

NWHPBA BILL REPORT – January 28, 2024

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
Energy labeling/residential Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings. <u>3SHB 1433</u> â€¢ Directs the Department of Commerce to adopt by rule the asset-based Home Energy Score developed by the United States Department of Energy as the primary home energy performance scoring system by which a person may evaluate the energy efficiency and relative greenhouse gas emissions of the building. â€¢ Directs the Department of Licensing to adopt rules and implement a program for the licensing of home energy assessors. â€¢ Prohibits, beginning March 1, 2026, a person from engaging in, conducting business, advertising, or holding himself or herself out as a home energy assessor without first obtaining a license.	H Rules R	Duerr	Oppose
Clean energy Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. Prohibits any large gas company that serves more than 500,000 retail natural gas customers in Washington as of June 30, 2023, from furnishing or supplying gas service, instrumentalities, and facilities to any commercial or residential location that did not receive gas service or have filed applications for gas service as of June 30, 2023. â€¢ Requires a large gas company to file a gas decarbonization plan and an electrification plan with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) as part of any multi-year rate plan filed on or after January 1, 2026. â€¢ Requires the UTC to establish a target for a gas decarbonization plan and a cost target for an electrification plan, each of which must be 2.5 percent of the gas revenue requirement and electric revenue requirement, respectively, approved by the UTC for each year of the multiyear rate plan. â€¢ Requires that 60 percent of the total capacity and energy needed for a combination utility to meet the requirements of the Clean Energy Transformation Act must be supplied from resources owned and operated by the combination utility or an affiliate of the combination utility. â€¢ â€¢ Directs the UTC to adopt a merger of the rate bases supporting gas and electric operations of a combination utility into a single rate base if the ratio of the rate base for gas operations to the combined rate base of gas and electric operations is less than or equal to 0.2. â€¢ Establishes labor requirements for any project in a gas decarbonization plan or electrification plan with a cost of more than \$1 million. â€¢ Encourages a variety of types of electric utilities to work with large gas companies providing gas service within the service areas of the electric utilities to identify opportunities for electrification and the provision of peaking service by the large gas companies.	S Environment, En	Doglio	Oppose
<u>ESHB 1589</u> (SSB 5562) HB 1893 (SB 5777) Unemp ins/strikes & lockouts Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for striking or lockout workers.	H Exec Action	Doglio	Oppose
<u>SHB 1940</u> (SSB 5778) Employer political speech Protecting the rights of workers to refrain from attending meetings or listening to their employer's speech on political or religious matters.	H Rules R	Fosse	Oppose

<u>HB 1959</u>	PFML/small employers Extending parts of the paid family and medical leave program to employers with fewer than 50 employees.	H Exec Action	Walen	Oppose
<u>HB 2070</u> (SB 5990)	Env. justice/SEPA projects Integrating environmental justice considerations into certain project decisions.	H Env & Energy	Mena	Oppose
<u>HB 2089</u> (SB 5949)	Capital budget, supplemental Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger	
<u>HB 2266</u> (SB 6107)	Construction/sanitary cond. Concerning sanitary conditions for construction workers who menstruate or express milk. This impacts any of our dealers working as subs on a construction project	H Labor & Workpl	Stonier	Oppose
<u>HB 2465</u> (SB 6291)	State building code council Streamlining the state building code council operating procedures by establishing criteria for statewide amendments to the state building code.	H Local Govt	Ramel	Support
<u>2SSB 5091</u>	Hydrogen fuel products Creating and expanding tax incentives for the research, development, production, and sale of hydrogen fuel cells in Washington state. Authorizes state business and occupation tax incentives for hydrogen fuel product research, development, production, and sale. â Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the tax incentives in achieving their stated public policy objectives prior to the expiration of the tax incentives in 2035.	S Business, Fin S	King	Support
<u>SB 5770</u>	Property tax Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	Oppose
<u>SB 5777</u> (HB 1893)	Unemp ins/strikes & lockouts Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for striking or lockout workers.	S 2nd Reading	Keiser	Oppose
<u>SSB 5778</u> (SHB 1940)	Employer political speech Protecting the rights of workers to refrain from attending meetings or listening to their employer's speech on political or religious matters.	S 2nd Reading	Keiser	Oppose
<u>SSB 5835</u>	Rule making websites Concerning transparency in rule making.	S Passed 3rd	Wilson	Support
<u>SB 5875</u>	Energy code/residential	S Environment, En	Fortunato	Support

Balancing energy efficiency with consideration of other factors such as housing affordability, development costs, and feasibility in the state energy code for residential structures.

