

## **2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association March 10, 2017**

The 2017 Washington State Legislature passed the symbolic midway point of the session when it reached the 5:00 pm March 8 deadline to pass bills out of their House of Origin. The next day, March 9, the Legislature resumed public hearings on bills from the opposite chamber. The next cutoff date will occur on March 29 when bills must be passed out of the opposite chamber's policy committees.

As always, keep in mind that any bill deemed NTIB (necessary to implement the budget) can be exempt from these cut off deadlines. And, while unlikely, even dead bills can be brought back to life through either extraordinary procedural maneuvers or creative amendments onto other bills moving through the process.

Below is a general summary of the legislative activities in Washington State over the past week.

### **2017-19 Budget Negotiations**

Closed-door budget negotiations among the four corners (Senate Republicans, Senate Democrats, House Democrats and House Republicans) are underway. Some of the priorities for each chamber have begun to emerge. These investments most likely will become part of the 2017-19 budget negotiations, as outlined below and highlighted in this *Everett Herald* [article](#).

#### *Senate Passes Levy Cliff Legislation*

On March 8 the Senate passed [ESB 5023](#) by a vote of 48-1, the companion bill to the House Bill [SHB 1059](#). The matter is covered in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#). The legislation allows school districts to continue to collect locally levied property taxes at current levels through 2019. Without its passage, school districts were facing termination of local levy authority in January 2018 that could result in considerable lost revenue used for basic education funding. The Senate version of the bill includes new accountability provisions proposed by Republicans during the bill's floor debate. This appears to be a meaningful step forward in the negotiation process for education funding between the two chambers. The House passed the legislation on March 9 with a vote of 87-10.

#### *State Worker Gubernatorial Donations*

In other budget negotiation news, Senate leaders have indicated the Senate may not approve negotiated state worker pay raises unless legislation limiting unions' ability to donate to gubernatorial campaigns is passed, as reported in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#). On March 7 the Senate passed [SSB 5533](#) on a party line 25-24 vote. Supporters of the legislation object to the governor's office collectively bargaining with labor unions while the governor's election campaign simultaneously accepts contributions from labor unions.

### **New Revenue**

## *Blocking a State Income Tax*

[SJR 8204](#), which would block the implementation of a state income tax in Washington State, came to the Senate floor for a vote on March 7. The constitutional amendment legislation required a 2/3 approval vote and, as expected, failed by a vote of 27-22, as reported in this Associated Press [article](#). *The Lens* produced this [blog](#) explaining its perspective that the bill was brought to the floor for a vote to clarify legislators' positions on increased revenue.

## *Capital Gains Tax*

Immediately after considering SJR 8204, Senate Republicans tried to bring capital gains excise tax legislation [SB 5111](#) to the floor for a vote. Again, the purpose was to force legislators to reveal if they supported the potential capital gains revenue source as a funding option. As noted in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#), the effort failed when Democrats blocked the move with a parliamentary procedure.

## **Business & Labor**

### *Gender Pay Equity*

[SHB 1506](#), with the intent of promoting gender pay equity in the workplace, was passed out of the House on March 8 with a 61-36 vote. The legislation modifies the Equal Pay Act by defining "similarly employed," modifying defenses, and making other changes. The bill prohibits discrimination in employment opportunities based on gender and prohibits retaliation in workplace discussions about wages and other matters.

### *Pregnant Worker Accommodations*

Having passed the House on March 1, [ESHB 1796](#) passed out of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor & Sports on March 9. Similarly, [SSB 5835](#) unanimously passed the Senate on March 8. Both bills require employers to provide reasonable accommodations for pregnant women in the workplace.

### *Non-Compete Agreements*

[EHB 1967](#) addresses non-compete agreements in Washington. Among other things, the original legislation would have made void non-compete agreements with temporary seasonal employees, independent contractors and employees terminated without just cause or due to layoff. But after a floor striker eliminated protections for seasonal employees and independent contractors, it was unanimously passed out of the House on March 8.

## **Health Care**

### *Governor Response to Proposed Federal Affordable Care Act Legislation*

Governor Inslee (D) issued this [response](#) to recent Affordable Care Act (ACA) legislation introduced at the federal level. Inslee stated if the legislation passes into law, 600,000 Washington residents would lose their Medicaid coverage with an estimated insurance replacement cost to Washington State of \$1.3 billion.

### *Out of Network Health Services*

To protect consumers from out of network health service charges, the House passed (81-17) [ESHB 2114](#) on March 6. As explained in this *Washington State Wire* [blog](#), the legislation was introduced at the request of the Washington State Insurance Commissioner to end surprise billing.

