



Action Alerts

Click on the links below to learn more about bills currently being reviewed in the state legislature. You can “take action” on these most pressing bills by sending a suggested, editable email to legislators, encouraging them to vote to promote the League issue in question.

Fully Fund the Trust Land Transfer program—Sign in PRO on HB 1460

The Department of Natural Resources is poised to activate its revitalized Trust Land Transfer program ([HB 1460](#)). The Trust Land Transfer (TLT) exists because the DNR needs a tool to transfer land to local communities when those lands don't match DNR's mission of generating revenue for trust beneficiaries. Underperforming lands can be transferred out of the DNR portfolio, and lands at the risk of conversion can be acquired to expand the portfolio of working forests. This will benefit rural communities who often have an economy tied to wise management of working forests. The DNR and a workgroup charged with improving and strengthening the TLT has developed a list of 10 projects that can be transferred to local communities. DNR will utilize a legislative appropriation of \$25 million to purchase replacement lands.

[Click here](#) to sign in PRO on HB 1460

[Click here](#) to ask the House Capital Budget Committee to vote YES for HB 1460.



This Week in the Legislature

The Legislative Session Continues at Full Speed

The intensity and high volume of policy committee work has continued. Our Issue Chairs have been testifying on many bills, as well as attending executive sessions, and meeting with coalition partners. This level of activity will continue as bills are passed out of policy committees, until the February 16th cutoff. At that point, bills that have not passed out of the policy committees become “dead” for this session. Bills that have successfully passed out of their respective policy committees move onward to several possible places including Ways and Means Committee and other fiscal committees if there are budget considerations, and the other House.

You can follow how bills are progressing through committees in this Newsletter. On the final page, be sure to look for the alert symbols, which signal that you could help with a bill's progress by signing in PRO or CON.

Don't miss our Action Alert this week, regarding fully funding the revitalized trust land transfer program, HB 1460. This bill would fund the preservation of ecologically valuable lands, to preserve them for the public. There will be a hearing in the House Capital Budget Committee on Thursday at 1:30.

Events

Democracy Lobby Week starts tomorrow!

There is still time to [register](#), if you haven't already.

Monday's events include:

- How a Bill Becomes a Law presentation at 10:00 am on ACT via Zoom, register [here](#).
- An opening program at 5:00 pm

See the full agenda for the week [here](#).

There are several other ways you can follow the hearings and legislative process:

- Via TVW (Washington State's public affairs [TV network](#)), and
- On the Washington State Legislature [website](#).

Check out the weekly updates for each issue (below) for information on how to testify, and how to sign on PRO or CON to proposed legislation.



The 2023 Legislative Issues

LWWWA Legislative Issues From the 2023 Washington State Legislative Session

Click on an issue to learn more about session results on bills the League supported and "This Week's Updates" to read the issue chair's report on this past week. When a "⚠️" appears next to an update, it indicates there are actions to take for this week. Click on the "⚠️" to be taken to our Action Alerts page.

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 Money in Politics | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️
 Education | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️
 Redistricting | [Issue overview](#) | [New task force underway - see updates](#)

Environment

Climate Crisis and Energy | [Issue overview](#) | No updates this week
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 Growth Management | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️
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 Transportation | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️

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 Child Custody and Support | [Issue overview](#) | No updates this week
 Early Care and Education of Young Children | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️
 Criminal Justice | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️
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