

2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association January 27, 2017

Just when the dust settled and all newly elected and appointed legislators were in place for the 2017 Washington State legislative session, a new round of changes arose this week. It began on Tuesday when Sen. Doug Ericksen (R-Ferndale) indicated he would take a temporary position at the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC under President Trump. For the time being, Sen. Ericksen will hold on to his senate seat while working in Washington, DC and commute back and forth to Olympia. Later that same day, Sen. Brian Dangel (R-Republic) announced his immediate resignation in order to take a job as special assistant to the U.S. secretary of agriculture in Washington, DC in the Trump administration.

Sen. Dangel's immediate resignation is significant politically because until a replacement is appointed the Senate will be equally divided 24-24, as outlined in this *TacomaNewsTribune* [article](#). As a result, Majority Floor Leader Sen. Joe Fain (R-Auburn) announced there would be no Senate floor sessions until Dangel's seat is filled. If this process is done expediently, an appointment could occur as early as next week. Sen. Ericksen's availability could pose another problem for the Majority Coalition Caucus as they will not have a working majority in Olympia when Ericksen is in Washington, DC.

First Cut-Off Date Approaching

Our first deadline of session, the policy committee cutoff, is February 17. Bills need to be passed out of their respective policy committees on or before that date in order to stay alive for consideration. Exceptions to this deadline include bills in fiscal committees and bills necessary to implement the budget.

McCleary

Crosscut reported in this [article](#) that Senate Education Chair Hans Zeiger (R-Puyallup) announced Republicans have almost finalized their proposal on how to meet state Supreme Court mandated education-funding requirements facing the Legislature. Democrats released their four-year \$7.3 billion [proposal](#) last week. When questioned about the Republican proposal, Zeiger indicated it will be a "bold plan" larger than \$600 million.

2017-19 Capital Budget Update

Capital Budget Chair Rep. Steve Tharinger (D-Sequim) stated he anticipates that meeting the McCleary decision requirements to fully fund K-12 basic education could comprise up to half of the 2017-19 capital budget, as outlined in this *Peninsula Daily News* [article](#). In fact, the Democrat proposal for meeting education-funding requirements identifies the capital budget as a source for addressing all day kindergarten and K-3 class reductions made in the operating budget.

Education

The Legislature made some movement toward delaying the "levy cliff" issue facing school districts in Washington State when the House passed [SHB 1059](#) by a vote of 62-35 (1 absent). As explained by the

Seattle Times in this [article](#), the purpose of the legislation is to delay the law that reduces how much revenue school districts can collect through local property tax levies beginning in 2018. The levy cliff is estimated to create up to \$500 million in funding cuts to local school districts across the state. The bill is now in Senate Ways & Means.

Health Care

Affordable Care Act Update

State Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler (D) estimates one million Washington citizens have health care under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as reported by KUOW [here](#). Kreidler went on to say a federal repeal of the ACA would put these people at risk for losing their insurance coverage. In this [article](#), the *Vancouver Columbian* reported Republican Congressional members from Washington State have replied to a letter of concern regarding possible ACA repeal sent to them last week by Kreidler and Governor Jay Inslee (D). Inslee's special assistant on health reform estimated in this *Crosscut* [article](#) that it would require \$6 billion for Washington State to keep its current health coverage system if federal funding were removed via a complete repeal of the ACA.

Mental Health

Legislation ([HB 1546/SB 5434](#)) allowing community hospitals to contract with Washington State in order to host long-term mental health patients has the intent of diverting mental health patients from the state's two large psychiatric hospitals, as outlined in this *Seattle Times* [article](#). The House bill has a public hearing on January 31.

Law & Justice

The *Seattle Weekly* reported in this [article](#) that if police use of deadly force reform legislation is not adopted this session, supporters plan to introduce a ballot initiative this fall to implement changes recommended by a Joint Legislative Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force.

Transportation

Mileage Pilot Project

Replacing the gas tax with a pay-per-mile system is one step closer in Washington State as explained in this *Kirkland Reporter* [article](#). Funded by a \$3.8 million federal grant, the twelve-month pilot will begin this fall. Two thousand volunteer participants will test four different payment methods during the pilot project and vote on which methods worked best.

REAL ID Update

As explained in this Associated Press [article](#), Washington State is just one of three states currently without an extension and not in compliance with the 2005 federal REAL ID Act. Proposed REAL ID legislation ([HB 1041/SB 5008](#)) in Washington State would keep the current enhanced license and also implement a new license labeled as not for federal purposes. There has been some concern expressed that the new system could flag undocumented residents, as noted in this *SpokesmanReview* [article](#). On January 24, the Senate Transportation Committee passed SB 5008 and it is now headed to the Rules Committee as explained in this Associated Press [article](#).

