Liias	Monitoring
SB 5246	HB 1237	Energy facility site eval.	Facilitating predictable and timely application decisions by the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Environment, E	Shewmake	Monitoring
SB 5283		Energy storage siting/EFSEC	Prohibiting the energy facility site evaluation council from preempting local laws that forbid the siting of certain storage facilities in critical areas.	S Environment, E	Wagoner	
SSB 5359	HB 1328	Clean energy development	Accelerating the development of clean energy.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	Monitoring
SB 5401	EHB 1329	Wholesale power purchases	Concerning wholesale power purchases by electric utilities under the Washington clean energy transformation act.	S Environment, E	Slatter	
SB 5451	SHB 1360	Quantum economic development	Concerning advancement of quantum economic development.	S Ways & Means	Slatter	

3SSB 5466	SHB 1673	Electric transmission system	Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.	S 3rd Reading	Shewmake	Monitoring
SSB 5601	HB 1844	Alternative jet fuels	Advancing the production and use of alternative jet fuels in Washington.	S Ways & Means	Liias	
ESB 5649	HB 1860	Supply chain competitiveness	Creating a Washington state supply chain competitiveness infrastructure program.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Liias	
SB 5673	HB 1924	Manufacturing/sales tax	Providing a sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing facilities and green manufacturing facilities.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	
SB 5674		Manufacturing facilities/tax	Concerning manufacturing facilities.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	
SB 5675		Manufacturing/B&O tax	Providing a business and occupation tax exemption for manufacturing facilities and green manufacturing facilities.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	
SB 5795		Sales and use tax rate	Reducing the state sales and use tax rate.	S Ways & Means	Krishnadasan	
ESB 5797		Intangible assets tax	Enacting a tax on stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible assets for the	S Ways & Means	Frame	

			benefit of public schools.			
SSB 5798		Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	
SB 5811	SHB 2077	Zero-emission vehicle prg.	Establishing a tax on certain business activities related to surpluses generated under the zero-emission vehicle program.	S Ways & Means	Lovelett	
SB 5812	ESHB 2049	K-12 education funding	Investing in the state's paramount duty to fund K-12 education and build strong and safe communities.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	
SB 5815	ESHB 2081	Business and occupation tax	Modifying business and occupation tax surcharges, rates, and the advanced computing surcharge cap, clarifying the business and occupation tax deduction for certain investments, and creating a temporary business and occupation tax surcharge on large companies.	S Ways & Means	Saldana	
SB 5821	HB 2090	Advanced nuclear energy	Integrating advanced nuclear energy into the state energy strategy.	S Environment, E	Braun	Monitoring
SB 5989		Aircraft fuel tax distrib.	Concerning the distribution of	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	Monitoring

			aircraft fuel tax revenue.			
SB 6004	HB 2103	Electric/public contracts	Authorizing certain public entities to contract for the capability of renewable or nonemitting electric generation projects.	S Environment, En	Boehnke	High
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	
SB 6092	E2SHB 2416	Waste to energy facilities	Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.	S Environment, E	Riccelli	
SB 6121		Large energy use facilities	Providing electricity service to large energy use facilities.	S Environment, En	Boehnke	Monitoring
SB 6165		Eminent domain/electrical	Limiting the exercise of eminent domain for the purposes of constructing electrical transmission facilities on	S Environment, E	Boehnke	

			agricultural lands.			
SB 6168		CCA suspensions	Providing cost relief to Washingtonians by suspending certain requirements in the climate commitment act.	S Environment, E	Boehnke	
SSB 6171	E2SHB 2515	Large energy use facilities	Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	
SSB 6284	HB 2667	AI consumer protections	Providing consumer protections for artificial intelligence systems.	S Ways & Means	Liias	
SSB 6289		Economic dev. strategic plan	Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness strategic plan.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Kauffman	
ESSB 6346	HB 2724	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Pedersen	