

The Legislature has now passed another major cutoff, where all bills must have passed out of the opposite body unless they are necessary to implement the budget. The scope of bills continues to narrow, as the discussions shift primarily to budget negotiations.

We are hearing that the negotiations on the education policy package are going well so far, as all sides are hoping to come to agreement on the final *McCleary* package for this year. The education piece is a significant item to be determined, after which the focus will begin in earnest on the remainder of the budget negotiations.

Transportation Budget passes the House

The House passed its 2017-19 Transportation budget on 4/12 with a vote of 77-19-2. The bill provides continuity for the 2015 Connecting Washington projects and provides necessary adjustments to the Alaska Way Tunnel, and makes a few scheduling changes to other projects. The minority party offered several amendments to change project funding but much of the focus was regarding the Sound Transit MVET and the I-405 HOT lanes. Both issues are likely to be major campaign issues in the November special election in the 45th Senate district.

Sound Transit MVET rebate bill passes the House

The bill (EHB 2201) that provides a rebate to Sound Transit Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) payers for the difference between the older high value MVET and the new more market based MVET that passed the legislature in 2006 passed the House with a vote of 64 to 33 on 4/12. This approach is similar to one attempted in the Senate by Democrat Marko Liias. The bill addresses the overvaluation of vehicles by the older depreciation schedule. There were numerous minority amendments to expand the impact of the bill which failed on partisan votes. This issue and the I-405 HOT lanes will be issues in the November special election for the Senate in the 45th district to replace Senator Dino Rossi who is serving temporarily.

House passes MTCA tax increase

Also on 4/12, the House brought to the floor and passed HB 2182, which sets a tiered rate increase to the Hazardous Substance tax through 2025. The bill is a response to a shortfall in the Model Toxics Control Account, which is at least partially due to sweeping of the funds over the last several biennia into the general fund. This is an account generally used for projects such as pollution cleanup, control and prevention. The bill passed on a strict party line vote of 50 to 47, and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

House passes Capital Budget

On 4/12, immediately following the 5:00 p.m. cutoff deadline, the House worked late to pass its 2017-19 Capital budget (SB 5068). In total, the House's proposal authorizes \$3.99 billion of new appropriations for construction projects, with \$2.54 billion financed with state general obligation bonds. The final budget included \$106.4 million for the Housing Trust Fund, but did not include the Westlake Microparks project funding. The bill passed with a vote of 96 to 2.

Revenue collections down slightly

The Economic & Revenue Forecast Council released an economic & revenue update on 4/11. The Council reported that major general fund-state revenue collections for the March 11 – April 10 collection period came in \$7.9 million (0.6%) below the March forecast. Revenue Act receipts (consisting of sales and use, B&O, utility, and tobacco products) came in \$12.9 million (1.2%) lower than forecasted, while all other receipts were \$5.0 million (3.0%) higher than forecasted.

In summary, total nonfarm payroll employment rose, although less than average growth during the previous year. Manufacturing only lost 300 jobs in the four-month period, while construction employment increased 4,500 in the four-month period and government payrolls expanded by 2,800 jobs. Housing construction also slowed, as building permits fell, in spite of the rapid growth in home prices in Seattle. Finally, car and truck sales also declined in January and February.

Overall, if the state’s economy begins to slow, there may be greater incentive to wrap up legislative work on the budget sooner than the June 20 revenue forecast in case the forecast is lowered at that point.

Bill tracker

Bill	Title	Status	Date	Original Sponsor	Companion Bills	Latest Cmte Mtg Info
HB 1044	Homeownership projects	H Comm Dev, Hous	01/09/2017	MacEwen		Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
SHB 1045	Uniform money services act	S Fin Inst/Ins	02/10/2017	Kirby	SB 5031(Ssubst for)	Jan 11 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
HB 1051	Infrastructure financing	H Cap Budget	01/09/2017	DeBolt		Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 3:30 PM.
HB 1052	Credentials/student loans	H Rules C	03/13/2017	Sawyer		Jan 18 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
HB 1053	WA state credit union act	S Fin Inst/Ins	02/03/2017	Reeves	SB 5144(Del to Gov)	Jan 11 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business &

						Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
SHB 1057	Education loan information	H Approps	02/16/2017	Orwall	SB 5022(Ssubst for)	Feb 14 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.
HB 1061	Collection agency fees	H Bus & Fin Svcs	01/09/2017	Stanford	SB 5043(SWays & Means)	
SHB 1070	Dispute resolution fees	S Rules 2	03/29/2017	Jenkins		Mar 29 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.
SHB 1116	Family & med leave insurance	H Rules R	02/24/2017	Robinson	SB 5032(SCom/Labor/Spor)	Feb 22 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
ESHB 1153	Vulnerable persons/crimes	S Passed 3rd	04/10/2017	Goodman	SB 5099(Ssubst for)	Apr 4 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
2SHB 1169	Student loan assistance	S Ways & Means	03/29/2017	Orwall		Apr 3 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
HB 1185	Insurance/industries	H Bus & Fin Svcs	01/13/2017	Haler		Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
SHB 1209	Municipal financial services	S Fin Inst/Ins	02/17/2017	Bergquist	SB 5396(SFin Inst/Ins)	Feb 1 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
SHB 1219	Auctioned impounded vehicle	H Rules C	03/13/2017	Orcutt	SB 5016(Ssubst for)	Feb 1 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
HB 1231	Cooperative finance orgs tax	H Finance	01/13/2017	Lytton	SB 5148(SWays & Means)	Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 3:30 PM.

HB 1283	Anticipated tax, assessments	S Pres Signed	04/06/2017	Chapman	SB 5189(H2nd Reading)	
SHB 1298	Job applicants/arrests, etc.	S Com/Labor/Sport	03/03/2017	Ortiz-Self		Mar 9 Executive action scheduled, but the report on the motion to move the bill out of committee did not receive sufficient signatures.
SHB 1305	Unlawful entry	H Rules C	03/13/2017	Barkis	SB 5388(Ssubst for)	Feb 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:00 PM.
HB 1318	Credit unions' capital	H Bus & Fin Svcs	01/17/2017	Ryu		
HB 1324	Local infrastruct. financing	H Cap Budget	02/06/2017	Tharinger	SB 5088(SWays & Means)	Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 3:30 PM.
SHB 1422	Rural jobs	H Finance	03/14/2017	Blake	SB 5208(SWays & Means)	Mar 9 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development at 1:30 PM.
SHB 1425	Ed. savings account pilot	H Approps	02/17/2017	Kilduff		Feb 15 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.
E2SHB 1439	Higher ed student protection	S Ways & Means	03/29/2017	Pollet		Apr 4 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
HB 1441	State agency land purchases	H Environment	01/31/2017	Haler		Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
EHB 1450	Title insurance rating orgs.	S Pres Signed	04/11/2017	Nealey	ESB 5629(HRules R)	

SHB 1486	Wage liens/wage recovery act	H Rules R	02/24/ 2017	Gregers on		Feb 24 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
ESHB 1493	Biometric identifiers	S Passed 3rd	04/11/ 2017	Morris		Mar 28 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
HB 1499	Student loan disbursement	S Ways & Means	03/29/ 2017	Pollet		Apr 3 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
HB 1500	Tax exemptions	H Finance	01/20/ 2017	Pollet	SB 5513(SWays & M eans)	Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 3:30 PM.
HB 1536	Afford. housing/local tools	H Comm Dev, Hous	01/23/ 2017	McBride		
HB 1549	Tax preferences	H Finance	01/23/ 2017	Lytton	SB 5112(SWays & M eans)	
SHB 1570	Homeless housing & assist.	H 2nd Reading	04/05/ 2017	Macri		Feb 24 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
HB 1593	Small securities offerings	S Pres Signed	04/06/ 2017	Vick	SB 5680(SRules X)	
EHB 1595	Public records request costs	S Passed 3rd	04/07/ 2017	Nealey		Mar 29 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.
HB 1627	Nonprofit corp. financing	S 2nd Reading	04/06/ 2017	Ryu		Mar 22 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 1:30 PM.

