

Capitol News

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We are at the halfway point of the legislative session, with four weeks completed and four more to go. Last Friday was the first of a series of cutoff deadlines: the policy committee cutoff, when bills must be voted out of their policy committee to remain alive. Tuesday is the fiscal committee cutoff when bills with a fiscal impact to the state budget must be voted out of the fiscal committees. There is an exception for bills deemed "necessary to implement the budget." Those bills are not subject to any cutoff and can be considered until the Legislature adjourns.

Legislators will spend the next two weeks in floor action, voting on bills to meet the "house of origin" cutoff deadline (House bills out of the House; Senate bills out of the Senate) on **February 14**. Our priority bill, [SB 6157](#) (prior authorization), was voted out of the Senate Health Care Committee on Thursday, on an almost-unanimous vote! It is now in the Senate Rules Committee. SB 6157 must be voted out of the Senate by **February 14** to remain alive.