

HHAD 2026 Hot Sheet

This is the latest information about where key bills that will advance housing justice stand right now. *Indicates a Housing Alliance lead policy priority.

Please advocate on these bills and budget requests during your lawmaker meetings! You can also sign in on any bills that are scheduled for a hearing this week. Sign in by one hour before the hearing: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi>

Support!

- ***HB 2266/Peterson** (*Legalizing shelter and permanent supportive housing*)
Status – Scheduled for a vote in the House Housing Committee on Jan. 27 at 4pm.
- ***HB 2489/Gregerson** (*The Shelter, Not Penalties Act: Ending the criminalization of homelessness*)
Status – Scheduled for a vote in the House Housing Committee on Jan. 27 at 4pm.
- ***SB 6027/Alvarado and HB 2359/Peterson** (*Gives local governments flexibility with existing fund sources to support existing affordable housing*)
Status – SB 6027 passed out of the Senate Housing Committee and has been referred to Ways & Means. HB 2359 has been introduced in the House Finance Committee but not yet scheduled for a hearing.
- ***HB 2442/Berg and SB 6294/Frame** (*Expands the local REET (Real Estate Excise Tax) option so more local governments can generate funding for affordable housing, and gives local governments flexibility with existing fund sources to support existing affordable housing*)
Status – HB 2442 had a hearing in House Finance on Jan. 20 and is scheduled for a vote on Jan. 29 at 1:30pm. SB 6294 is not yet scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee.
- **HB 1859/Salahuddin and SB 5885/Riccelli** (*Allows development of housing on properties owned by religious organizations*)
Status – HB 1859 had a hearing in the House Finance Committee on Jan. 15 and is scheduled for a vote on Jan. 29 at 1:30pm. SB 5885 had a hearing in the Senate Housing Committee on Jan. 14 and is not yet scheduled for a vote.
- **HB 2559/Parshley** (*Provides local governments the option to implement a short-term rental tax for affordable housing, operations, and rental assistance*)
Status – Scheduled for a vote in the House Finance Committee on Jan. 29 at 1:30pm.
- **HB 1204/Eslick** (*Prevents landlords from denying manufactured homeowners, age 55+, from having a roommate*)
Status – House Rules.

- **HB 1768/Lekanoff** (*Limiting private equity firms from purchasing manufactured housing communities*)
Status – House Appropriations Committee, not yet scheduled for a vote.
- **HB 2265/Mena** and **SB 6200/Farivar** (*These bills are not companions, but they cover the same issue area – affirming a renter’s and manufactured homeowner’s right to use portable cooling devices*)
Status – HB 2265 is scheduled for a vote in the House Housing Committee on Jan. 29 at 8am. SB 6200 is scheduled for a vote in the Senate Housing Committee on Jan. 30 at 10:30am.
- **SB 5911/Alvarado** and **HB 2169/Callan** (*Prevents the state from taking a young adult’s public benefits as reimbursement for the cost of their care*)
Status – SB 5911 passed out of Senate Human Services Committee on Jan. 20 and referred to Senate Ways & Means. HB 2169 has been introduced but not yet scheduled for a hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services.
- **SB 5940/Wilson, C.** and **HB 2455/Taylor** (*Creating an extended foster care housing pilot program*)
Status – SB 5940 passed out of Senate Human Services Committee on Jan. 21 and referred to Senate Ways & Means. HB 2455 is scheduled for a hearing in House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services on Jan. 28 at 1:30pm.

Progressive revenue:

- ***HB 2100/Scott** to create the Well Washington Fund had a hearing in the House Finance Committee on Jan. 22. It is not yet scheduled for a vote.
- ***Millionaires Tax** not yet introduced, but you can still advocate for it during your lawmaker meetings!

Budgets:

Initial hearings on the Governor’s operating and capital budget proposals were held in the House and Senate during the first week of session. Now is the time to push for these housing justice budget priorities:

- ***\$225 million for the Housing Trust Fund.** Included in Governor Ferguson’s capital budget proposal.
- ***\$3 million in continued funding for the Right to Counsel eviction prevention program.** Included in Governor Ferguson’s operating budget proposal.
- ***At least \$50 million for a homelessness contingency fund** to offset possible losses from federal policy changes to permanent supportive housing and homelessness services that could otherwise force thousands of people out of their homes. Not included in the

Governor's operating budget proposal. (Note this is reduced from the original amount to reflect updated assumptions about the federal budget and state budget constraints.)

Oppose!

- **SB 5844/Lovick and HB 2240/Leavitt** – These bills significantly reduce consumer protections for people using storage spaces by giving storage facilities unilateral power to modify the rental agreement and to dispose of belongings after 5 days. People experiencing homelessness and housing instability use storage facilities and will be harmed by this bill.

Status – SB 5844 is scheduled for a vote in the Senate Business, Trade & Economic Development Committee on Jan. 28 at 8am. HB 2240 is scheduled for a hearing on Jan 28 at 1:30pm in the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Business.

- **HB 2361/Donaghy and SB 6250/Kauffman** will increase the maximum principal amount of small dollar loans. This bill is brought by Moneytree, and it increases the payday loan lending cap from \$700 to \$1,200, plus inflation.

Status – HB 2361 has a hearing on Jan. 27 at 1:30pm in the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business and SB 6250 has a hearing on Jan. 29 at 8am in Senate Committee on Business, Trade & Economic Development.