HB 1633	Housing/source of income	H Rules C	03/13/2017	Riccelli	SB 5407(SFin Inst/Ins)	Feb 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:00 PM.
HB 1635	Tenant property, disposition	H Judiciary	01/25/2017	Barkis	SB 5013(HRules R)	Feb 16 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:00 PM.
EHB 1648	County treasurers	H Passed FP	04/13/2017	Stonier	SB 5314(SRules X)	Mar 16 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Local Government at 1:30 PM.
HB 1665	Tax expenditure transparency	H Finance	01/26/2017	Santos		
SHB 1677	Local infrastructure funding	H 2nd Reading	04/05/2017	Peterson	SB 5496(SWays & Means)	Mar 21 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 3:30 PM.
HB 1695	Crowdfunding donation taxes	H Finance	01/26/2017	Stokesberry		Feb 7 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 3:30 PM.
HB 1730	Capital gains excise tax	H Finance	01/27/2017	Jinkins	SB 5111(S2nd Reading)	
HB 1748	Affordable rural housing	H Environment	01/27/2017	Chandler		Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
SHB 1752	Affordable urban housing	H Rules C	03/13/2017	Santos		Feb 15 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 8:00 AM.
HB 1764	Property tax revenue limit	H Rules R	04/04/2017	Lytton	SB 5772(SLocal Government)	Mar 30 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.

SHB 1797	Affordable housing/taxes	H 2nd Reading	04/05/2017	McBride		Mar 3 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
HB 1806	Crimes by corporations	S Law & Justice	03/06/2017	Pellicio tti		Feb 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Public Safety at 8:00 AM.
HB 1850	Retirement marketplace opts	H Bus & Fin Svcs	02/01/2017	Stanfor d		
SHB 1893	Spirits & wine/credit card	S 2nd Reading	04/10/2017	Vick	ESB 5665(HPassed 3rd)	Mar 9 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
2SHB 1904	Personal info. sale & tax	H 2nd Reading	04/05/2017	Smith		Mar 14 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 3:30 PM.
HB 1926	Capital gains excise tax	H Finance	02/02/2017	Pollet		
SHB 1966	Retirement marketplace reqs.	S Fin Inst/Ins	03/06/2017	Stanfor d	SB 5675(Ssubst for)	Feb 15 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
2SHB 1980	Home rehabilitation loan prg	S Ways & Means	03/16/2017	Blake	ESB 5647(HPassed 3rd)	Mar 29 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
HB 1991	Delinquent properties/ad min.	S 2nd Reading	04/06/2017	Volz		Mar 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Local Government at 1:30 PM.
HB 1992	County treasurer admin costs	H Local Govt	02/06/2017	Volz		Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government at 10:00 AM.

HB 1993	County treasurer contracting	H Local Govt	02/06/2017	Volz		Mar 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government at 8:00 AM.
ESHB 2057	Residential real property	S 2nd Reading	03/31/2017	Orwall	SB 5797(Ssubst for)	Mar 14 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SB 5009	Economic disruption crimes	S Law & Justice	01/09/2017	Ericksen		
SB 5011	Business corporation act	Del to Gov	04/11/2017	Pederse n		
SSB 5012	Trust assets distribution	Del to Gov	04/11/2017	Pederse n		
SB 5015	At-will tenancy/unl detainer	S Rules X	03/21/2017	Warnick		Jan 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SSB 5016	Auctioned impounded vehicle	H Trans	03/10/2017	Hobbs	HB 1219(HRules C)	Jan 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
SB 5017	Student loan information	S Higher Ed	01/09/2017	Bailey		
SSB 5022	Education loan information	S Passed FP	04/13/2017	Bailey	HB 1057(HApprops)	Apr 4 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 11:00 AM.
SSB 5031	Uniform money services act	Del to Gov	04/13/2017	Angel	HB 1045(Hsubst for)	
SB 5032	Family & med leave insurance	S Com/Labor/Spor	01/11/2017	Keiser	HB 1116(HRules R)	Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and

						Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
ESSB 5033	Infrastructure financing	H Passed 3rd	04/12/2017	Keiser		Apr 7 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 9:00 AM.
SB 5039	Electronic legal material	S Pres Signed	04/11/2017	Pederse n		Mar 22 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.
SB 5040	Uniform business orgs. code	Del to Gov	04/11/2017	Pederse n		
SSB 5043	Payment of debts	S Ways & Means	02/16/2017	Angel	HB 1061(HBus & Fin Svcs)	Feb 14 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SSB 5081	Uniform law on notarial acts	S ref/H recede	04/13/2017	Pederse n		Mar 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
SB 5085	Voidable transactions act	Del to Gov	04/13/2017	Pederse n		
SSB 5100	Financial literacy seminars	H Passed 3rd	04/12/2017	Bailey		Apr 4 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 11:00 AM.
SB 5127	Carbon pollution tax	S 2nd Reading	02/27/2017	Braun	HB 1555(HFinance)	Feb 24 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 11:00 AM.
SB 5140	Equal pay and opportunities	S Com/Labor/ Spor	01/13/2017	Cleveland		Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.