Marijuana

Marijuana & McCleary

As reported in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), some state legislators are researching if revenue from legal marijuana sales could be used to fund K-12 public education in an effort to address the McCleary requirements.

Public Safety

Gun Purchases & Background Checks

Bipartisan legislation ([HB 1501](#)) requiring gun dealers to report when a person fails a background check after attempting to purchase a gun was introduced on January 23 and is currently in House Judiciary.

Cyber

Biometrics

Bipartisan sponsored legislation ([HB 1493](#)) pertaining to biometric identifiers was introduced late last week. The bill requires notice before biometric identifiers of an individual can be enrolled into a database. The legislation has its first public hearing scheduled for January 31.

Business & Labor

Equal Pay Act Legislation

Republican senators introduced [SB 5344](#) on January 20 with the intent of enhancing enforcement of the Equal Pay Act. A hearing on the bill will be held February 1. In the House, [HB 1533](#) addressing equal pay was introduced on January 23, had a public hearing the next day and is scheduled for Executive action on January 30.

Environment

Carbon Tax Legislation

Carbon tax legislation ([HB 1646](#)) sponsored by Democrats was introduced on January 25 and referred to the House Environment Committee. Its companion, [SB 5509](#), was introduced soon thereafter. Also sponsored by Democrats, carbon tax legislation [SB 5385](#) was introduced in the Senate this week and is scheduled for a hearing on February 2. *Crosscut* points out in this [article](#) that Governor Inslee's proposed carbon tax legislation provides an exemption for the TransAlta power plant.

Oil Spill Prevention Budget

The Washington State Department of Ecology estimates a \$4 million shortfall of its oil spill prevention program, as explained in this KUOW [story](#). With the intent of replenishing the program funds, legislation ([HB 1611](#)) has been introduced to increase the tax on oil shipments. The legislation would also extend the existing tax to oil transported by pipeline. Among other things, the introduced legislation would require those hauling oil to have insurance coverage to pay for spills and other accidents. Also addressing the safety of oil transportation is [SB 5462](#), which was introduced on January 25 and has a public hearing on February 2.

Water

Legislators are working on addressing the State Supreme Court's [Hirst decision](#) surrounding domestic wells, as reported in this *Washington State Wire* [blog](#). Two water bills responding to the Hirst decision

were heard in a very well attended public hearing on January 24. These were [SB 5239](#) to make water available for development and [SB 5024](#) relating to groundwater supply and availability.

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Upcoming Legislative Events

Commerce, Labor & Sports (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 1/30 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5149 - Public Hearing - Addressing paid family leave.
- SB 5032 - Public Hearing - Implementing family and medical leave insurance.

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/30 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1669 - Public Hearing - Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.
- HB 1298 - Exec Session - Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 1/30 @ 3:30pm

- SHB 1059 - Public Hearing - Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.

Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 1/31 @ 8:00am

- SB 5263 - Public Hearing - Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/31 @ 8:00am

- HB 1404 - Public Hearing - Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

Higher Education (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 1/31 @ 8:00am

- SB 5285 - Public Hearing - Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

Environment (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/31 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1744 - Public Hearing - Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/31 @ 3:30pm

- HB 1500 - Public Hearing - Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/2 @ 8:00am

- SB 5208 - Public Hearing - Creating the Washington rural jobs act.

Environment (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/2 @ 8:00am

- HB 1144 - Exec Session - Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.

Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/2 @ 10:00am

- SB 5385 - Public Hearing - Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.

Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/2 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1562 - Public Hearing - Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<p>Family & med leave insurance Implementing family and medical leave insurance.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Robinson (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kirby, Kloba, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Santos, Sells, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton, Tharinger, Wylie</p> <p>HB 1116 (SB 5032)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account.</p>	H Approps	Robinson	Oppose
<p>Product labeling tax incent. Providing a tax incentive for the labeling of products.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Taylor (Prime), Buys, Condotta, Haler, Kretz, Shea, Short</p> <p>HB 1245</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Provides a tax credit, in computing business and occupation taxes, of ten thousand dollars per product line per taxable year for a person who voluntarily labels a line of products: (1) For food offered for retail sale in the state if it is or may have been produced through bioengineering or genetically engineered; (2) For food offered for retail sale in the state that has not been bioengineered or genetically engineered; and (3) For an agricultural product or food offered for retail sale in the state if it is or may have been produced outside of the United States.</p>	H Ag & Nat Res	Taylor	Oppose
<p>Pesticide exposure Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.</p> <p>HB 1564</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ortiz-Self (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli,</p>	H HC/Wellness	Ortiz-Self	Oppose

Robinson, Ryu, Sells, Stonier

Summary: Requires a person who applies, or causes to be applied, pesticides by aerial application, air-blast sprayer, or fumigation, to provide written notice of an intended pesticide application to a person who owns, manages, or controls property adjacent to the property of intended pesticide application.

