



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the eighth week of the legislative session. As you will recall from last week, today is another cut-off. Bills (which would cost the state money) have to be voted out of the opposite house fiscal committees by 5:00 p.m., unless they have the coveted designation of NTIB (by now, you knew I was going to say that!).

Last week, the House and Senate released their respective supplemental operating, capital and transportation budgets. On Monday, the House released their budgets. "[This is not a year to sit on our hands and do nothing. We have some significant issues, some significant crisis and we intend to do something about them with this budget.](#)" said House lead budget writer Rep. [Hans Dunshee at a press conference Monday.](#)

The supplemental budget spends \$467 million, including \$99 million to address the state's teacher shortage. The proposal would raise starting teacher salaries from \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year, and offer teachers a \$650 yearly bonus for continuing professional certification. The budget also calls for tapping the state's

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emergency "rainy day fund" to pay for \$190 million in fire suppression efforts during the devastating 2015 wildfire season, as well as nearly \$38 million in homeless programs, and \$47 million for mental health programs including Western State Hospital. The supplemental budget can be found [here](#).

On Wednesday, the Senate released their budgets. "Not only does it make investments where we need it, but we also have policy and reforms to go along with those investments," said lead budget writer Sen. Andy Hill at a briefing with reporters. The Senate supplemental operating budget spends \$54 million on mental health, including salary increases and extra staffing at Western State Hospital. \$6.6 million is included for Charter Schools from the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account, as well as \$173 million for wildfire costs from last summer. Watch the media briefing by Majority Coalition Caucus and House Republican Leadership about the [House budget](#). Senate budget documents can be found [here](#).

Both chambers passed their respective supplemental operating budgets. The negotiation process will now begin. The chambers remain \$400 million apart on spending, as well as their philosophical approach to their budget development.

Congratulations, to the winners of last week's Policy Quiz. Our lucky winners each received a Starbucks gift card and a special bookmark in honor of George Washington. The correct answer and our new quiz question and photo for this week can be found in the "Quiz Box" to the right. The first three people to correctly answer the question, will win a prize. Good luck!

We will be continuing to keep you updated with



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Quiz!

Congratulations to our quiz winners from last week! The correct answers were Governor, Lt. Governor, Auditor, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Public Lands and Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (non-partisan). Our winners won a Starbucks gift card.

Heather Thomas,
Snohomish County
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future status updates. If you have bill or policy questions, please feel free to direct them to Julie Peterson at juliep@healthygen.org or my [Twitter handle](#).

Ever forward!

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Active Living

Supplemental capital budget. (Protect trails statewide, including the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and other statewide trail investments; Maintain funding for Youth Athletic Facilities)

HB 2380 & SB 6201

Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: H Rules; passed Senate

"Implementing the recommendations of the 2015 review of the Washington wildlife and recreation program"

HB 2509 & SSB 6227

Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: H Rules; H Capital Budget

"Enhancing public safety by reducing distracted driving incidents caused by the use of personal wireless communications devices." (Distracted Driving)

HB 2574 & ESB 5656

Sponsor: Representative Farrell

Sponsor: Senator Rivers

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Communications & Public Affairs Officer Administration

Liz Wilhelm, M.S.,
Drug Free Communities Coordinator,
Prevention WINS Coalition, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Seattle Children's

Gail Brandt, Health Equity Coordinator, Office of Healthy Communities

For our quiz this week. Please look at the photo of the historical marker below. Where am I standing in Olympia to take this picture? Why is it significant in our state history? First three correct answers to juliep@healthygen.org will win a fabulous prize!



Historical Marker

Status: **Dead**; S Rules 3

"Concerning physical education instructional requirements for public school students"

HB 2669

Sponsor: Representative Riccelli

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: **Dead**

"Eliminating some authority of school districts to exempt students from participation in physical education"

HB 2664

Sponsor: Representative Cody

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: House Education - **Dead**

Smoke Free

"Establishing special license endorsements for cigar lounges and retail tobacconist shops"

HB 1296 & SB 5917

Sponsor: Representative Vick

Sponsor: Senator Brown, S.