SB 5144	WA state credit union act	Del to Gov	04/13/2017	Angel	HB 1053(SFin Inst/Ins)	
SB 5148	Cooperative finance orgs tax	S Ways & Means	01/13/2017	Baumgartner	HB 1231(HFinance)	Feb 14 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
SB 5149	Paid family leave	S Com/Labor/Spor	01/13/2017	Fain		Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
SSB 5182	Affordable housing options	S Rules X	03/17/2017	Fain		Feb 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
SB 5210	Student loan bill of rights	S Higher Ed	01/17/2017	Liias	HB 1440(Hsubst for)	
SB 5252	Doc. recording fees/homeless	H 2nd Reading	04/07/2017	Angel		Apr 4 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 11:00 AM.
2SSB 5254	Buildable lands & zoning	S 2nd Reading	03/29/2017	Fain		Mar 20 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
SB 5264	Virtual currency/marijuana	S Com/Labor/Spor	01/18/2017	Rivers		Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
ESSB 5312	Criminal record/employment	H 2nd Reading	04/06/2017	Baumgartner		Apr 4 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 11:00 AM.
SB 5396	Municipal financial services	S Fin Inst/Ins	01/23/2017	Angel	HB 1209(Hsubst for)	Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.

SB 5406	DSHS/long-term care settings	S Health Care	01/23/2017	Becker	HB 1354(HHC/Wellness)	
SB 5407	Housing/source of income	S Fin Inst/Ins	01/24/2017	Frockett	HB 1633(HRules C)	Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SB 5416	Property tx exemp/intangible	S Ways & Means	01/24/2017	Chase		
SB 5428	Condo assoc litigation costs	S Law & Justice	01/24/2017	Padden		Feb 15 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.
SB 5445	Eminent domain/economic dev.	H Rules R	03/27/2017	Padden		Mar 23 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
ESSB 5456	Unpaid accounts	H Judiciary	03/02/2017	Braun	HB 1145(HJudiciary)	Mar 23 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
SB 5464	Washington investment trust	S Fin Inst/Ins	01/25/2017	Hasegawa	HB 2059(HBus & Fin Svcs)	Feb 9 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SB 5496	Local infrastructure funding	S Ways & Means	01/26/2017	Rivers	HB 1677(H2nd Reading)	
SB 5507	Automatic renewal/contracts	S Com/Labor/Spor	01/26/2017	Zeiger		Feb 8 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
2SSB 5577	Incapacitated persons/rights	H 2nd Reading	04/07/2017	Conway		Apr 4 Executive action taken in the House Committee

						on Appropriations at 11:00 AM.
SB 5587	Linked deposit program	S Ways & Means	02/06/2017	Hasegawa		Feb 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
ESSB 5620	Transp. network companies	H Labor & Workpla	03/09/2017	King		Mar 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.
ESB 5629	Title insurance rating orgs.	H Rules R	03/21/2017	Angel	EHB 1450(SPres Signed)	Mar 15 Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
ESB 5647	Home rehabilitation loan prg	H Passed 3rd	04/12/2017	Honeyford	HB 1980(Hsubst for)	Apr 3 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 9:00 AM.
ESB 5665	Alcohol purchase/credit card	H Passed 3rd	04/11/2017	Wilson	HB 1893(Hsubst for)	Mar 21 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Commerce & Gaming at 1:30 PM.
SSB 5675	Retirement marketplace reqs.	Del to Gov	04/13/2017	Mullet	HB 1966(Hsubst for)	
SB 5680	Small securities offerings	S Rules X	03/17/2017	Fain	HB 1593(SPres Signed)	Feb 14 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
ESSB 5797	Residential real property	H Rules R	03/28/2017	Mullet	HB 2057(Hsubst for)	Mar 23 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
SJM 8002	Banking/Glass-Steagall act	S Fin Inst/Ins	01/11/2017	Hasegawa		