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ecology rules/peer review Establishing a peer review process to ensure robust economic analysis of department of ecology administrative rules. <i>Sponsors:</i> Shea (Prime), Buys, Haler, Holy, McCaslin, Pike, Short, Taylor, Young	H Environment	Shea	Neutral
<u>HB 1014</u> <i>Summary:</i> Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Before making available a preliminary cost-benefit analysis or finalizing a small business economic impact statement, solicit peer review of the draft economic analyses by qualified professionals; and (2) Incorporate both the optimistic and pessimistic economic impact scenarios into the final cost-benefit analysis. Prohibits the department of ecology from adopting a rule whose probable benefits are less than its probable costs.			
School levy lid revs./delay Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid. <i>Sponsors:</i> Lytton (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Cody, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Ormsby, Pollet, Senn, Sullivan, Tarleton	S Ways & Means	Lytton	Neutral
<u>SHB 1059</u> <u>(SB 5023)</u> <i>Summary:</i> Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2018 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.			
Greenhouse gas emissions Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science. <i>Sponsors:</i> Fitzgibbon (Prime), Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Ryu, Stanford, Tarleton	H Environment	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
<u>HB 1144</u> <i>Summary:</i> Addresses the most recent assessment of climate change science and changes certain requirements of the state with regard to emissions of greenhouse gases.			
State estate tax, repealing Repealing the state estate tax. <i>Sponsors:</i> Young (Prime), McCaslin, Muri, Shea, Taylor, Walsh	H Finance	Young	Neutral
<u>HB 1206</u> <i>Summary:</i> Repeals the state estate tax.			
Job applicants/arrests, etc. Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.	H Labor & Workpl	Ortiz-Self	Neutral
<u>HB 1298</u>			

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Farrell, Frame, Gregerson, Haler, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Lovick, Manweller, McBride, Ormsby, Santos, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Tarleton, Young

Summary: Establishes the Washington fair chance act. Prohibits an employer from including any question on an application for employment, from inquiring either orally or in writing, from receiving information through a criminal history background check, or from otherwise obtaining information about an applicant's criminal record until after the employer initially determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position. Requires the state attorney general's office to enforce this act.

Employee antiretaliation H Labor & Workpl Ryu Neutral
Concerning the employee antiretaliation act.

[**HB 1301**](#)
(SB 5528)

Sponsors: Ryu (Prime), Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Santos, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton

Summary: Addresses retaliation and discrimination against employees and providing protection for employees.

Wage violations, damages for H Labor & Workpl Frame Neutral
Providing damages for wage violations.

[**HB 1302**](#)

Sponsors: Frame (Prime), Farrell, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Ryu, Santos, Stanford

Summary: Increases the penalty for certain wage violations.

Small business owners H State Governme Barkis Neutral
Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

Sponsors: Barkis (Prime), Blake, Caldier, Chapman, Cody, Condotta, Haler, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Jinkins, Kilduff, Kirby, Koster, Kretz, Lytton, MacEwen, Manweller, McCabe, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Pike, Schmick, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox

[**HB 1352**](#)
(SB 5230)

Summary: Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related administrative rules, similar statutes, and case law, to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners selected for agency enforcement actions including inspections, audits, site visits, or record review. Requires the department of agriculture, department of ecology, employment security department, department of labor and industries, department of revenue, and state fire marshal to: (1) Review provisions of their governing statutes, administrative rules, policy statements, guidance, and directives to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners that are selected for inspection, audit, or other enforcement action by the agency; and (2) No later than August 31, 2017, provide the attorney general with certain information. Expires December 31, 2017.

Workforce study/ag., etc. H Hi Ed Tarleton Neutral
Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

[**HB 1404**](#)
(SB 5285)

Sponsors: Tarleton (Prime), Chandler, Haler, Santos, Sells, Stambaugh, Stanford, Van Werven, Wilcox

Summary: Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce

assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, and environment sectors to assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors.

