

# Washington Library Association Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

February 17, 2022

Lots happening right now. Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> was the date bills had to be out of the House of Origin and next Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, is the cut off for bills to be out of the opposite house committee. So things are moving fast.

The Senate Capital Budget is out now – Go to [THIS LINK TO READ](#)

We have \$1.5 billion more than we thought in the budget – Supplemental Operating Budgets are coming out next week.

## Revenue

- The WA economy is expected to outperform the national economy in both employment and personal income growth for 2022 – 2025
- **The forecast of funds subject to the budget outlook is increased by \$1,453 million for 2021-23 biennium**
- 1.3B in remaining Federal funds to be appropriated in the budget

We have two budget provisos we are working on – 1) \$1 million for Prime Time Reading Program and 2) \$300,000 for media literacy grants – both sponsored by Senator Liias.

## Upcoming Events

**Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - Virtual - 2/17 @ 10:30am**

**Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - Virtual - 2/17 @ 1:30pm**

- [2SHB 1835](#) - Public Hearing - Creating outreach and completion initiatives to increase postsecondary enrollment. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)

**Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation (Senate) - Virtual - 2/18 @ 10:30am**

- [SHB 2068](#) - Public Hearing - Creating the imagination library of Washington program. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)

**Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 9:30am**

- [HB 1702](#) - Public Hearing - Accelerating broadband connectivity for Washington. (Remote testimony.) (If measure is referred to committee.) (Support/High)

**Law & Justice (Senate) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 9:30am**

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- [ESHB 1630](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing restrictions on the possession of weapons in certain locations. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 1:30pm**

- [SHB 1617](#) - Exec Session - Aligning state and school holidays. (Support/Low)

### **Community & Economic Development (House) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 10:00am**

- [SB 5715](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying the definition of broadband or broadband service. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)

### **Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 10:30am**

- [ESHB 1673](#) - Exec Session - Concerning broadband infrastructure loans and grants made by the public works board. (Support/Medium)

### **Capital Budget (House) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 1781](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the capital budget. (Remote testimony.) (Medium)

### **Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 1:30pm**

- [2SHB 1835](#) - Exec Session - Creating outreach and completion initiatives to increase postsecondary enrollment. (Support/High)

### **Ways & Means (Senate) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 4:00pm**

- [2SHB 1664](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)

### **Community & Economic Development (House) - Virtual - 2/23 @ 10:00am**

- [SB 5715](#) - Exec Session - Modifying the definition of broadband or broadband service. (Support/High)

### **Capital Budget (House) - Virtual - 2/24 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 1781](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the capital budget. (Medium)

### **Law & Justice (Senate) - Virtual - 2/24 @ 10:30am**

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### High Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
<a href="#">ESHB 1630</a>	Weapons/certain meetings	Establishing restrictions on the possession of weapons in certain locations.	S Law & Justice	Senn	Support
<a href="#">2SHB 1664</a>	Schools/support funding	Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.	S Ways & Means	Rule	Support
<a href="#">HB 1702</a>	Broadband connectivity	Accelerating broadband connectivity for Washington.	H Finance	Boehnke	Support
<a href="#">E2SHB 1723</a>	Telecommunications access	Closing the digital equity divide by increasing the accessibility and affordability of telecommunications services, devices, and training.	S Environment, En	Gregerson	Support
<a href="#">2SHB 1835</a>	Postsecondary enrollment	Creating outreach and completion initiatives to increase postsecondary enrollment.	S Higher Ed & Wor	Hansen	Support
<a href="#">SHB 2068</a>	Imagination library	Creating the imagination library of Washington program.	S Human Svcs, Ree	Stonier	Support
<a href="#">SB 5715</a>	Definition of broadband	Modifying the definition of broadband or broadband service.	H Comm & Econ Dev	Wellman	Support
<a href="#">SB 5909</a>	Gubernatorial emerg. powers	Concerning legislative oversight of gubernatorial powers concerning emergency proclamations and unanticipated receipts.	H State Govt & Tr	Randall	

### Medium Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
<a href="#">ESHB 1673</a> (SSB 5580)	Public works board/broadband	Concerning broadband infrastructure loans and grants made by the public works board.	S Environment, En	Ryu	Support
<a href="#">ESHB 1716</a>	Ballot casting locations	Concerning locations at which ballots may be cast.	S SGEDP	Valdez	Neutral
<a href="#">HB 1781</a> (SB 5651)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger	

### Low Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
<a href="#">SHB 1617</a>	State and school holidays	Aligning state and school holidays.	S EL/K-12	Morgan	Support