

WA ACCA Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

What's Happening

I've been lobbying for over 30 years and this Monday was the first snow day the Legislature has ever taken. While it was nice to have a day to catch up on emails and bill reading, the rest of the week was spent tracking rescheduled hearings. Next Friday is the first major cut off for bills to be out of committee if they are going to be kept "alive" for session so everyone is scrambling to get bills out of committee – or else try to keep them there.

WA ACCA is paying attention to a number of bills right now:

Direct Contractor Liability (HB 1395/SB 5565): These bills were heard this week. Both would require general contractors to assume responsibility for paying the wages of their subs if the sub does not pay their workers. This would hurt the ability of general contractors – or even sub contractors who then hire other sub contractors – to afford to bring sub contractors on. The contractor community is opposing these bills.

Phasing Out Use of Hydrofluorocarbons (SHB 1112/SSB 5426): WA ACCA is joining with refrigerant manufacturers and national ACCA to try and extend the dates for the phase out of hydrofluorocarbons. Currently, this phase out is happening on a state by state basis which does not provide the economies of scale to effectively keep the cost of alternatives down. In addition there are concerns about supply and availability of alternatives by the dates of the phase outs (starting in 2020, ending in 2024). In addition to the cost and availability issues, WA ACCA is concerned about the safety of the alternatives, which often are highly flammable. ACCA nationally is working on training to help ensure contractor safety but needs about five years for full development and roll out. Both the House and Senate bills have moved from their original committees and therefore are past the cut off. The House bill has a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee on Monday that will give us an opportunity to talk about the costs to businesses in addition to the costs for state and local governments.

Energy Efficiency (SHB 1257/SSB 5293): These bills attempt to move Washington to more efficient building standards, changing state building codes and creating "energy efficiency standards." Concerns with these bills also surround impacts on contractors and potential limitations that may arise through local government project labor agreements, etc... that may limit the number of contractors who are able to work on building retrofits, etc... **These are bills that WA ACCA members need to review thoroughly and provide comments to your lobbyist. I have highlighted them below.**

Upcoming Events

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/18 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1395 - Exec Session - Concerning direct contractor liability for payment of wages and benefits. (Oppose/High)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/18 @ 3:30pm

- SHB 1112 - Public Hearing - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons. (Oppose/High)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 2/18 @ 3:30pm

- SSB 5426 - Public Hearing - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons. (Oppose/High)
- SSB 5293 - Public Hearing - Concerning energy efficiency. (Concerns/High)
- SSB 5116 - Exec Session - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. (Concerns/High)

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/19 @ 8:00am

- SHB 1211 - Exec Session - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. (Concerns/High)

Innovation, Technology & Economic Development (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 2/19 @ 10:00am

- HB 1655 - Exec Session - Establishing guidelines for government procurement and use of automated decision systems in order to protect consumers, improve transparency, and create more market predictability. (Concerns/High)

Innovation, Technology & Economic Development (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 2/20 @ 8:00am

- HB 1655 - Exec Session - Establishing guidelines for government procurement and use of automated decision systems in order to protect consumers, improve transparency, and create more market predictability. (Concerns/High)

Local Government (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 2/20 @ 8:00am

- HB 1796 - Exec Session - Concerning commercial property assessed clean energy and resilience. (Concerns/High)

State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2, JACB - 2/20 @ 8:00am

- SB 5457 - Public Hearing - Naming of subcontractors by prime contract bidders on public works contracts. (Oppose/High)
- SB 5656 - Exec Session - Concerning public works contracting procedures. (Concerns/High)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/20 @ 3:30pm

- SHB 1112 - Exec Session - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons. (Oppose/High)

Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/21 @ 8:00am

- SB 5235 - Public Hearing - Concerning plumbing. (Concerns/High)

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/21 @ 8:00am

- HB 1515 - Exec Session - Concerning the employer-employee relationship. (Oppose/High)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/21 @ 3:30pm

- SHB 1521 - Public Hearing - Providing for accountability and transparency in government contracting. (High)

Innovation, Technology & Economic Development (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 2/22 @ 10:00am