Agriculture science ed. H Education Blake Neutral
Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

Sponsors: Blake (Prime), Chandler, Haler, Hayes, Kretz, Lytton, Santos, Stanford, Tarleton

[HB 1453](#)
(SB 5318)

Summary: Creates the agriculture science education grant program. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts. Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.

Tax exemptions H Finance Pollet Neutral
Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

Sponsors: Pollet (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kirby, Kloba, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Muri, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton, Tharinger, Wylie

[HB 1500](#)
(SB 5513)

Summary: Establishes the tax exemption transparency and accountability act. Creates a tax expenditure budget as part of the biennial budget adopted by the legislature. Reforms the tax expenditure process by including tax expenditures in a tax expenditure budget in the biennial state budget process and requires they be readopted every two years as part of the budget process or they expire. Requires the department of revenue to prepare a tax expenditure budget. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to report its findings and recommendations for scheduled tax expenditures to the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax expenditures by June 30th of each year.

Carbon pollution tax H Finance Lytton Neutral
Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.

[HB 1555](#)
(SB 5127)

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Doglio

Summary: Establishes the carbon pollution tax and investment act. Imposes a carbon pollution tax on: (1) The sale or use of fossil fuels, including fossil fuels used in generating electricity; or (2) The sale or consumption of electricity generated through the combustion of fossil fuels. Creates the carbon pollution reduction account and the carbon reduction investment fund.

WA food policy forum H Ag & Nat Res Gregerson Neutral
Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

[HB 1562](#)

Sponsors: Gregerson (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Hudgins, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Peterson, Pike, Pollet, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger

Summary: Requires the Washington food policy forum to build on the work of the forum that was

temporarily established in the 2016 supplemental omnibus operating appropriations act to develop recommendations to advance certain food system goals. Gives responsibility to the director of the state conservation commission for appointing participating members of the forum. Expires July 1, 2019.

Carbon tax	H Environment	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
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Promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities.

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon (Prime), Appleton, Cody, Doglio, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, McBride, Pollet

Summary: Creates a carbon pollution mitigation tax on fossil fuel emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Creates the carbon program oversight board to oversee implementation of this act and advise the governor on the achievement of greenhouse gas emission reductions. Creates an economic and environmental justice oversight panel as a joint body between the office of the governor, the department of ecology, and the department of health. Requires the department of revenue to establish and administer a low-income carbon pollution mitigation tax grant for state residents to assist in the equitable transition to lower carbon emission energy sources. Involves the following in some role regarding the imposition of the carbon tax: The department of ecology, the department of revenue, the department of commerce, the department of health, the Washington State University extension energy office, the recreation and conservation office, the office of the attorney general, and other state agencies with control of expenditures of carbon pollution mitigation tax receipts. Creates the clean energy account, the clean water climate program account, the sustainable forest health account, the carbon reduction investment fund, the sustainable infrastructure fund, and the equitable transition fund.

[HB 1646](#)
(SB 5509)

Hazard. substance possession	H Finance	Peterson	Neutral
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Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

Sponsors: Peterson (Prime), Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pollet

Summary: Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax.

[HB 1663](#)
(SB 5501)

Crew size on certain trains	H Labor & Workpl	Farrell	Neutral
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Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

Sponsors: Farrell (Prime), Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Chandler, Chapman, Doglio, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Haler, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jinkins, Johnson, Koster, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, McBride, McCaslin, Muri, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Stonier, Tarleton, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, Young

Summary: Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.

[HB 1669](#)

Agriculture and farming	H Ag & Nat Res	Buys	Neutral
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Concerning agriculture and farming.

Sponsors: Buys (Prime), Blake, Chapman, Condotta, Fitzgibbon, Lytton, Sawyer, Stanford, Vick

Summary: Revises the definition of "farm product" to include marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products, for purposes of RCW 7.48.305 (section 2 of this act) relating to agricultural activities and forest practices.

