

Weekly Legislative Update: Growth Management

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Bills Seeing Action This Week

A big success in this past week was passage of HB 1099 by the House of Representatives. That bill, mandating climate mitigation plans, had moved to the Senate in 2021 but did not pass, so was returned to the House. Now that the House has taken action again, it is back in the Senate.

Various bills that had public hearings in the first two weeks of the legislative session will have executive session committee deliberations this coming week.

Additionally, [SB 5042](#), which would close a loophole in the GMA that can jeopardize rural areas, is scheduled for Senate floor action at any time. It was moved out of the Senate Rules Committee on Friday, January 21. Readers are encouraged to contact their respective legislators and ask them to vote FOR SB 5042.

⚠ Please use the Action Alert on the front page of the newsletter to send that message or use this link: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>.

The following bills will have public hearings in the week ahead, for which it would be helpful to have people sign in to support them.

House Local Government Committee, January 26, 10:00 am

⚠ Please sign in Pro for this bill:

[HB 1769](#) Concerning community municipal corporations, would remove the provisions in state law that allow community councils formed prior to an annexation to veto city land use actions post-annexation. There are currently two such community councils, both in King County.

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mld=29654&aId=145062&caId=19146&tId=3>

House Appropriations Committee, January 27, 2022, 3:30 pm

⚠ Please sign in Pro for the following bills:

[HB 1241](#) Planning under the growth management act
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mld=29580&aId=144815&cald=19005&tId=3>

[HB 1717](#) Concerning tribal participation in planning under the growth management act

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mId=29580&aId=144976&cald=19141&tId=3>

How You Can Be Involved

- During the legislative session we will send Action Alerts in the [Legislative Newsletter](#). Please respond to these, which will direct you to an application to facilitate communicating with your legislators on an important vote in committees or on the chamber floor.
- Local Leagues in Washington have action chairs who coordinate action teams. Some local Leagues have education teams to take action locally. Contact your local League action chair to find out and join.
- You may also express your opinion on legislation with the LWVWA issue chairs. We will take your perspectives under considerations as we determine our support for legislation and prepare testimony. Cynthia Stewart, Growth Management Issue Chair, cstewart@lwvwa.org