

TWO CUT-OFF DATES APPROACH
SESSION ENDS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY, 12 MARCH
MOVEMENT ON SEVERAL BILLS
SB 5782 (KNIVES) ADDED TO ACTIVE LIST
HB 2947 (MAGAZINE BAN/BUYBACK) STALLED?
BILL LIST CLEANED UP – DEAD BILLS GONE (FOR NOW)
NO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED -- YET

Thirteen days left in the regular session and two important cut-off dates approaching (we already know how the Democrat majority honors cut-off dates). By Monday, March 2nd, all bills still in committee must pass out of committee (most gun bills have already done so). By Thursday, March 6th, all bills must have passed out of their second chamber (House bills out of the Senate, Senate bills out of the House), however... bills with budget impact are exceptions, as well as bills that were amended in the second chamber and must be agreed to in the first chamber. The last week of the session is supposed to be devoted to initiatives and those bills still in conflict between the chambers. But we all know how the games are played now.

Midnight, Thursday, 12 March the session must end. We're not safe until the gavel goes down some time on Thursday, 12 March when "sine die" is declared (formal adjournment).

Several bills moved out of committee this week, some to their respective chamber Rules Committee, others to finance committees. HBs 1010 (destructions of forfeited firearms), 2305 (expands fire prohibitions w/protection orders), 2622 (surrender of firearms on a court order), and 2623 (firearm prohibition for certain offenses) all went to the Senate Rules Committee awaiting a floor vote. SBs 5434 (day care center gun free zones), 5782 (spring-blade knives), and 6288 (creates "office of firearm violence prevention") went to House Rules. SBs 2467 (centralized background checks) and 2555 ("other" firearm background checks) were both sent to Senate Ways & Means.

Missed one previously. SB 5782 (Zeiger R-25) takes spring-blade knives off the list of prohibited dangerous weapons and allows them with some restrictions.

HB 2947 (magazine bill) appears to have stalled in the House Finance Committee. It remains in House Finance. Are they stalling until the 2 March committee cut-off or 6 March chamber cut-off to avoid a sh*tstorm of telephone calls and/or e-mails from irate 2nd Amendment supporters, or do they have inside information about the possibility of an initiative later in the year?

I removed the "dead" bills from the Bill Status list... now. It'll be a little easier to follow. But remember, "dead" doesn't necessarily mean "dead" under the current management.

At this point no public hearings are scheduled for next week, however... Two bills, HBs 2467 and 2555 (both dealing with background checks) were sent to Senate Ways & Means this afternoon, so they might pop up for a hearing next week. If they are, it will be listed on the "Bill Information" page under the bill number at leg.wa.gov.

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BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

(only bills still in play are listed)

HB 1010 WSP destruction of firearms Senn (D-41) S. RULES OPPOSE
HB 2305 Expands firearm prohibition re: protection orders Doglio (D-22) S. RULES OPPOSE
HB 2467 Centralized firearm background checks Hansen (D-23) S. W&M NEUTRAL
HB 2555 Background checks for "other" firearms Goodman (D-45) S. W&M OPPOSE
HB 2622 Court order non-compliance, firearm surrender Kilduff (D-28) S. RULES OPPOSE
HB 2623 Firearm prohibition, certain offenses Walen (D-48) S.. RULES OPPOSE
HB 2947 Ban high capacity magazines/buy back Valdez (D-43) H. Finance OPPOSE
SB 5434 Expands gun free zones to day cares Wilson, C (D-30) H. RULES OPPOSE
SB 5782 Spring-blade knives Zeiger (R-25) H. RULES SUPPORT
SB 6288 Office of firearm violence prevention Dhingra (D-45) H. RULES OPPOSE

HB = House bill, SB = Senate bill. L&J = Law & Justice, CR&J = Civil Rights & Judiciary, PubSaf = Public Safety, HC = Health Care, H. K-12 = House Early education, Apropr = Appropriations, Fin = Finance, W&M = Ways & Means "S" before a bill number indicates Substitute (amended).

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

None scheduled. See note above on HBs 2467 and 2555 above.

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Monroe 28-29 March
Puyallup Pavilion 4-5 April

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Article 1, Section 24
Constitution of the State of Washington

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