



2026 Under the Dome - Week 17

As the legislature entered the final full week of the 2026 regular legislative session, hundreds of bills remained in contention. The Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate met nearly every day to work through the backlog.

Following introduction last Friday, [SB 189](#) Automated Decision-Making Technology moved quickly through the Senate, passing the Business Affairs & Labor and Appropriations Committees unanimously before getting approval 34-1 from the full Senate on Thursday. The House Judiciary Committee forwarded the bill with unanimous support Friday morning, and Appropriations subsequently approved it by a vote of 10-1. The bill cleared second reading later in the afternoon with no debate, just comments from the sponsors; we expect a third reading vote on the measure as soon as Saturday morning before it heads to the Governor's desk for signature. The legislation will repeal and replace [Senate Bill 24-205](#), and reflects the framework recommended by the AI Working Group that was established after an attempt to pass an alternate AI bill failed in last fall's special legislative session.

[HB 1230](#) Extend Conservation Easement Tax Credit cleared the House early in the week with significant bipartisan support, and it sailed through the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees and Senate 2nd reading by Friday afternoon.

[HB 1210](#) Prohibit Surveillance Price & Wage Setting passed the Senate floor this week despite remaining stakeholder opposition, and the House quickly concurred with Senate amendments. The Governor will have up to 30 days post-session to act on the bill.

[HB 1263](#) Conversational Artificial Intelligence Service Operator Requirements generated significant amendments and debate in the House and Senate. The bill was amended in the Senate Business Affairs & Labor Committee mid-week and further amended on the floor before it passed second reading on Friday. This policy has caused significant debate among members of both parties.

The Senate also approved significant amendments to [SB 178](#) Health Insurance Affordability Measures in the Appropriations Committee, shifting fund sources for this one-time infusion to the Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise. The bill passed third reading in the Senate on Friday and now heads to the House.

Numerous bills were killed this week in committees when negotiated agreements and/or funding failed to come together. Senate Appropriations killed [SB 180](#) Investment Performance Authority and both [SB 108](#) Transparency of Legislative Groups' Money and [SB 168](#) Transparency of Legislative Caucuses' Money were killed in the Senate State, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee. [Press coverage](#) noted that sponsor's differing priorities led to the abandonment of the first bill, and Democrat Senator William Lindstedt joined Republicans in opposition to its replacement. The same committee also postponed indefinitely [HB 1130](#) Public Restroom Baby Diaper Changing Station after House sponsors exempted out state buildings, municipal buildings, and small businesses in the House. The Senate Finance Committee killed [HB 1327](#) Large Employer Worker Health-Care Support, after the bill cleared the House on a 35-30 vote.

The House Energy & Environment Committee postponed indefinitely [HB 1030](#) Data Center & Utility Modernization on Thursday. A competing measure backed by the environmental community, [SB 102](#) Large-Load Data Centers, has been scheduled to be heard for action only in Senate Transportation and Energy on Monday afternoon.

[HB 1430](#) Transportation Funding Adjustments cleared the House Transportation & Local Government and Appropriations Committees and then was approved by the full House on Thursday. It's been assigned to the Finance Committee in the Senate. The same day, the House also approved [HB 1141](#) Discriminatory Practices in Public Schools, which will be heard next in the Senate State, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee.

After sitting on the second reading calendar since passing Appropriations Committee on May 5, [HB 1326](#) Sunset Public Utilities Commission Sunset is expected to run on second reading this weekend.

Introduction of bills slowed to a trickle this week, but a handful of significant proposals were introduced including [SB 192](#) Producer Responsibility Dues Appeals Process, [HB 1432](#) Health-Care Payment Programs which cleared House second reading on Friday, and [HB 1433](#) Funding to Sustain Fire-Related Services.

The Joint Budget Committee is running [SB 193](#) Local Ordinances & State Employees to clarify that state employees are exempt from local minimum wage laws and clarify that the state is not subject to local occupational or business taxes. It also requires the Office

of State Planning & Budgeting to submit a supplemental budget request for state employee compensation on or before January 4, 2027. The bill cleared third reading in the Senate on Friday and will be sent to the House.

Governor Jared Polis [signed the FY 2026-27 budget](#) into law on Friday, ending a nearly year-long process to get to a balanced budget. Representatives are working late in the evening on Friday and will be back in session Saturday morning to continue to work through the many bills remaining on the calendar as they draw close to the Wednesday midnight deadline to adjourn. The Senate comes back into session at 9a on Monday.

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