

City Council 2026 State Legislative Agenda Discussion

Climate Resilience and Sustainability Board
October 9, 2025

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Spokane Legislative Agenda from last session

Several priority items passed:

- 911 emergency tax equity
- Supporting the growth management act (GMA compliance)
- Funding for abandoned RVs
- Sidewalk utility study

Climate/Sustainability-related Policy Bills

Bills that failed but are still alive:

- HB 1458 Embodied Carbon in Buildings
- HB 1303 CURB pollution act (environmental justice in state permitting)
- SB 5703 Waste to Energy CCA
- SB 5586 EV battery recycling
- HB 1420 Textile producer responsibility
- 5582 Safe System approach (active transportation)

AWC (Association of WA Cities) 2026 Priorities with environmental impact

“Nutrient General Permit for wastewater treatment: Ensure that any state efforts around developing the nutrient general permit are balanced between the benefits and the costs to local government and rate payers of wastewater systems. Update Marine Dissolved Oxygen science including update Marine DO Criteria last set in 1967.”

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“PFAS: Seek local liability protection for PFAS contamination and treatment. Seek additional investments and technical support for cities and towns responding to PFAS detection and contamination.”

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“Publicly owned land available for housing:
Look for opportunities to reuse state
owned land for housing. Explore expanding
use of eminent domain for housing
development.”

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“SEPA and state permitting: Work on policy changes that provide clarity and certainty within SEPA, Shorelines and state permits without lessening any environmental protection measures.”

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