[HB 1692](#)

HB 1730 (SB 5111)	Capital gains excise tax	H Finance	Jinkins	Neutral
	Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Jinkins (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
HB 1744	Perfluorinated chemicals	H Environment	McBride	Neutral
	Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> McBride (Prime), Fey, Kilduff, Kirby, Macri			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
SB 5002	Water banks/permanent avail.	S Ag/Water/Trade&	Honeyford	Neutral
	Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Honeyford (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Requires a county-operated water bank that leases water rights to offer for mitigation to replace the rights with rights that will be permanently available for mitigation before the expiration of the lease.			
SB 5011	Business corporation act	S Rules 2	Pedersen	Neutral
	Concerning the business corporation act.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Pedersen (Prime), Fain, Frockt, Kuderer, Padden			
	<i>Summary:</i> Revises the Washington business corporation act.			
SB 5023 (SHB 1059)	School levy lid revs./delay	S EL/K-12	Wellman	Neutral
	Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Wellman (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, McCoy, Mullet, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Salda?a			
	<i>Summary:</i> Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2019 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.			
SB 5032 (HB 1116)	Family & med leave insurance	S Com/Labor/Spor	Keiser	Neutral
	Implementing family and medical leave insurance.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Keiser (Prime), Billig, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, McCoy, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Ranker, Rolfes			
	<i>Summary:</i> Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave			

insurance benefits. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account.

State land lease termination	S Ag/Water/Trade	Brown	Neutral
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Concerning nondefault termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.

Sponsors: Brown (Prime), Becker, Honeyford, Schoesler, Warnick

[SB 5051](#)

Summary: Requires a nondefault termination provision included in a state land lease for agricultural or grazing purposes to: (1) Require advance written notice of at least one hundred eighty days by the department of natural resources to the lessee before termination of the lease; and (2) Require the department to provide written documentation to the lessee demonstrating that the department has included the leased land in a plan for higher and better use, land exchange, or sale.

Capital gains excise tax	S Ways & Means	Braun	Neutral
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Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

Sponsors: Braun (Prime), Hunt, Ranker

[SB 5111](#)
(HB 1730)

Summary: Provides funding for the education legacy trust account. Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains.

Carbon pollution tax	S Ways & Means	Braun	Neutral
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Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.

Sponsors: Braun (Prime), Hunt, Ranker

[SB 5127](#)
(HB 1555)

Summary: Establishes the carbon pollution tax and investment act. Imposes a carbon pollution tax on: (1) The sale or use of fossil fuels, including fossil fuels used in generating electricity; or (2) The sale or consumption of electricity generated through the combustion of fossil fuels. Creates the carbon pollution reduction account and the carbon reduction investment fund.

Paid family leave	S Com/Labor/Spor	Fain	Neutral
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Addressing paid family leave.

Sponsors: Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Darneille, Hobbs, Miloscia, Palumbo, Rivers, Walsh, Warnick, Zeiger

[SB 5149](#)

Summary: Provides family leave benefits to certain employees and those employees continue to be eligible for the benefits during employment with a covered employer. Requires the employment security department to administer family leave provisions.

Rural jobs	S Ag/Water/Trade	Warnick	Neutral
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Creating the Washington rural jobs act.

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime), Brown, Dansel, Hawkins, Mullet, Saldaña, Schoesler, Takko, Wellman

[SB 5208](#)
(HB 1422)

Summary: Establishes the Washington rural jobs act. Requires the department of commerce to accept applications for approval as a rural growth fund. Allows a nonrefundable tax credit, for taxpayers that made a credit-eligible capital contribution to the rural growth fund and were issued a tax credit certificate, and allows the credit to be claimed against the following: Business and occupation taxes; insurance premium taxes; and retaliatory taxes. Provides a July 1, 2023, contingent expiration date.

Small business owners

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Com/Labor/Spor

Wilson

Neutral

Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

Sponsors: Wilson (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Baumgartner, Becker, Braun, Brown, Chase, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Keiser, King, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Padden, Palumbo, Sheldon, Takko, Walsh, Warnick

**[SB 5230](#)
(HB 1352)**

Summary: Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related administrative rules, similar statutes, and case law, to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners selected for agency enforcement actions including inspections, audits, site visits, or record review. Requires the department of agriculture, department of ecology, employment security department, department of labor and industries, department of revenue, and state fire marshal to: (1) Review provisions of their governing statutes, administrative rules, policy statements, guidance, and directives to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners that are selected for inspection, audit, or other enforcement action by the agency; and (2) No later than August 31, 2017, provide the attorney general with certain information. Expires December 31, 2017.

Seeds, agency procurement of

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Ag/Water/Trade&

Warnick

Neutral

Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

[SB 5263](#)

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime)

Summary: Requires agencies, when purchasing seed, to require suppliers of the seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through appropriate testing performed by the department of agriculture or certain other agencies to ensure the identity and purity of the seed.

Workforce study/ag., etc.

