Monday, January 20, 2020

Senate Labor & Commerce, 10 a.m. – Hearing on SB 6349, concerning Paid Family & Medical Leave. MONITOR.

Senate Housing Stability & Affordability, 1:30 p.m. – Hearing on SB 6306, exempting a sale or transfer of real property for affordable housing to a non-profit entity, housing authority, or public corporation from the real estate excise tax; and SB 6328, creating a local infrastructure investment program to support the development of affordable housing. MONITOR.

House Labor & Workplace Standards, 1:30 p.m. – Hearing on HB 2171, concerning payment for vested vacation or paid time off upon an employee’s termination; and HB 2614, concerning Paid Family & Medical Leave. MONITOR both for now – checking on both.

House Public Safety, 1:30 p.m. – Hearing on HB 2431, making technical changes to the Boating Under the Influence laws. MONITOR.

Senate Transportation, 3:30 p.m. – Hearing on SB 6114 all-terrain vehicles; SB 6115 concerning off-road-vehicle registrations; and SB 6363 concerning tracked and wheeled all-terrain vehicles. MONITOR.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Senate Local Government, 8 a.m. – Hearing on SB 6414, waiving utility connect charges for homeless shelters. MONITOR.

House Finance, 8 a.m. – Hearing on HB 2384, concerning the property tax exemption for non-profit organizations providing rental housing or mobile home park spaces to qualifying households. MONITOR for now.

House Housing, Community Development, & Veterans, 10 a.m. – Hearing on HB 2443 related to the use of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) on smaller vessels; and HB 2444, concerning boater education cards. MONITOR for WRPA.

House Labor & Workplace Standards, 3:30 p.m. – hearing on HB 2409, significantly increasing industrial insurance employer penalties, duties, and licensing of third-party administrators. MONITOR – AWC likely to join other employer groups in OPPOSING 2409.

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

House Local Government, 8 a.m. – Hearing on HB 2625, concerning local parks funding options. TESTIFY in strong support – WRPA priority.

House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, 8 a.m. – Hearing on HB 2559, concerning payments in lieu of real property taxes by the Department of Fish & Wildlife. WWRC requesting that WRPA sign in SUPPORT – plan to do unless concerns?
House Housing, Community Development, & Veterans, 9 a.m. – Work Session: Overview of the Housing Trust Fund.

Senate Housing Stability & Affordability, 1:30 p.m. – Work Session on GMA impact fees. Hearing on SB 6386 reducing impact fees for low-income housing – allows local governments to waive the fees without revenue-offset requirement; SB 6411, Governor-request bill on the Multi-Family Tax Exemption program (MFTE); SB 6446, authorizing cities and counties to impose a 5 percent excise tax where the vacant home rate is over 30 percent. MONITOR.

Senate Transportation, 3:30 p.m. – Work Session: Road Use Charge Assessment Final Report.

House Transportation, 3:30 p.m. – Hearing on HB 2385, which would elevate maintenance and preservation to be the pre-eminent transportation planning goal for the state; HB 2358 modifying stop-sign requirements for bicyclists; HB 2461, including health in transportation system policy goals; and HB 2688, adding elements such as accessibility, climate, health, and equity and environmental justice to transportation policy goals. MONITOR.

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Senate Local Government, 8 a.m. – Hearing on SB 6461 concerning permit timelines. MONITOR for now.

House Environment & Energy, 8 a.m. – Hearing on HB 2342, aligning the timing of comprehensive plan and shoreline updates; HB 2427, tackling climate change as a goal of the Growth Management Act; and HB 2549, integrating salmon recovery efforts with the Growth Management Act. MONITOR.

Senate Financial Institutions, Economic Development, & Trade, 8:30 a.m. – Hearing on SB 6445, eliminating a B&O tax deduction for financial institutions and placing the proceeds from interest on investments or loans into the Housing Trust Fund. MONITOR for now.

Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks, 1:30 p.m. – Hearing on SB 6252, concerning the authority of the Parks & Recreation Commission to approve long-term leases. MONITOR.

House Capital Budget, 1:30 p.m. – Hearing on HB 2352, concerning the Building for the Arts program. MONITOR.

House Finance, 1:30 p.m. – Hearing on HB 2452, which would reduce the Real Estate Excise Tax on multiple-unit housing, locking it in at the 1.28 percent rate. MONITOR.

House Transportation, 3:30 p.m. – Work Session on Transportation Commission report and findings regarding a “Road Usage Charge.” Hearing on HB 2243 concerning all-terrain vehicles; HB 2244 addressing the authorization of all-terrain vehicles on state highways; and HB 2273, addressing off-road-vehicle and snowmobile registration and enforcement. MONITOR.

Friday, January 24, 2020

House Civil Rights & Judiciary, 10 a.m. – Hearing on HB 2453 providing “just-cause” protections to residential tenants. MONITOR.