## *Prescription Drugs*

[2SHB 1541](#) was designed to address prescription drug price increases and passed out of the House (52-46) on March 6, as noted in this *Washington State Wire* [blog](#). [ESHB 1339](#), with the intent of limiting opioid drug addictions through restrictions on prescriptions of opioid drugs, passed out of the House (91-6) on March 7.

## **Mental Health**

Legislation focused on mental health services for youth received action this week. On March 7 the House passed (57-40) a student mental health bill ([SHB 1377](#)) which promotes collaboration between school districts with mental health centers and local licensed mental health services, as noted in this *NW News Network* [blog](#). The legislation also convenes a task force to study the needs of school counselors, psychologists, and social workers and to look at alternative certification routes. Unanimously passing the Senate on March 6, [2SSB 5749](#) aims to reduce paperwork in order to improve the availability of mental health services to protect children and families.

## **Transportation**

### *Distracted Driving Legislation Supported in Both Chambers*

On March 6 the Senate passed [E2SSB 5239](#) that restricts the use of handheld devices while driving. The following day the House passed (52-45) its version of the legislation ([ESHB 1371](#)) which would authorize a \$245 fine for anyone using a handheld device while driving, as noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#).

## **Cyber**

### *5G Telecommunications*

In this [article](#) *Crosscut* featured [SB 5711](#). The bill would upgrade Washington State from 4G to 5G cellular service. Some jurisdictions oppose the loss of local control included in the bill. Sen. Ericksen (R-Ferndale) has stated he is willing to consider amendments to the bill, but wants to ensure some level of uniformity across the state.

## **Law & Justice**

### *Department of Corrections*

On March 6 the Senate unanimously passed [ESSB 5294](#) in response to the investigation of the Department of Corrections sentencing errors discovered in 2016 that resulted in the early release of over 3,000 inmates.

### *Crime Victims*

Several bills related to crime victims are moving this session. [ESHB 1109](#) is designed to support victims of sexual assault and passed (96-2) out of the House on March 6. Similarly, the Senate on March 8 passed (43-6) [SSB 5256](#) to protect sexual assault victims. The legislation removes the two-year limit for protection orders for sexual assault victims and allows the court to issue orders for as long as needed to protect victims. The companion bill ([SHB 1384](#)) passed the House on February 20.

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## Upcoming Legislative Events

### State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 3/14 @ 9:00am

- SB 5230 - Public Hearing - Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

### Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/14 @ 10:00am

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

### Environment (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/14 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1646 - Public Hearing - 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.

### Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/15 @ 8:00am

- SSB 5051 - Public Hearing - Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.

### Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 3/15 @ 1:30pm

- 2SSB 5285 - Public Hearing - Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

### State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 3/15 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5230 - Exec Session - Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

### Judiciary (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 3/16 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5011 - Exec Session - Concerning the business corporation act.

### High Priority Bills

| <u>Bill Details</u> | <u>Status</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Position</u> |
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| <b>Family &amp; med leave insurance</b><br>Implementing family and medical leave insurance. | H Rules R | Robinson | Oppose |
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**[SHB 1116](#)**  
**(SB 5032)**

*Sponsors:* 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

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| <b>Product labeling tax incent.</b> | H Ag & Nat Res | Taylor | Oppose |
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Providing a tax incentive for the labeling of products.

*Sponsors:* Taylor (Prime), Buys, Condotta, Haler, Kretz, Shea, Short

[HB 1245](#)

*Summary:* 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.

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| <b>Pesticide exposure</b> | H HC/Wellness | Ortiz-Self | Oppose |
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Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.

*Sponsors:* Ortiz-Self (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sells, Stonier

[HB 1564](#)

*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.

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| <b>Hazard. substance possession</b> | H Rules R | Peterson | Concerns |
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Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[HB 1663](#)  
[\(SB 5501\)](#)

*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.

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| <b>Crew size on certain trains</b> | H Rules R | Farrell | Oppose |
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Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[HB 1669](#)  
[\(SB 5846\)](#)

*Sponsors:* Farrell (Prime), Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Chandler, Chapman, Doglio, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Haler, Harmsworth, Harris, 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.

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| <b>Fertilizer, etc./B&amp;O tax</b> | H Finance | Schmick | Support |
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Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for certain sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed.

[HB 1916](#)  
[\(SB 5786\)](#)

*Sponsors:* Schmick (Prime), Blake, Buys, Dye, Haler, Jenkin, Nealey

*Summary:* Provides a business and occupation tax exemption for wholesale sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed by an eligible distributor to an eligible retailer.

