

GOAL POST DISTRIBUTION ISSUES
NEW BILLS COVERED
POLICY COMMITTEE CUT-OFF PASSES, BILLS DIE
FISCAL COMMITTEE CUT-OFF NEXT FRIDAY
MOST ACTION SHIFTS TO THE FLOOR

GOAL Post 2017-6 was published last Friday, but apparently did not receive complete distribution.

I've been publishing GOAL Post since 2000, primarily in direct e-mail format through my home ISP. As the subscriber list grew, I broke it up into segments of about 200 names each. Every Friday night during session, no problem. Compose message, hit "send" button, and it magically goes out of my mailbox into yours. Try wagoal.org or on Facebook its Gun Owners Action League of Washington.

Until last Friday, when all of the batches were kicked back, theoretically as spam I will continue to try e-mail, but I'm working on alternatives, among them, posting GOAL Post on the web pages of the Washington Arms Collectors and the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association. About 18 months ago, a friend and co-worker created a "GOAL" web site which I never paid much attention to, as he merely posted the current GOAL Post during session. Unfortunately he passed away last year, and at this point I cannot access the site.

Two more bills I should have been tracking deal with firearms in the broader sense, but do not come under RCW 9.41, our state's firearms code. HB 1270, by Rep. Harmsworth (R-43) encourages voluntary use of firearm locking devices by offering a tax saving. A similar law waiving the sales tax on gun safes was passed nearly 20 years ago. HB 1612, by Rep. Orwall (D-33) expands on the suicide prevention program initiated last year, and supported by gun rights organizations. Both bills are still alive.

Tonight is the first major cut-off day, when all bills must pass out of their policy committee. Those that are not moving forward are most likely dead for the session. That's about 2/3 of them, good or bad. The "Bill Status" column below shows the current status for each bill we're tracking. Basically, if it doesn't have a position in Rules or a fiscal committee, it's dead for the session.

Remember, nothing is really "dead" until the fat lady sings, on April 23rd. While rare, extraordinary action may be taken to revive a bill, or even file a new one.

The good news is that Attorney General Bob Ferguson's flagship bills banning and/or registering so-called "assault weapons" all died in committee. They tried to salvage the registration bill in the House by watering it down, narrowing the definition of "assault weapon," deleting magazines, eliminating the annual licensing, etc, but even that couldn't get the required votes to get out. Stand by for an initiative. The House version of the safe storage bill DID pass, but in amended and watered down form. It's still a bad bill, as well as totally unnecessary – current reckless endangerment law already covers the topic. Unfortunately almost all pro-gun bills died as well.

Bills that have a significant fiscal impact have an additional week to pass out of one of the fiscal committees. That cut-off is next Friday. Keep in mind this is the biennial budget year, and if they fail to pass a budget, we could be looking at one or more special sessions, as happened a couple of years ago.

The next critical cut-off is March 8th, when bills must pass out of their original chamber (House bills out of the House, Senate bills out of the Senate). If they don't make the cut, they're nominally dead. Most action will be on the chamber (House or Senate) floor, where bills will be debated and passed... or not. After March 8th, those bills that passed out of their original chamber will go through the same process – on the other side: committee hearing and possible action, fiscal committee action if required, then into the Rules committees while awaiting a full chamber (floor) vote.

All bills considered on the floor are subject to a roll call vote. Because of their numbers (98 members), the House does it by machine – a quick red-green machine vote, called the Christmas tree (probably the only politically correct Christmas tree in the capitol). The Senate, with only 49 members, does it the old fashioned way – a roll call voice vote.

(To give you an idea of the magnitude of a legislative session, nearly 2,300 bills have been filed so far in this session. As stated before, many are filed, few receive action.)

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

HB 1000	Use of deadly force	Doglio (D-22)	DIED	OPPOSE
HB 1004	Possession of firearms/state of emergency	Shea (R-4)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1015	Limiting restrictions on concealed carry	Shea (R-4)	DIED.	SUPPORT
SHB 1100	CPL renewal notice	Blake (D-19)	H. Rules	SUPPORT
SHB 1122	Safe storage of firearms	Kagi (D-32)	H. Rules	OPPOSE
HB 1134	Assault weapon ban	Peterson	DIED.	OPPOSE
HB 1181	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Blake (D-19)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1190	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Taylor (R-15)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1270	Encouraging voluntary use of locking devices	Harmsworth (R-44)	H. Fis	SUPPORT
HB 1380	Repeals I-594	Shea (R-4)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1381	Universal recognition of all state CPLs	Blake (D-19)	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1387	Assault weapons background check	Jenkins (D-27)	DIED.	OPPOSE
HB 1483	Allows destruction of forfeited firearms	Lovick (D-44)	H. Rules	OPPOSE
HB 1501	Illegal purchase of firearms	Hansen (D-23)	H. Rules	SUPPORT
HB 1529	Use of force	Ryu (D-32)	DIED	OPPOSE
HB 1592	Delivery of firearms to LEOs	Klippert (R-	DIED.	SUPPORT
HB 1612	Suicide prevention	Orwall (D-33)	H. Apro	SUPPORT
HB 1725	I-594 check exemption for CPL holders	Koster (R-44)	DIED	SUPPORT
HB 1731	Certain exemptions to I-594	Jenkins (D27)	H. Rules	SUPPORT
HB 1900	Hunter ed funding/NRA license plates	Griffey (R-35)	DIED	. NEUTRAL
HB 1933	Transfer of firearms at non-profit events	Walsh (R-19)	DIED.	SUPPORT
SB 5000	Use of deadly force	McCoy (D-38)	DIED	OPPOSE

SB 5050	Assault weapon ban	Froct (D-3)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5073	Use of force	McCoy (D-38)	S.W&M	OPPOSE
SB 5216	Firearm safety education in schools	O'Ban (R-28)	DIED	SUPPORT
SB 5268	CPL renewal notice	Takko (D-19)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
SB 5441	Involuntary freeze on firearm possession	Kuderer (D-)	DIED	NEUTRAL
SB 5444	Background check for "assault weapons"	Froct (D-46)	DIED	OPPOSE
SB 5463	Mandatory safe storage of firearms	Palumbo (D-)	DIED	OPPOSE
SSB 5506	Transfer of firearms at non-profit events	Zeiger (R-25)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
SB 5552	Certain exemptions to I-594	Pedersen (D-43)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
SB 5553	Suicidal, waiver of rights	Pedersen (D-43)	DIED	NEUTRAL
SB 5795	Mandatory firearm liability insurance	Chase (D-32)	DIED	OPPOSE

L&J = Law & Justice, Jud = Judiciary, PubSaf = Public Safety, HC = Health Care, H. K-12 = House Early education, Apropr = Appropriations, Fis = Fiscal, W&M = Ways & Means "S" before a bill number indicates Substitute (amended).

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:

No public hearings scheduled at this time, but in all likelihood HB 1270 will go to House Fiscal and HB 1612 to House Appropriations.

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Upcoming WAC gun show(s):

Monroe	18-19 February
Puyallup	25-26 March

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Article 1, Section 24
Constitution of the State of Washington

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