- HB 1655 - Exec Session - Establishing guidelines for government procurement and use of automated decision systems in order to protect consumers, improve transparency, and create more market predictability. (Concerns/High)

State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2, JACB - 2/22 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5457 - Exec Session - Naming of subcontractors by prime contract bidders on public works contracts. (Oppose/High)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1112 (SSB 5426)	Hydrofluorocarbon emissions	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Oppose	High
SHB 1211 (SSB 5116)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	H Finance	Tarleton	Concerns	High
SHB 1257 (SSB 5293)	Energy efficiency	Concerning energy efficiency.	H ENVIDPS	Doglio	Concerns	High

HB 1343 (SB 5129)	Revenue	Increasing revenues for the support of state government.	H Finance	Tarleton	Oppose	High
HB 1395 (SB 5565)	Direct contractor liability	Concerning direct contractor liability for payment of wages and benefits.	H Labor & Workpl	Pellicciotti	Oppose	High
HB 1515 (SB 5513)	Employer-employee status	Concerning the employer-employee relationship.	H Labor & Workpl	Riccelli	Oppose	High
SHB 1521 (SB 5655)	Government contracting	Providing for accountability and transparency in government contracting.	H Approps	Dolan		High
HB 1601	Worker protections	Creating the universal worker protections act.	H Labor & Workpl	Stonier	Oppose	High
HB 1655 (SB 5527)	Procurement/automated system	Establishing guidelines for government procurement and use of automated decision systems in order to protect consumers, improve transparency, and create more market predictability.	H Inn, Tech & E	Hudgins	Concerns	High
HB 1752 (SB 5795)	Contractor bonding	Increasing contractor bonding requirements.	H Labor & Workpl	Orwall	Concerns	High
HB 1796 (SB 5730)	Comm. property/clean energy	Concerning commercial property assessed clean energy and resilience.	H Local Govt	Doglio	Concerns	High
SSB 5116 (SHB 1211)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	S Ways & Means	Carlyle	Concerns	High
SB 5129 (HB 1343)	Revenue	Increasing revenues for the support of state government.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Oppose	High
SB 5233	Sick leave/collective barg.	Creating an alternative process for sick leave benefits for workers represented by collective bargaining agreements.	S Rules 2	Keiser	Concerns	High
SB 5235	Plumbing	Concerning plumbing.	S Labor & Commer	Keiser	Concerns	High
SSB 5293 (SHB 1257)	Energy efficiency	Concerning energy efficiency.	S Ways & Means	Carlyle	Concerns	High
SB 5308	Energy service contractors	Concerning performance-based contracting services by energy service contractors.	S Environment, E	Short	Concerns	High
SB 5314 (HB 1172)	Capital gains tax/prop. tax	Assisting Washington families by improving the	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Oppose	High

		fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief.				
SSB 5426 (SHB 1112)	Hydrofluorocarbon emissions	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.	S Ways & Means	Mullet	Oppose	High
SB 5457 (HB 1571)	Naming of subcontractors	Naming of subcontractors by prime contract bidders on public works contracts.	S State Govt/Tri	Keiser	Oppose	High
SSB 5478 (HB 1450)	Noncompetition covenants	Concerning restraints on persons engaging in lawful professions, trades, or businesses.	S Rules 2	Liias	Concerns	High
SB 5565 (HB 1395)	Direct contractor liability	Concerning direct contractor liability for payment of wages and benefits.	S Labor & Commer	Kuderer	Oppose	High
SB 5587 (HB 1402)	Alternate code compliance	Authorizing product certification agencies to certify building products and methods of construction, design, and systems as an alternate code compliance for modern technical methods, devices, and improvements.	S Local Governme	Salomon	Support	High
SB 5655 (SHB 1521)	Government contracting	Providing for accountability and transparency in government contracting.	S State Govt/Trib	Hunt	Concerns	High
SB 5656	Public works contracting	Concerning public works contracting procedures.	S State Govt/Tri	Frocket	Concerns	High
SB 5690	Worker protections	Creating the universal worker protections act.	S Labor & Commer	Salda?a	Oppose	High