

The second week of the 2017 Legislative session is wrapping up, and the pace is beginning to pick up as legislators begin to introduce more of their legislative priorities for the session. Particularly given the anticipated length of this session, the number of bills introduced during the first week was on the lower side. The pace and hearing schedules are now in full swing.

Nationstar negotiations continue

We continue to meet with consumer advocates and Representative Orwall, and continued to make progress to address the *Jordan v. Nationstar* issue. While we still do not yet have a concrete proposal, negotiations are moving in the right direction and I expect we will see some language put forth next week. We will continue to keep this group updated as these negotiations continue.

Bill to extend the document recording fee scheduled for a hearing

A proposal to extend and expand the document recording fee has been introduced (HB 1570) and has been scheduled for a public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs on 1/26. The proposal—with 29 Democrat sponsors—includes additional homelessness study and performance provisions, in addition to an increase to \$90 per document recorded (increased from \$10 per document) to be dedicated to local homeless housing and assistance programs. The bill eliminates the existing sunset from the statute, but does not expand the fee to the secondary market.

Levy cliff considered in the House

The House Democrats acted quickly to prevent cuts to school district budgets that are anticipated due to what is being deemed the levy cliff. Beginning in January 2018, school districts are expected to lose an anticipated \$350 million if the Legislature does not postpone statutory changes to the levy lid that specify how much can be collected in local property taxes. The House Appropriations committee voted along party lines on a bill (HB 1059) that would lift the levy lid for one extra year.

Labor issues drawing debate this session

Competing family leave proposals introduced

Two separate paid family and medical leave proposals have been introduced already this session. A set of companion bills (SB 5032/HB 1116) sponsored by Democrats would allow employees to take up to a total of 38 weeks of paid leave per year once fully implemented. It is funded through a payroll tax paid by both employees and employers.

Simultaneously, a separate proposal (SB 5149) with bipartisan sponsorship has been introduced and would allow for up to 12 weeks of paid leave upon full implementation. The funding mechanism for the Senate bill would come from a payroll tax paid by employees.

Any new legislation would replace or expand upon the state's current family and medical leave laws, which include (1) a 2007 statute that required employers to provide five weeks of paid family leave for new parents and (2) Initiative 1433, which, among other things, requires employers to provide one hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked. The 2007 law had no associated funding source and has never been implemented. Initiative 1433 is scheduled to go into effect next year.

Workers' compensation reform efforts

Efforts to reform workers' compensation are also anticipated for consideration this session. The areas of reform to the workers' compensation program include:

- Efforts to address occupational disease claims,
- Incentivizing structured settlements,
- Limiting the amount of reimbursement for third-party claims,
- Allowing greater claims management for self-insured employers,
- Provide incentives for returning to work.

While bills have not yet been officially introduced, there is a public hearing scheduled on 1/23 in the Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports Committee on two proposals titled:

1. "Requiring employers' approval for certain workers' compensation third-party settlements;"

"Improving workers' compensation system costs and administration and worker outcomes through modification of procedures for claims to self-insureds, clarification of recovery in third-party legal actions, clarification of occupational disease claims, and lowering age barriers for structured settlements."

Bill tracker

Bill	Title	Status	Date	Original Sponsor	Companion Bills	Latest Cmte Mtg Info
HB 1044	Homeowners hip projects	H Comm Dev, Hous	01/09/2017	MacEwen		Jan 26 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM . (Subject to change)
SHB 1045	Uniform money services act	H Rules R	01/17/2017	Kirby	SB 5031 (SRules 2)	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		
HB 1052	Credentials/student loans	H BFSDP	01/18/2017	Sawyer		Jan 18 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
HB	WA state credit union	H Rules R	01/17/2	Reeves	SB 5144 (SFIDP)	Jan 11 Executive action taken in the House Committee on

