

Weekly Legislative Update: **Growth Management**

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Thank you to all who signed in on last week's bills. None have yet moved out of committee except SB 5190, Increasing middle housing in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing, which was passed from the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee to the Senate Housing Committee and has an action suggested in that committee below.

The theme in the week ahead is movement toward increased density and transit-oriented development. There are multiple bills addressing these strategies through changes in the Growth Management Act, which the League supports.

Bills Needing Action This Week

Sign in "Pro" for the following bills this week:

You may express support for bills in hearings with the online process. Remember, only authorized members can speak for the League; the Issue Chairs will do that, so please leave the "Organization" box blank. A more powerful influence is many voices speaking for themselves rather than many voices speaking for the League.

SB 5190 Increasing middle housing in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing, was passed from the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs on January 12 and referred to the Senate Housing Committee, where it is scheduled for public hearing on January 25. **Please sign in PRO [here](#) before 12:30 pm on Wednesday, January 25.**

On **Thursday, January 26**, several Growth Management bills are scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee at 10:30 am on Thursday, January 26, as follows. **Please sign in Pro for as many as you can, before 9:30 am on January 26.** Although they have overlapping subjects, they may not all pass; and if they do, they will be reconciled later.

SB 5235 Concerning accessory dwelling units. Please sign in PRO [here](#).

SB 5412 Reducing local governments' land use permitting workloads. Please sign in PRO [here](#).

[SB 5364](#) Increasing housing options through lot splitting. Please sign in PRO [here](#).

[SB 5357](#) Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas. League is watching this, in case it is amended to allow more than nominal change in rural areas. **Please do not sign in Pro on this bill.**

HB 1245 Increasing housing options through lot splitting, is a companion bill to SB 5364, listed above. It will have a public hearing in the House Housing Committee at 8:00 am on Thursday, January 26. Please sign in PRO [here](#) before 7:00 am on Thursday, January 26.

[HB 1351](#) Encouraging transit-oriented development through a prohibition on the imposition of minimum parking requirements, will have a public hearing in the House Local Government Committee at 8:00 am on Wednesday, January 25. Please sign in PRO [here](#) before 7:00 am on Wednesday, January 25.

How You Can Be Involved

- Respond to Action Alerts in the legislative newsletter. These will primarily appear in the section of the newsletter related to growth management.
- Contact Cynthia Stewart, cstewart@lwvwa.org, to receive additional information.