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**February 5, 2026
THURSDAY**

1:30 p.m.

Public Hearing:

1. SB 6294 - Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility. (Remote Testimony Available). (Frame/Jeffrey Mitchell)
2. SSB 5400 - Supporting local news journalism. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.) (Remote Testimony Available). (Lias/Tianyi Lan)
3. SB 6211 - Creating uniformity for the process by which cities planning under the growth management act implement real estate excise taxes. (Remote Testimony Available). (Wilson, J./Tianyi Lan)
4. SB 5650 - Authorizing a local excise tax on cannabis. (Remote Testimony Available). (Wagoner/Alia Kennedy)
5. SB 6033 - Providing a limited waiver of interest and penalties for taxpayers inadvertently failing to collect and remit sales and use taxes on select services. (Remote Testimony Available). (Gildon/Alia Kennedy)
6. SB 6297 - Making temporary staffing services provided to nonprofit behavioral health entities exempt from retail sales tax. (Remote Testimony Available). (Muzzall/Alia Kennedy)
7. SB 6343 - Providing tax relief to Washington residents impacted by the atmospheric river and winter weather event. (Remote Testimony Available). (Orwall/Alia Kennedy)
8. SSB 6070 - Supporting the recovery of missing persons. (Remote Testimony Available). (Dhingra/Kimmy Eide)
9. SSB 5847 - Concerning access to medical care in workers' compensation. (Remote Testimony Available). (Saldaña/Kimmy Eide)

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10. SSB 5853 - Protecting elected officials from political violence by creating the statewide emergency public official notification system. (Remote Testimony Available). (Wilson, J./Kimmy Eide)
11. SB 6067 - Concerning workers' compensation benefits. (Remote Testimony Available). (Alvarado/Kimmy Eide)
12. SSB 5974 - Modernizing and strengthening laws concerning sheriffs, police chiefs, town marshals, law enforcement agency volunteers, youth cadets, specially commissioned officers, and police matrons. (Remote Testimony Available). (Lovick/Sarian Scott)
13. SSB 5981 - Protecting patient access to discounted medications and health care services through Washington's health care safety net by preventing manufacturer limitations on the 340B drug pricing program. (Remote Testimony Available). (Cleveland/Sandy Stith)
14. SB 6082 - Safeguarding student financial aid from fraud. (Remote Testimony Available). (Boehnke/Amanda Cecil)
15. SB 6323 - Concerning medical insurance premium reimbursements for surviving spouses of line of duty deaths. (Remote Testimony Available). (Holy/Amanda Cecil)
16. SB 6324 - Including standby pay as basic salary in the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2. (Remote Testimony Available). (Holy/Amanda Cecil)
17. SB 5862 - Providing a cost-of-living adjustment for plan 1 retirees of the teachers' retirement system and public employees' retirement system. (Remote Testimony Available). (Dozier/Amanda Cecil)
18. SSB 6117 - Concerning collective bargaining for employees not covered by the national labor relations act. (Remote Testimony Available). (Saldaña/Amanda Cecil)
19. SSB 6045 - Placing agricultural employees under the jurisdiction of the public employment relations commission for the purpose of collective bargaining. (Remote Testimony Available). (Saldaña/Amanda Cecil)
20. SSB 5176 - Implementing prompt pay recommendations from the capital projects advisory review board. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.) (Remote Testimony Available). (Valdez/Shani Bauer)
21. SSB 5901 - Providing school construction assistance program facilities support for on-base schools. (Remote Testimony Available). (Christian/Michael Bezanson)
22. SSB 5681 - Concerning the age at which clients of the home and community living administration may receive employment and community inclusion services. (Remote Testimony Available). (Cortes/Maria Hovde)
23. SSB 6026 - Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones. (Remote Testimony Available). (Alvarado/Trevor Press)
24. SSB 6309 - Providing for enhanced municipal permitting tools for high capacity transit projects. (Remote Testimony Available). (Lias/Trevor Press)
25. SB 5828 - Concerning the Washington college grant and college bound scholarship program for students attending private four-year not-for-profit institutions of higher education in Washington. (Remote Testimony Available). (Nobles/Michele Alishahi)

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26. SSB 5906 - Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents. (Remote Testimony Available). (Hansen/Michele Alishahi)
27. 2SSB 5387 - Concerning the corporate practice of health care. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.) (Remote Testimony Available). (Robinson/Monica Fontaine)
28. SSB 5968 - Improving regulatory efficiency by integrating executive order 25-03, concerning permitting and licensing processes, into chapter 43.42A RCW. (Remote Testimony Available). (Krishnadasan/Monica Fontaine)
29. SSB 5911 - Strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of the department of children, youth, and families. (Remote Testimony Available). (Alvarado/Josh Hinman)
30. SSB 5965 - Reducing environmental impacts associated with bags provided to customers at retail establishments. (Remote Testimony Available). (Bateman/Jed Herman)
31. SSB 5971 - Establishing a green fertilizer incentive program to support the production and adoption of low-carbon nitrogen fertilizer in Washington state. (Remote Testimony Available). (Boehnke/Jed Herman)
32. SSB 6017 - Supporting crime victims and witnesses by promoting victim-centered, trauma-informed responses. (Remote Testimony Available). (Orwall/Samuel Brown)
33. SSB 6239 - Requiring arbitration for tort claims against the state of Washington and its subdivisions. (Remote Testimony Available). (Dhingra/Samuel Brown)
34. SSB 6035 - Ensuring access to voting services for military, overseas, Native American, and disabled voters. (Remote Testimony Available). (Kauffman/Samuel Brown)

Executive Session:

1. SB 5923 - Concerning critical access hospital designations in Skagit county. (Muzzall/Sandy Stith)
2. SB 6151 - Concerning dedicated accounts for fees collected for the implementation of environmental programs. (Stanford/Jed Herman)

Possible other business.

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