

HOUSING ALLIANCE ADVOCACY UPDATE

2.23.18

TAKE ACTION TODAY!

- Help ensure the legislature moves the dial on reducing homelessness and expanding access to affordable homes by contacting your lawmakers:
- Leave a quick message for all of your lawmakers through the legislative hotline: **1-800-562-6000**
- Send your lawmakers an email or call their offices:
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>
- Send a message through the Housing Alliance's action alert system:
http://org.salsalabs.com/o/2685/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=22762

HOME STRETCH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- Friday, **February 23** – deadline for bills to be passed out of their opposite chamber policy committee
- Monday, **February 26** – deadline for bills to be passed out of their opposite chamber fiscal committee
- Friday, **March 2** – deadline for bills to be passed out of their opposite chamber
- Thursday, **March 8** – Sine Die, the last day of the legislative session

HB 1570 (MACRI)

- **Bill Status:** Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee on 2.23.18
- **Bill Summary:** Makes the \$30 portion of Homeless Housing and Assistance Surcharge scheduled to sunset in 2023 permanent, addresses the 45% mandate, increases the Homeless Housing and Assistance Surcharge by up to \$50 via a county councilmanic vote.
- **Blog post:** <http://www.wliha.org/blog/i-urge-waleg-pass-hb-1570>

HB 2578 (RICCELLI) AND SB 5407 (FROCKT)

■ Bill Status:

- HB 2578 in the Senate Rules Committee
- SB 5407 referred to the House Judiciary Committee

■ Bill Summary:

- Bans the practice of source of income discrimination, creates a landlord mitigation fund, increases 2060 document recording fee by \$3. The state's share of increase (40%) funds landlord mitigation fund, and remaining 60% of the \$3 increase will raise additional 2060 revenue for every county.

HB 2667 (MACRI) AND SB 6502 (DHINGRA)

■ Bill Status:

- HB 2667 scheduled for an executive session in the Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee on 2.23.18
- SB 6502 dies in Ways and Means Committee

■ Bill Summary:

- Improves housing stability for seniors and people with disabilities by making changes to the Housing and Essential Needs and Aged, Blind, or Disabled programs.

- Blog Post: <http://www.wliha.org/blog/no-one-should-lose-housing-assistance-when-their-disability-status-becomes-permanent>

HB 1831 (PETTIGREW)

- **Bill Status:**

- Referred to the Senate Ways and Means Committee on 2/22/18

- **Bill Summary:**

- Increases stability for people using public assistance by updating asset limits. Bill proposes to increase cash asset limit from \$1,000 to \$6,000. and it increases the vehicle asset limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

HB 1239 (SULLIVAN)

- **Bill Status:**

- In Senate Rules Committee

- **Bill Summary:**

- Provides free access to medical records needed to appeal federal Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance denials.

HB 2437 (ROBINSON)

■ Bill Status:

- In the House Rules Committee; bill is related to revenue and is exempt from regular cutoff dates.

■ Bill Summary:

- Allows local governments to redirect a portion of the sales tax to invest in affordable homes. If utilized by each county, it would generate \$500 million resulting in over 14,000 new safe, healthy and affordable homes.

HB 2444 (SLATTER)

- **Bill Status:**

- Referred to the Senate Ways and Means Committee

- **Bill Summary:**

- This bill provides a very important technical clarification that the state is not to tax affordable housing that is funded with federal low income housing tax credits when the for-profit investor exits the ownership after they've received their tax credits.

HB 2382 (RYU)

- **Bill Status:**

- Scheduled for an executive session in the Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee on 2.23.18.

- **Bill Summary:**

- Promotes the use of surplus public property for affordable housing.

SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING BUDGETS

■ Senate Budget:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- SB 5407 re: banning source of income discrimination
- Supportive Housing and Employment Services Medicaid Benefit

■ House Budget:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- HB 1831 re: asset limits
- HB 2667 re: housing stability for seniors and people with disabilities
- HB 2437 re: increasing resources for affordable housing
- HB 2444 re: ensuring longevity of affordable housing
- Supportive Housing and Employment Services Medicaid Benefit

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Sample message:

The legislature has an important opportunity to significantly move the dial on ending homelessness and expanding access to affordable housing. Please vote yes on the following bills to ensure our neighbors who are homeless are able to access safe, healthy, and affordable homes: HB 1570, HB 2667, HB 1831, HB 2437, HB 2444, HB 1239, HB 2578, HB 1239, and HB 2382.

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