<u>SB 5949</u> (HB 2089)	Capital budget, supplemental Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Mullet	
<u>SB 6107</u> (HB 2266)	Construction/sanitary cond. Concerning sanitary conditions for construction workers who menstruate or express milk. This would impact any of our dealers working as subs on a construction project	S Labor & Comm	Cleveland	Oppose
<u>SB 6233</u>	Energy code amendments Concerning substantive amendments to the state energy code for nonresidential buildings.	S Environment, E	Wilson	Support
<u>SB 6241</u> (HB 2349)	Job posting wage disclosures Strengthening pay transparency requirements.	S Labor & Comm	Randall	Support
<u>SB 6291</u> (HB 2465)	State building code council Streamlining the state building code council operating procedures by establishing criteria for statewide amendments to the state building code. Testified in favor in committee.	S State Govt & E	Wilson	Support

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>ESHB 1789</u>	Ecosystem services Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services.	H Ag&Nr	Reeves
<u>HB 1868</u>	Power equipment emissions Reducing emissions from outdoor power equipment.	H Env & Energy	Walen
<u>HB 1898</u>	Unempl. benefit charging Concerning unemployment insurance benefit charging.	S Labor & Comm	Schmidt
<u>HB 1901</u>	Unempl. voluntary program Removing the sunset on changes to the unemployment insurance voluntary contribution program.	H Rules R	Springer
<u>SHB 1905</u> (SB 5894)	Equal pay/protected classes Including protected classes in the Washington equal pay and opportunities act.	H Approps	Mena

HB 1927 (SB 5932)	Temporary total disability Reducing the number of days that a worker's temporary total disability must continue to receive industrial insurance compensation for the day of an injury and the three-day period following the injury.	H Rules R	Bronoske	Oppose
HB 1975 (SB 6028)	Unemployment overpayments Relieving individuals from paying interest on certain unemployment insurance overpayment assessments.	H Rules R	Ortiz-Self	Concerns
HB 1991 (SSB 5793)	Paid sick leave Concerning paid sick leave. Both house and senate committees removed school closures for weather related events from the bill.	H Exec Action	Fosse	Oppose
HB 2031	PTSD/coroners & examiners Recognizing posttraumatic stress disorder as an occupational disease for county coroners, examiners, and investigative personnel.	H Rules R	Abbarno	Oppose
HB 2035	Work restrictions/age 16, 17 Concerning restrictions on the working conditions and hours of sixteen- and seventeen-year olds.	H Labor & Workpl	McClintock	Support
HB 2051	Small off-road engines Reducing emissions from small off-road engines.	H Env & Energy	Walen	Concerns
SHB 2102 (SB 6177)	PFML benefits/health info. Establishing requirements for the disclosure of health care information for qualifying persons to receive paid family and medical leave benefits.	H HCWDPS	Berry	Concerns
HB 2168 (SB 5991)	Industrial insurance/duties Concerning the duties of industrial insurance self-insured employers and third-party administrators.	H Labor & Workpl	Alvarado	Concerns
HB 2349 (SB 6241)	Job posting wage disclosures Strengthening pay transparency requirements.	H Labor & Workpl	Stonier	Support
HB 2430	Business licensing fees Waiving business licensing handling and delinquency fees for eligible businesses.	H ConsPro&Bus	Springer	Support
HB 2436	Local sales and use tax Creating a local sales and use tax.	H Local Govt	Corry	
HB 2437	Retirement savings	H ConsPro&Bus	Santos	

<u>SSB 5133</u>	Responsible bidder criteria Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects.	S Ways & Means	Keiser	Oppose
	<p>Requires bidders to be listed as an active training agent on the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) website to meet responsible bidder criteria. ¶ Adds language to ensure public works projects subject to the apprenticeship utilization requirements adhere to said requirements for the one-year period immediately preceding the date of the bid solicitation. ¶ Requires bidders who have a demonstrated history of noncompliance with apprenticeship utilization requirements to submit an apprenticeship utilization plan to obtain contracts. ¶ Requires all bidders at the time of bid submittal to have at least one designated person trained on public works and wages within the last three years.</p>			
<u>SSB 5368</u>	Stay-at-work program Expanding access to the workers' compensation stay-at-work program through off-site light duty return to work opportunities. <p>Washington's Stay at Work program, which has proven successful in helping injured workers transition back to the workplace is limited to only the employer of injury SB 5368 will allow smaller employers and frontline workers, who may not have light duty work opportunities available for transitioning back to work, to partner with local non-profit organizations to offer light duty volunteer positions. The bill protects injured workers by providing an option to refuse, or terminate, a light duty position with a non-profit without any risk to their benefits and medical care SB 5368 is triple win --- allows small businesses and more injured workers to access light duty positions, assists injured workers in their transition back to work, and assists local non profits in their efforts to serve their communities. Allows an employer with 100 or fewer employees to offer off-site light duty work to a worker with an established nonprofit organization under the Stay-at-Work Program and to seek reimbursement for certain wages paid the worker and expenditures subject to certain conditions. ¶ Allows the Department of Labor and Industries or the employee of injury to contract with an established return-to-work employment agency for the purpose of offering the work.</p>	S 2nd Reading	Keiser	Support
<u>SB 5792</u>	Multunit res./definition Concerning the definition of multiunit residential buildings.	S Rules 2	Padden	Support
<u>SSB 5793</u> (HB 1991)	Paid sick leave Concerning paid sick leave.	S Rules 2	Saldana	Oppose
<u>SB 5894</u> (SHB 1905)	Equal pay/protected classes Including protected classes in the Washington equal pay and opportunities act.	S Labor & Comm	Nobles	Concerns
<u>SB 5932</u> (HB 1927)	Temporary total disability Reducing the number of days that a worker's temporary total disability must continue to receive industrial insurance compensation for the day of an injury and the three-day period following the injury.	S Labor & Comm	Stanford	Oppose

