

HERITAGE CAUCUS BILL REPORT – January 19, 2022

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[HB 1058](#) (Bateman) – Modifying the Cultural Access WA sales & use tax to be imposed by councilmanic or commission authority

Authorizes jurisdictions to impose the local sales and use tax for cultural access programs by councilmanic authority. Prohibits a county and a city within that county from imposing the local sales and use tax for cultural access programs concurrently.

- February 17 (2021) - Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Finance
 - January 10 - By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status
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[HB 1485](#) (Caldier) - Recognizing Women's Suffrage Day as a legal holiday

Designates March 22 to be a state legal holiday, recognized as Women's Suffrage Day.

- January 10 – By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations
 - January 13 - Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations at 10:00 AM
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[HB 1647](#) (Tharinger) – Concerning the Building for the Arts program

Raises the total amount of recommended state funding for projects on a biennial project list from \$16M to \$18M and changes the state funding match from 20% to 33-1/3% of the of the estimated total capital cost or actual cost of a project, whichever is less.

- December 15 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 11 - Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 1:30 PM

Companion bill - [SB 5530](#) (Frockt)

- January 10 - First reading, referred to Ways & Means. (View Original Bill)
- January 20 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 4:00 PM (Subject to change)

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[HB 1753](#) (Lekanoff) - Concerning tribal consultation regarding the use of certain funding authorized by the climate commitment act

Requires consultation with federally recognized tribes when state agencies administer funds from certain accounts of the Climate Commitment Act; requires applicants for funding from those accounts to engage in preapplication process with all federal recognized tribes within the project area; and requires the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, in coordination with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, to develop a state agency tribal consultation process regarding the preapplication process.

- January 10 – First reading, referred to Environment & Energy
- January 13 - Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Environment & Energy at 1:30 PM
- January 21 - Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Environment & Energy at 10:00 AM (Subject to change)

[HB 1823](#) (Dye) – Investing in outdoor recreation

Revenue from the climate commitment act would fund outdoor recreation and climate adaptation. Focuses available resources from the carbon emission allowance auctions that will occur under the cap and-trade program toward practical environmental stewardship and enhanced and more equitable outdoor recreation opportunity.

- January 6 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 10 - First reading, referred to Appropriations

[HB 1824](#) (Dye) - Outdoor recreation affordability

Eliminates the Discover Pass and daily permit fees that apply to access of state outdoor recreation opportunity.

- January 6 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 10 - First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development

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[HB 1849](#) (Orwall) - Creating a work group to study and make recommendations on a monument to honor residents who died in the global war on terror

A legislative work group is established to study and make recommendations on a monument on the capitol campus to honor service members who died in the global war on terror.

- January 7 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 10 – First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations
- January 17 - Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations at 1:30 PM
- January 20 - Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations at 10:00 AM

Companion Bill [SB 5774](#) (Conway)

- January 11 – First reading referred to State Government & Elections

[HB 1882](#) (Boehnke) – Establishing the joint select committee on better Washington outdoor recreation leadership and development

The Joint Committee shall review how to systemically improve outdoor recreation, consider how state investments can have maximum benefit, consider inequities among vulnerable populations and communities burdened by environmental pollution. The parks and recreation commission, in collaboration with other state agencies, shall prepare a report for the joint select committee on better Washington outdoor recreation leadership and development by September 1, 2022.

- January 11 - First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development

[SB 5264](#) (Wagoner) - Declaring January as Chinese American history month and encouraging public schools to commemorate the month

Declares January of each year as Chinese American history month.

- 2021 - Placed on second reading by House Rules Committee
- January 10 – Reintroduced by resolution and retained in present status
- January 14 – Placed on second reading by the Rules Committee

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SB 5504 (Warnick) - Extending current discover pass free days from state parks to all state recreation sites and lands

By Request: Department of Fish and Wildlife

In consultation with the director of the department of fish and wildlife and the commissioner of public lands, the director of the state parks and recreation commission must ((provide up to twelve days a)) designate up to 12 days per calendar year where entry to ((state parks)) a recreation site or lands is free.

- January 13 - Scheduled for public hearing, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks, 1:30 p.m.
 - January 20 - Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks at 1:30 PM
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SB 5511 (Honeyford) - Uniform standard time for the state of Washington

Supports the use of Pacific Standard Time as the official year-round time zone for the State of Washington and exempts the state from using Daylight Savings Time.

- December 7 – Prefiled for introduction
 - January 10 – First reading, referred to State Government & Elections
 - January 12 – Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections at 8:00 a.m.
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SB 5512 (Honeyford) – Designating the state nickname

"The Evergreen State" is designated as the official nickname of the state of Washington.

