

Heritage Caucus Bill Report – January 25, 2023

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HB 1020 (Morgan) - Designating the Sucasaurus rex as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington.

Designates Sucasaurus rex as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington. No other dinosaur has been found in Washington.

- December 8 – pre-filed for introduction
- January 9 - First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations
- January 10 - Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations
- January 17 - Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations, majority pass.
- January 19 - Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1026 (Walen) - Concerning local government design review.

Amends RCW 36.70B.120 to state that administrative design review for housing developments will be conducted “solely by local government employees without either a public meeting or review by an external board.”

- December 12 – pre-filed for introduction
- January 9 - First reading, referred to Housing.
- January 10 - Public hearing in the House Committee on Housing
- January 16 - Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Housing
- January 19 - Executive action taken in the House Committee on Housing, majority pass.
 - 1st substitute bill passed.
- January 23 - Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- January 24 - Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

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HB 1037 (Walsh) - Concerning family burial grounds.

Creates various rules and methods by which family burial grounds can be established, including how and when burial records will be sent to the county auditor.

- December 14 – pre-filed for introduction
- January 9 - First reading, referred to Civil Rights & Judiciary
- January 10 - Public hearing in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary
- January 13 - Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary
- January 20 - Executive action taken in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary, majority pass.
 - 1st substitute bill passed.
- January 24 - Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1042 (Walen) - Concerning the use of existing buildings for residential purposes.

Establishes rules that prohibit various restrictions on increased housing density within existing buildings, such as those that would prevent “the addition of housing units constructed entirely within an existing building envelope” and impose certain kinds of permitting, architectural, and design requirements. Requirements would go into effect on July 1, 2024.

- December 15 – pre-filed for introduction
- January 9 - First reading, referred to Housing.
- January 10 - Public hearing in the House Committee on Housing
- January 16 - Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Housing
- January 19 - Executive action taken in the House Committee on Housing
 - 1st substitute bill passed.
- January 23 - Referred to Rules 2 Review.

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HB 1110 (Bateman) - Increasing middle housing in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing.

Establishes rules and criteria by which housing density can be increased in Washington cities with populations of at least 6,000. Directs the Department of Commerce to publish model middle housing ordinances and provide technical assistance during implementation.

- January 9 - First reading, referred to Housing.
- January 17 - Public hearing in the House Committee on Housing

Companion bill SB 5190 (Trudeau)

- January 9 - First reading, referred to Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.
- January 12 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs
- January 13 - Referred to Housing
- January 25 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Housing at 1:30 PM

HB 1212 (Dye) - Concerning outdoor recreation affordability.

Eliminates the discover pass and daily permit fees.

- January 10 - First reading, referred to Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans.

HB 1228 (Ortiz-Self) - Building a multilingual, multiliterate Washington through dual and tribal language education.

Establishes a grant program within the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to support school districts and state-tribal education compact schools establishing and expanding dual language education. The Office of Native Education within OSPI would administer a grant program to support school districts and state-tribal education compact schools for tribal language programs.

- January 11 - First reading, referred to Education.
- January 24 - Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 4:00 PM

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[HB 1332](#) (Lekanoff) - Supporting public school instruction in tribal sovereignty and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Updates the reporting requirements of the Office of Native Education (ONE) to include, starting in 2024, information about consultations and collaborations between school districts and federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal perspectives on curriculum implementation. Creates a monitoring and evaluation system that would begin with the 2023-24 school year. Establishes a freely available tribal sovereignty curriculum.

- January 16 - First reading, referred to Education.
 - January 24 - Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 4:00 PM
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[HB 1364](#) (Paul) - Creating the nautical Northwest special license plate.

Adds a new nautical Northwest special license plate, which would display a “Northwest maritime scene.” Funds from the purchase/renewal fees would “support historic resources of Whidbey Island's maritime communities.”

- January 16 - First reading, referred to Transportation.
 - January 26 - Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 4:00 PM
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[HB 1384](#) (Shavers) - Providing access to parks to all Washington veterans.

Updates RCW 79A.05.065 to grant Washington Veterans a pass granting free access to campsites within state parks, free admission to any state park, and exemption from reservation fees. Previous language had required service-connected disability of least 30%.

- January 17 - First reading, referred to Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans
- January 25 - Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans at 8:00 AM

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[HB 1386](#) (Rule) - Establishing a youth development grant program.

Requires the Department of Commerce to develop and implement a grant program for state youth development programs. Funds would support learning acceleration, social-emotional learning, and arts and cultural programming. Outlines the consultation process that Commerce would undertake when designing the grant program.

