

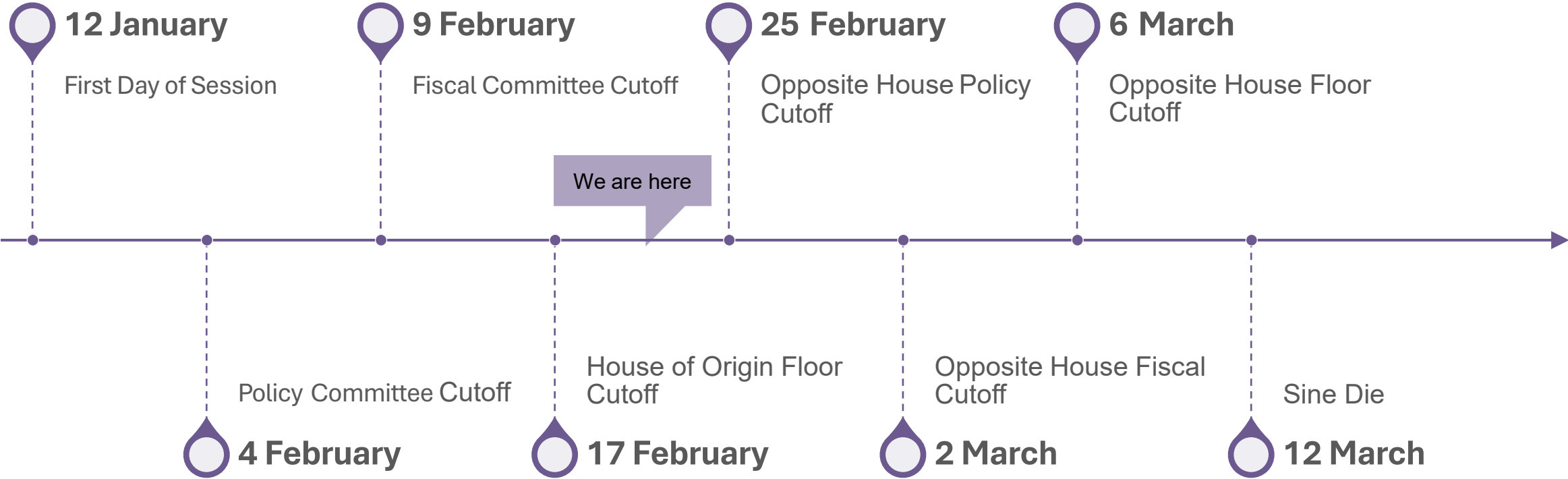
2026 State Legislative Session Update

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2026 Session Calendar



Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)

Governor's Budget Proposal

- \$30 million annual system-wide reduction
- SB 5998 / HB 2289 - Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

Loss from Vapor Product Tax Account

- \$20 million annual shortfall of vapor tax revenues.
- HB 2382 - Concerning excise taxes on cigarettes, vapor products, and tobacco products.
- SB 6129 - Concerning the taxation of cigarettes and other nicotine products.

- ❑ Environmental Health & Clean Water
- ❑ Tracking of Communicable Diseases
- ❑ Emergency Preparedness
- ❑ Disaster Mitigation
- ❑ Data Assessment and Information
- ❑ Communications & System Infrastructure

2026 State Session - Policy

Local Government Revenue

- HB 2442 - Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.

Public Health

- HB 2242 - Preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions.

Food Access

- HB 2238 - Concerning statewide food security.

Access to Care

- SB 6210 - Concerning the health plan certification process.

Access to Housing

- SB 6027 - Modifying certain funding and exemptions related to providing and maintaining affordable housing and related services.

2026 State Session – Policy Cont'd

Environmental Health and Climate Change

- SB 6291 - Concerning on-site wastewater treatment system inspections.
- SB 5965 - Reducing environmental impacts associated with bags provided to customers at retail establishments.

Gun Violence

- SB 5098 - Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities.

Data Protections

- SB 5906 - Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents.

Questions?

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