- December 7 – Prefiled for introduction
 - January 12 – Public hearing, State Government & Elections at 8 a.m.
 - January 14 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections at 10:30 AM - Majority; do pass.
 - January 17 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading
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SB 5513 (Hawkins) - Expanding flexibility of existing lodging taxes for affordable workforce housing

Institutes a rule that up to 33% of an authorized levy may be used for contracts, loans, or grants to nonprofit organizations or public housing authorities for affordable workforce housing for counties east of the Cascades that fall within a specific population range. Specifies how certain tax revenue can be utilized for expenses related to tourism.

- December 7 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 10 - First reading, referred to Housing & Local Government
- January 12 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Housing & Local Government at 10:30 AM

SB 5570 (Hunt) - Establishing a process for removal or relocation of major works on the capitol grounds

Adds a new section to chapter 43.19 RCW which outlines a process to remove major arts works from the state Capitol grounds. Department of Enterprise Service, as lead agency, would have authority to remove and relocate major artworks.

- December 21 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 10 - First reading, referred to State Government & Elections
- January 21 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections at 10:30 AM

SB 5608 (Wilson, L.) – Relating to free public access to state parks and lands

Repeals the requirement of having a discover pass to visit any state-owned land. The Parkland Trust revolving fund would be the source of funding to acquire and operate state parks and lands. Voluntary contributions would be collected by the Trust.

- December 29- Prefiled for introduction
- January 13 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks at 1:30

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SB 5615 (Lovick) - Designating pickleball as the official state sport

- December 29 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 12 – Public hearing, State Government & Elections at 8 a.m.
- January 14 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections at 10:30 AM. SGE - Majority; do pass.
- January 17 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5617 (Cleveland) - Population criteria for designation of local downtown and neighborhood commercial district revitalization and official local main street programs

The department may not designate a local downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization program or official local main street program if the program is undertaken by a local government with a population of one hundred ninety thousand persons or more at the time of designation.

- December 30 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 11 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade at 8:00 a.m.
- January 13 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade at 8:00 AM.
- January 14 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5640 (Short) - Updating the motion picture competitiveness program to enhance funding and encourage productions in rural communities

The approved motion picture competitiveness program must allocate an annual aggregate of at least \$6.25 million of the qualifying contributions to fund projects in rural communities. Changes allowable first-time tax credits from \$3.5 million to \$25 million.

- January 4 – Prefiled for introduction
- January 10 - First reading, referred to Business, Financial Services & Trade
- January 18 - Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade at 8:00 AM

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SB 5721 (Van De Wege, Salomon) - Consolidating natural resource management under the commissioner of public lands

Consolidates both State Parks and Recreation and the Department of Fish and Wildlife as separate departments under the Commissioner of Public Lands. Both the State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Fish and Wildlife Commission become advisory commissions and their decision-making authority is removed. The Commissioner of Public Lands would appoint the directors of the new departments, rather than their respective commissions.

- January 6 – Prefiled for introduction
 - January 10 - First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks
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SB 5756 (Hunt by request of the Lt. Governor and the Washington State Historical Society) - Establishing the semiquincentennial committee.

Establishes a semiquincentennial committee to coordinate and provide guidance for Washington's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States.

- January 7 – Prefiled for introduction
 - January 10 - First reading, referred to State Government & Elections
 - January 21 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections at 10:30 AM
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SB 5760 (Wellman) - Updating and expanding the motion picture competitiveness program

Adds members to the Motion Picture Competitiveness Board. Changes the tax credit cap from \$750,000 to \$1M. The annual limit for the statewide credit cap would be raised from \$3M to \$20M.

- January 7 - Prefiled for introduction.
- January 10 - First reading, referred to Business, Financial Services & Trade
- January 18 - Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade at 8:00 AM

Companion bill **HB 1914** (Riccelli)

- January 11 - First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development

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[SB 5856](#) (Wilson, J) - Concerning transfers of firearms to museums and historical societies

Exempts background checks for the transfer of firearms to museums and historical societies

- January 13 – First reading, referred to Law & Justice
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[SB 5878](#) (Rolfes) - Clarifying visual and performing arts instruction.

Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, Washington state public schools shall offer regular instruction in at least one visual art and at least one performing art, throughout the academic school year. Each student must receive instruction in at least one arts discipline throughout their K-8 education experience. For grades nine through 12, all students must be given the opportunity to take arts coursework each academic year.

- January 17 - First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.