

HB 1100 PASSES SENATE
SB 5552 PASSES HOUSE
SB 5268 PASSES TO HOUSE RULES
HBs 1501 AND 1612 PASS TO SENATE RULES
TWO DOWN, THREE TO GO
GENERAL CUT-OFF 12 APRIL

SPECIAL SESSION?

Two bills passed out of their respective chamber this week. HB 1100 passed out of the Senate. We're waiting to see if the counterpart bill (duplicate) passes out of the House. One way or another, unless the governor vetoes either bill, you can expect a postcard or e-mail renewal notice 90 days before your CPL expires.

SB 5552 passed out of the House but must go back to the Senate to have them concur (or non-concur) in the House amendment. The bill slightly relaxes a few of the I-594 background check requirements. We tried to amend the bill to authorize direct transfers between CPL holders, both of whom have passed a more stringent background check than that required by I-594. The amendment was blocked in the Democrat House.

HBs 1501 (NICS denial reporting) and 1612 (suicide prevention) and SB 5268 sit in their respective Rules Committees awaiting a floor vote. They must pass by next Wednesday, 12 April.

After next Wednesday, the focus shift to bills that approve and implement the budget. The only non-budget bills that may be voted on are those that were amended in the second chamber and need to be sent to a conference committee (both House and Senate members) to reconcile and then get an up-or-down vote.

The long session years (odd-numbered years) are general budget adoption years. If a budget has not been adopted by the constitutional end of the session (midnight, 23 April this cycle), a special session of up to 30 days must be called. While the principal focus of the special session may be the budget, ALL bills not passed during the regular session may be reconsidered. So special sessions can be sneaky and dangerous.

And, as we have seen in the last two budget years (2013, 2015), with split control of the legislature, it may take more than one special session to agree on a budget. Two special sessions may be necessary, possibly three. The whole idea with the Inslee administration is to squeeze as much tax money blood out of the productive population base rock as they can to fund their pet projects (like sanctuary state support of illegal aliens).

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

SHB 1100 CPL renewal notice	Blake (D-19)	Passed	SUPPORT
HB 1501 Illegal purchase of firearms	Hansen (D-23)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
2SHB 1612 Suicide prevention	Orwall (D-33)	S. Rules	SUPPORT

SB 5268 CPL renewal notice
SB 5552 Certain exemptions to I-594

Takko (D-19) H. Rules SUPPORT
Pedersen (D-43) Passed SUPPORT

L&J = Law & Justice, Jud = Judiciary, HumSer = Human Services, Apropr = Appropriations, Fin = Finance, W&M = Ways & Means "S" before a bill number indicates Substitute (amended).

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

None

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Upcoming WAC gun show(s):

Puyallup	29-30 April
Monroe	6-7 May

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Article 1, Section 24
Constitution of the State of Washington

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