1053	act		017			Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
HB 1057	Education loan information	H Hi Ed	01/09/2017	Orwall	SB 5022 (SHigher Ed)	Jan 17 Public hearing 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 (SFin Inst/Ins)	
HB 1070	Dispute resolution fees	H Judiciary	01/09/2017	Jinkins		Jan 12 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
HB 1116	Family & med leave insurance	H Labor & Workpl	01/11/2017	Robinso n	SB 5032 (SCom/Labor/Spor)	Jan 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM . (Subject to change)
SHB 1153	Vulnerable persons/crim es	H PSDPS	01/19/2017	Goodma n	SB 5099 (SLaw & Justi ce)	Jan 19 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Public Safety at 8:00 AM.
HB 1169	Student loan assistance	H Hi Ed	01/12/2017	Orwall		Jan 25 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM . (Subject to change)
HB 1209	Municipal financial services	H Bus & Fin Svcs	01/13/2017	Bergquis t	SB 5396 ()	Jan 24 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 8:00 AM . (Subject to change)
HB 1219	Auctioned impounded vehicle	H Trans	01/13/2017	Orcutt	SB 5016 (STransportati on)	Jan 23 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM . (Subject to change)
HB 1231	Cooperative finance orgs tax	H Finance	01/13/2017	Lytton	SB 5148 (SWays & Me ans)	Jan 24 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 3:30 PM . (Subject to change)
HB 1283	Anticipated tax, assessments	H Finance	01/16/2017	Chapma n	SB 5189 (SLocal Gover nme)	Jan 27 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM . (Subject to change)

HB 1298	Job applicants/arrests, etc.	H Labor & Workpl	01/16/2017	Ortiz-Self		Jan 24 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM . (Subject to change)
SB 5009	Economic disruption crimes	S Law & Justice	01/09/2017	Ericksen		
SB 5011	Business corporation act	S Law & Justice	01/09/2017	Pedersen		Jan 25 Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM . (Subject to change)
SB 5012	Trust assets distribution	S Law & Justice	01/09/2017	Pedersen		Jan 10 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
SB 5015	At-will tenancy/unl detainer	S FIDP	01/19/2017	Warnick		Jan 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SB 5016	Auctioned impounded vehicle	S Transportation	01/09/2017	Hobbs	HB 1219 (HTrans)	Jan 25 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM . (Subject to change)
SB 5017	Student loan information	S Higher Ed	01/09/2017	Bailey		
SB 5022	Education loan information	S Higher Ed	01/09/2017	Bailey	HB 1057 (HHi Ed)	Jan 24 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM . (Subject to change)
SSB 5031	Uniform money services act	S Rules 2	01/16/2017	Angel	HB 1045 (HRules R)	Jan 12 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SB 5032	Family & med leave insurance	S Com/Labor/Spor	01/11/2017	Keiser	HB 1116 (HLabor & Workpl)	

SB 5033	Infrastructure financing	S Ways & Means	01/11/2017	Keiser		
SB 5039	Electronic legal material	S Law & Justice	01/11/2017	Pederse n		Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
SB 5040	Uniform business orgs. code	S Law & Justice	01/11/2017	Pederse n		Jan 25 Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM . (Subject to change)
SB 5043	Collection agency fees	S Fin Inst/Ins	01/11/2017	Angel	HB 1061 (HBus & Fin Svcs)	Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SB 5081	Uniform law on notarial acts	S Law & Justice	01/12/2017	Pederse n		
SB 5085	Voidable transactions act	S Law & Justice	01/12/2017	Pederse n		Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
SB 5100	Financial literacy seminars	S Higher Ed	01/12/2017	Bailey		Jan 24 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM . (Subject to change)
SB 5127	Carbon pollution tax	S Ways & Means	01/13/2017	Braun	HB 1555 ()	
SB 5140	Equal pay and opportunities	S Com/Labor/Sport	01/13/2017	Cleveland		
SB 5144	WA state credit union act	S FIDP	01/19/2017	Angel	HB 1053 (HRules R)	Jan 19 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
SB 5148	Cooperative finance orgs tax	S Ways & Means	01/13/2017	Baumgartner	HB 1231 (HFinance)	
SB	Paid family	S	01/13/2017	Fain		

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SB 5182	Affordable housing options	S HumSer/Men Hlth	01/16/2017	Fain		Jan 23 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 1:30 PM . (Subject to change)
SJM 8002	Banking/Glass-Steagall act	S Fin Inst/Ins	01/11/2017	Hasegawa		