S Higher Ed

Wilson

Neutral

Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

**[SB 5285](#)
(HB 1404)**

Sponsors: Wilson (Prime), Palumbo

Summary: Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, and environment sectors to assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors.

Levy auth/local eff assist

S Ways & Means

Ranker

Neutral

Lowering the levy authority and local effort assistance.

[SB 5298](#)

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime)

Summary: Lowers the levy authority and local effort assistance.

Agriculture science ed.

S EL/K-12

Hunt

Neutral

Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

Sponsors: Hunt (Prime), Bailey, Brown, Conway, Rolfes, Takko, Warnick**SB 5318**
(HB 1453)*Summary:* Creates the agriculture science education grant program. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts. Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.**Carbon pollution tax**

S Energy, Enviro

Hobbs

Neutral

Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime), Hunt**SB 5385***Summary:* Imposes a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax, at the time of the first taxable event and upon the first taxable person within the state, on the carbon content of fossil fuels extracted, manufactured, or introduced into the state equal to fifteen dollars per metric ton of carbon dioxide. Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Calculate the carbon content of fossil fuels, in consultation with the department of ecology; and (2) If practical, integrate the administration and collection of the fossil fuel carbon pollution taxes with the administration and collection of other taxes imposed on the taxpayer. Exempts certain fossil fuels from the tax. Creates the carbon pollution revenues account. Requires at least fifty percent of the funds transferred to the multimodal transportation account from the carbon pollution revenues account to be expended to assist certain school district programs.**Greenhouse gas emissions**

S Energy, Enviro

Chase

Neutral

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SB 5421*Sponsors:* Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Salda?a*Summary:* Requires the state to limit emissions of greenhouse gases to reduce, by 2025, overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to twenty percent below 1990 levels.**Workplace bullying**S
Com/Labor/Spor

Chase

Neutral

Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.

SB 5423*Sponsors:* Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Salda?a*Summary:* Revises the state civil rights act to provide: (1) Legal recourse for employees who have been harmed by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and (2) Legal incentives for employers to prevent and respond to mistreatment of employees at work.**Hazard. substance possession**

S Energy, Enviro

Carlyle

Neutral

Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

SB 5501
(HB 1663)*Sponsors:* Carlyle (Prime), Chase, Frockt, Hunt, Lias, Rolfes*Summary:* Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax.

Carbon tax	S Energy, Enviro	Carlyle	Neutral
Promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities.			
<i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Frockt, Hunt, Ranker, Saldaña			
<u>SB 5509</u> (HB 1646)	<i>Summary:</i> Creates a carbon pollution mitigation tax on fossil fuel emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Creates the carbon program oversight board to oversee implementation of this act and advise the governor on the achievement of greenhouse gas emission reductions. Creates an economic and environmental justice oversight panel as a joint body between the office of the governor, the department of ecology, and the department of health. Requires the department of revenue to establish and administer a low-income carbon pollution mitigation tax grant for state residents to assist in the equitable transition to lower carbon emission energy sources. Involves the following in some role regarding the imposition of the carbon tax: The department of ecology, the department of revenue, the department of commerce, the department of health, the Washington State University extension energy office, the recreation and conservation office, the office of the attorney general, and other state agencies with control of expenditures of carbon pollution mitigation tax receipts. Creates the clean energy account, the clean water climate program account, the sustainable forest health account, the carbon reduction investment fund, the sustainable infrastructure fund, and the equitable transition fund.		

Tax exemptions	S Ways & Means	Frockt	Neutral
Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.			
<i>Sponsors:</i> Frockt (Prime), Billig, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, McCoy, Miloscia, Rolfes, Saldaña, Wellman			
<u>SB 5513</u> (HB 1500)	<i>Summary:</i> Establishes the tax exemption transparency and accountability act. Creates a tax expenditure budget as part of the biennial budget adopted by the legislature. Reforms the tax expenditure process by including tax expenditures in a tax expenditure budget in the biennial state budget process and requires they be readopted every two years as part of the budget process or they expire. Requires the department of revenue to prepare a tax expenditure budget. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to report its findings and recommendations for scheduled tax expenditures to the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax expenditures by June 30th of each year.		

Vehicle taxation	S Transportation	Fortunato	Neutral
Concerning vehicle taxation.			
<u>SB 5564</u>	<i>Sponsors:</i> Fortunato (Prime), Hawkins, King, O'Ban		
<i>Summary:</i>			

Low Priority Bills

No bills.

Monitoring Bills

No bills.

Other Bills

No bills.