- January 17 - First reading, referred to Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning
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[HB 1474](#) (Taylor) - Creating the covenant homeownership account and program to address the history of housing discrimination due to racially restrictive real estate covenants in Washington state.

Creates a covenant homeownership program account in the state treasury. Requires Washington State Housing Finance Commission to complete a covenant homeownership program study, to be updated every 5 years. Requires the Department of Commerce to establish an oversight committee and contract with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission to develop a credit program to reduce racial disparities in homeownership by providing down payment and closing cost assistance.

- January 20 - First reading, referred to Housing.

Companion bill [SB 5496](#) (Lovick)

- January 20 - First reading, referred to Housing.
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[HB 1489](#) (Orcutt) - Creating Mount St. Helens special license plates.

Creates a Mount St. Helens license plate to “Promote education, stewardship, and science at Mount St. Helens through the Mount St. Helens Institute.”

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HB 1496 (Walsh) – Transferring ownership of the Naselle Youth Camp property to the Chinook Indian Nation.

Transfer title of the property of the Naselle Youth Camp from the state to the Chinook Indian Nation, should they agree to maintain ownership of the property for at least 10 years and use the property for tribal government purposes.

- January 23 - First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.
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HB 1516 (Thai) - Making lunar new year a state legal holiday.

Designates the lunar new year as a state legal holiday. Unlike other state legal holidays, this would not be observed on the proceeding Friday although falling on a Saturday.

- January 23 - First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.
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HB 1541 (Farivar) - Establishing the nothing about us without us act.

Requires any statutorily or mandated committee to include “individuals from underrepresented populations who have direct lived experience with the identified issue or issues that the statutory entity is tasked with examining.” Requires committees to report annually to the Office of Equity, and requires the Office of Equity to analyze these reports and provide analysis & recommendations.

- January 24 - First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.
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SB 5000 (Wagoner) - Recognizing contributions of Americans of Chinese descent.

Proposes that January be known as Americans of Chinese descent history month and encourages public schools to dedicate time and activities for its commemoration.

- January 9 - First reading, referred to State Government & Elections
- January 10 - Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections
- January 13 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections
- January 16 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading

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SB 5095 (Nobles) - Creating the "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs.

Forms an advisory committee for "parks Rx" health and wellness pilot programs, which would utilize parks and recreation spaces and facilities for “equitable, low cost, or no-cost opportunities” public wellness programs.

- January 9 - First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care
- January 19 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care
- January 24 - Executive action taken in the Committee on Health & Long Term Care, majority pass, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5214 (Frame) - Licensing music therapists.

Creates a formal process by which music therapists can apply for and receive licenses to practice music therapy. Forms a five-member advisory committee under the secretary of health consisting of: three who practice as music therapists in Washington state; one member who is a licensed health care provider but not a music therapist, and one member who is a consumer. License requirements would go into effect January 1, 2025.

- January 10 - First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care
- January 26 - Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care at 10:30 AM

Companion bill HB 1247 (Reed)

- January 12 - First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- January 24 - Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM

SB 5327 (Keiser) - Concerning paying interns.

Requires that any state or local governmental body or agency, or educational, charitable, or nonprofit organization receiving public funds pay interns at a wage no less than as defined in RCW 49.46.020 (i.e. minimum wage).

- January 12 - First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.
- January 23 - Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce.

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SB 5436 (Wilson, C.) - Concerning transfers of firearms to museums and historical societies.

Exempts the transfer, loan, gift, or bequest of firearms to a museum or historical society from the background check process.

- January 18 - First reading, referred to Law & Justice
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SB 5441 (Wilson, C.) - Promoting the adoption of school district curricula that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

Establishes a process by which first class districts (more than 2,000 students) will designate an inclusive curricula coordinator. This coordinator—who can be an existing employee, or one hired for this purpose—will have wide-ranging duties related to creating an inclusive curricula and environment in schools.

- January 18 - First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
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SB 5462 (Lias) - Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.

Requires school districts to adopt policies and procedures to select instructional materials that include the “histories, contributions, and perspectives of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups.” Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to consult with the LGBTQ Commission to include the histories, contributions, and perspectives of LGBTQ people.

- January 19 - First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
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SB 5469 (Lovick) - Creating the covenant homeownership account and program to address the history of housing discrimination due to racially restrictive real estate covenants in Washington state.

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- January 19 - First reading, referred to Housing.