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Previewing Possible March Floor Actions in the Senate

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The Wisconsin State Senate is set to convene next week (Tuesday, March 17th and/or Wednesday, March 18th) to wrap up their work in the 2025-2026 Legislative Session. With over 180 bills passed by the Assembly that await concurrence, there's no shortage of legislation available for the Senate that could make its way to the Governor. This includes four League priorities we're pushing to see passed in 2026 and 18 other bills the League supports which have already seen action by the full Assembly.

While the Senate may consider legislation not passed by the Assembly in the March floorperiod, given the Assembly's adjournment on Friday, February 20th, any bills passed by the Senate that are not identical to what passed the Assembly will not make their way to the Governor's desk this year. This means that, despite nearly 1,100 bills introduced in the Senate this session, the universe of what we're watching has been narrowed to those roughly 180 bills passed by the Assembly and awaiting possible Senate action.

Below are some of the bills the League is watching as we approach next week's actions. Our 2026 priorities are indicated with green text in the 'Legislation Description' column.

Legislation Description	Bill Numbers	Senate Status	Assembly Status
Addressing PFAS Contamination Liability and Costs	ABs 130 and 131	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Passed
Improving Access to WHEDA Housing Loan Programs	AB 194	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Passed
Modernizing Public Construction Bidding Thresholds	AB 217	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Passed
Allowing Municipalities to Create Residential TIDs	AB 451	Passed, must concur in an amendment	Passed
Banning Drones from Flying Over Municipal Utilities	AB 768	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Passed
Awarding Volunteer Firefighters for Training Completion	AB 187	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Passed
Reauthorizing the Stewardship Program	ABs 315 and 612	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Passed
Creating a Grant Program for Grant Writing Services	AB 326	Passed, must concur in an amendment	Passed
Establishing a Battery Stewardship Program	ABs 713 and 911	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Passed
Codifying the Assured Wetland Delineator Program	AB 808	Passed, must concur in an amendment	Passed
Providing Grants for Community EMT Programs	ABs 970 & 1001	Public hearing held, awaiting cmte vote	Passed
Reimbursing Education Costs for Community EMTs	AB 971	Public hearing scheduled on Tuesday	Passed

With just a little over a week to go before the final regular floorperiod of this biennial session, we encourage municipal officials to get engaged. This includes reaching out to your Senators and asking for their support of Assembly Bill 194 to ease access to affordable housing loans. To learn more about this request, visit our call to action from the February 9th edition of the Legislative Bulletin. Municipal officials may find other bills they'd like to request support for in the list above. Please feel free to reach out to your Senator on any of the League bills listed, or others you may be following.

If you're not certain which Senator represents your municipality or how to get in touch with their office, this GIS map will help. Type in your municipality, and the Senator representing your area, along with contact information for their office, will appear on the righthand side of your screen.

To learn more about any of these efforts, we encourage you to review the League's summary of lobbying positions found by clicking the button in the 'Recently Introduced Legislation of Municipal Importance' section in this edition of the Legislative Bulletin. We'll provide a review of the Senate's actions in two weeks in the March 23rd edition of the Legislative Bulletin. We will continue to follow the Governor's actions on legislation which will be completed by Thursday, April 9th and provide an update with the final Acts signed into law.