SB 5980	WISHA violation timeline Concerning the timeline for issuing a citation for a violation of the Washington industrial safety and health act.	S Labor & Comm	Keiser	Support
SB 5990 (HB 2070)	Env. justice/SEPA projects Integrating environmental justice considerations into certain project decisions.	S Environment, En	Lovelett	Oppose
SB 5991 (HB 2168)	Industrial insurance/duties Concerning the duties of industrial insurance self-insured employers and third-party administrators.	S Labor & Comm	Lovelett	Concerns
SB 6028 (HB 1975)	Unemployment overpayments Relieving individuals from paying interest on certain unemployment insurance overpayment assessments.	S Rules 2	Braun	Concerns

Low Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 1574</u> Methane/agriculture Supporting Washington agriculture by capturing methane and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	H Ag&Nr	Rule	Neutral
<u>HB 2153</u> Catalytic converter theft Deterring the theft of catalytic converters.	H ConsPro&Bus	Ryu	

Monitoring Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 1252</u> Impact fee deferrals Concerning impact fee deferrals.	H Housing	Bateman	
<u>SHB 1427</u> On-premises energy gen. Concerning on-premises energy generation.	H Env & Energy	Mena	
<u>HB 1716</u> Child care B&O credit Supporting employers providing child care assistance to employees by establishing a business and occupation tax credit for businesses and requiring the department of revenue to provide a report to the legislature.	H Finance	Rule	
<u>SHB 2082</u> Electrical transmission Assessing the needs of the electrical transmission industry.	H Approps	Fosse	

<u>SI 2109</u> (HI 2109)	Capital gains tax repeal Concerning taxes on long-term capital assets.	S Ways & Means	
<u>HI 2109</u> (SI 2109)	Capital gains tax repeal Concerning taxes on long-term capital assets.	H Finance	
<u>HB 2173</u> (SB 6047)	Natural gas utilities/OPMA Concerning executive sessions by publicly owned natural gas utilities under the open public meetings act in order to comply with the climate commitment act.	H State Govt & T	Ybarra
<u>SHB 2201</u> (SB 6058)	Carbon market linkage Facilitating linkage of Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market.	H ENVIDPS	Doglio
<u>HB 2278</u> (SB 6248)	Capital gains tax Modifying the capital gains tax under chapter 82.87 RCW and related statutes by closing loopholes, repealing and replacing the business and occupation tax credit with a capital gains tax credit, clarifying ambiguities and making technical corrections in a manner that is not estimated to affect state or local tax collections, treating spouses and domestic partners more consistently, modifying and adding definitions, creating a good faith penalty waiver, and modifying the publication schedule for inflation adjustments.	H Finance	Thai
<u>HB 2376</u>	CCA public entity oblig. Concerning the regulatory obligations of certain public entities, including municipal gas utilities, under the climate commitment act.	H Env & Energy	Robertson
<u>SB 5472</u>	Hard-to-place job seekers Providing incentives to employers to hire certain hard-to-place job seekers.	S Labor & Comm	Gildon
<u>SB 6058</u> (SHB 2201)	Carbon market linkage Facilitating linkage of Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market.	S Environment, E	Nguyen
<u>SB 6248</u> (HB 2278)	Capital gains tax Modifying the capital gains tax under chapter 82.87 RCW and related statutes by closing loopholes, repealing and replacing the business and occupation tax credit with a capital gains tax credit, clarifying ambiguities and making technical corrections in a manner that is not estimated to affect state or local tax collections, treating spouses and domestic partners more consistently, modifying and adding definitions, creating a good faith penalty waiver, and modifying the publication schedule for inflation adjustments.	S Ways & Means	Robinson
	Residential ex./property tax	S Ways & Means	Robinson

SJR 8209
(HJR
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Concerning a constitutional amendment providing for a residential real property exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.

Other Bills

No bills.