Healthy Gen's Position: Opposed

Status: House Health Care & Wellness; S Rules 2

"Establishing a marijuana lounge endorsement to a marijuana retailer's license"

HB 2693

Sponsor: Representative Blake

Healthy Gen's Position: Opposed

Status: House Commerce & Gaming - **Dead**

"Modifying marijuana club provisions"

SB 6375

Sponsor: Senator Rivers

Healthy Gen's Position: Opposed

Status: S Commerce and Labor - **Dead**



The Legislative Building from the World War II Memorial at sunset



Sunny morning in Olympia

What We're Watching

HB 2998, "Facilitating the development of a marijuana market", House Commerce & Gaming,
March 3rd at 9am

[Seattle trauma doctors see more injuries from exploding e-cigarettes](#)

"Concerning youth substance use prevention associated with tobacco and drug delivery e-cigarettes and vapor products"

HB 1645 & SB 5573

Sponsor: Representative Pollet

Sponsor: Senator Frockt

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: S Ways and Means; S Health Care

"Concerning vapor products, e-cigarette, and nicotine products tax and regulatory reform to support youth substance prevention"

HB 2211

Sponsor: Representative Pollet

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: H Finance

"Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made"

HB 2313 & SB 6157

Sponsor: Representative Orwall

Sponsor: Senator Miloscia

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: House Appropriations; S Commerce and Labor - **Dead**

"Concerning vapor products in respect to provisions concerning certain child-resistant packaging, definitions related to "vapor product"..."

HB 2588 & SB 6328

Sponsor: Representative Reykdal

Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

Healthy Gen's Position: Opposed

Status: H Commerce & Gaming; S Ways & Means

King 5 News

Inside Olympia with **Austin Jenkins**

An in-depth interview with Washington Supreme Court Chief Barbara Madsen. Plus, Sen. David Frockt and Rep. Matt Manweller debate recent court decisions and the separation of powers between the court and the Legislature.

What We're Reading

Senate budget seeks money for mental health, charter schools
Bellingham Herald

Appropriations Chair's supplemental operating budget proposal would increase spending by \$466 million

Washington Research Council

Serving a hungry child breakfast can transform a life

Seattle Times

Injury Prevention

"Concerning the protection of children through responsible storage of firearms"

HB 1747 & SB 5789

Sponsor: Representative Kagi

Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

Healthy Gen's Position: [Support](#)

Status: H Judiciary; S Law & Justice - **Dead**

Clinical Linkages

"Clarifying the authority of a nurse working in a school setting"

SHB 1790 & SB 5765

Sponsor: Representative Springer

Sponsor: Senator Jayapal

Healthy Gen's Position: [Support](#)

Status: S Rules 2; S EI/K-12

"Concerning the reimbursement rate primary care providers receive to participate in medicaid"

HB 2515 & SB 6272

Sponsor: Representative Pettigrew

Sponsor: Senator Becker

Healthy Gen's Position: [Support](#)

Status: House Approps; S Health Care - **Dead**

"Increasing access to adequate and appropriate mental health services for children and youth"

E2SHB 2439

Sponsor: Representative Kagi

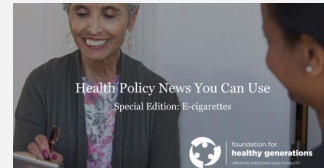
Healthy Gen's Position: [Support](#)

Status: S Ways and Means; Senate Rules -

Dead

Marijuana

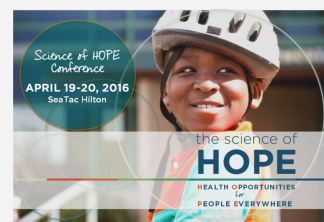
"Creating a two-year pilot program authorizing up to five qualified licensed marijuana retailers"



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to deliver marijuana to Washington residents in a city with a population of over six hundred fifty thousand"

HB 2368

Sponsor: Representative Hurst

Healthy Gen's Position: [Oppose](#)

Status: House Rules - **Dead**

"Reducing the tax on useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana-infused products"

HB 2347

Sponsor: Representative Hurst

Healthy Gen's Position: [Oppose](#)

Status: Finance - **Dead**

New

"Facilitating the orderly development of the legal marijuana market and eliminating the illicit marijuana market"

HB 2998

Sponsor: Representative Hurst

Status: **H Commerce & Gaming at 9:00am - March 3rd**

Noteworthy

"Concerning mitigation of the adverse impacts of sugar-sweetened beverages"

HB 2798

Sponsor: Representative Robinson

Status: **Dead**

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