

Weekly Legislative Update: **Growth Management**

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Bills Seeing Action This Week

As of Friday afternoon, February 11, some of the Growth Management bills we are following have died, and some are moving forward successfully. There may be changes over the weekend, such that by the time this newsletter arrives, the information is out of date, but much will be accurate. Bills not listed here are all still in Rules Committee, waiting to be pulled for a vote on the floor of the respective chamber.

Bills that have died in committee include:

- SB 5390, Increasing housing supply through the GMA and housing density tax incentives for local governments.
- SB 5670, Creating additional middle housing near transit and in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing

Bills that have moved ahead include:

February 17 public hearings:

⚠️ [SB 5042](#) Concerning the effective date of certain actions taken under the GMA (relates to vesting). This bill has passed the Senate and is scheduled for public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on February 17 at 1:30 pm. **Sign in PRO for this bill [here](#).**

⚠️ [SB 5428](#) Increasing housing supply through the GMA. This bill has passed the Senate and is scheduled for public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee on February 17 at 1:30 pm. It has been renamed “Concerning the application of the state environmental policy act to temporary shelters and transitional encampments to provide clarity and predictability to jurisdictions about categorical exemptions for temporary shelters and transitional encampments”. If passed, this bill would allow exemption from SEPA review requirements for siting a temporary shelter or transitional encampment if 13 conditions are met, until August 1, 2032. **Sign in PRO for this bill [here](#).**

February 18 public hearing

⚠️ [SB 5312](#) Facilitating transit-oriented development and increasing housing inventory. This bill has passed the Senate and is scheduled for public hearing in the House

Environment & Energy Committee on February 18 at 10:00 am. **Sign in PRO for this bill [here](#).**

[HB 1717](#), Concerning tribal participation in planning under the GMA, has passed the House of Representatives but has not been assigned a committee in the Senate.

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@lwwa.org.