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| <b>SB 5501</b><br><b>(HB 1663)</b> | <b>Hazard. substance possession</b><br>Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Chase, Frockt, Hunt, Liias, Rolfes<br><i>Summary:</i> Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax. | S Energy,<br>Enviro | Carlyle | Concerns |
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| <b>SB 5822</b> | <b>Workers' compensation system</b><br>Improving workers' compensation system costs and administration and worker outcomes through modification of procedures for claims to self-insureds, clarification of recovery in third-party legal actions, clarification of occupational disease claims, and lowering age barriers for structured settlements.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Baumgartner (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Becker, Braun, Brown, Ericksen, Fain, Fortunato, Hawkins, Honeyford, King, O'Ban, Padden, Rivers, Rossi, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Walsh, Warnick, Wilson, Zeiger<br><i>Summary:</i> Revises the state industrial insurance act. Adopts a series of targeted reforms to address the costs and administration of workers' compensation. Clarifies the standards for occupational disease coverage and provides injured workers with a clear time period in which an occupational disease claim must be filed. Reduces the age restriction originally placed upon eligibility for the program. States that in light of certain developments and to align with past recommendations of the joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislature intends that the department of labor and industries' role in the management of claims by self-insured employers transition from readjudication to accountability oversight, first with respect to the allowance and denial of claims and by January 1, 2019, with respect to all claims management decisions. | S 2nd Reading | Baumgartner | Support |
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## Medium Priority Bills

| <u>Bill Details</u>  | <u>Status</u>  | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Position</u> |
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| <b>HB 1014</b><br><b>Ecology rules/peer review</b><br>Establishing a peer review process to ensure robust economic analysis of department of ecology administrative rules.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Shea (Prime), Buys, Haler, Holy, McCaslin, Pike, Short, Taylor, Young<br><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. | H Environment  | Shea           | Neutral         |
| <b>SHB 1059</b><br><b>(ESB 5023)</b><br><b>School levy lid revs./delay</b><br>Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.<br><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         |

*Summary:* 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.

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| <b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b> | H 2nd Reading | Fitzgibbon | Neutral |
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Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.

[2SHB 1144](#)

*Sponsors:* Fitzgibbon (Prime), Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Ryu, Stanford, Tarleton

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| <b>State estate tax, repealing</b> | H Finance | Young | Neutral |
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Repealing the state estate tax.

[HB 1206](#)

*Sponsors:* Young (Prime), McCaslin, Muri, Shea, Taylor, Walsh

*Summary:* Repeals the state estate tax.

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| <b>Job applicants/arrests, etc.</b> | S<br>Com/Labor/Sport | Ortiz-Self | Neutral |
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Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.

[SHB 1298](#)

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

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| <b>Employee antiretaliation</b> | H Approps | Ryu | Neutral |
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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.

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| <b>Wage violations, damages for</b> | H Rules R | Frame | Neutral |
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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.

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| <b>Small business owners</b> | S<br>Com/Labor/Sport | Barkis | Neutral |
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Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

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

*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

*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.

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**Workforce study/ag., etc.**

H Approps

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.

[SHB 1404](#)  
(2SSB 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: (1) Assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors; and (2) Assess the food and fiber processing jobs.

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**Agriculture science ed.**

H Education

Blake

Neutral

Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

[HB 1453](#)  
(SB 5318)

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

*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.

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**Tax exemptions**

H Finance

Pollet

Neutral

Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

[HB 1500](#)  
(SB 5513)

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

*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.

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**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.

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**WA food policy forum** S Gregerson Neutral  
Ag/Water/Trade&

Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

*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

[E2SHB 1562](#)

*Summary:* Establishes the Washington food policy forum, as a public-private partnership, and requires the forum to: (1) Increase the direct marketing sales of local farm products; (2) Reduce food insecurity in the state; (3) Identify opportunities to improve coordination between local food policy councils and state and federal agencies; and (4) Identify rules and regulations impeding the viability of small acreage agriculture. Gives responsibility to the directors of the state conservation commission and the department of agriculture for appointing participating members of the forum. Expires July 1, 2019. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

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**Carbon tax** H Environment Fitzgibbon 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.

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

[HB 1646](#)  
(SB 5509)

*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.

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**Agriculture and farming** H 2nd Reading Buys Neutral  
Concerning agriculture and farming.

[SHB 1692](#)

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

*Summary:*

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|  | <p><b>Capital gains excise tax</b></p> <p>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.</p>   | H Finance       | Jinkins      | Neutral |
| <p><a href="#">HB 1730</a><br/>(SB 5111)</p>   | <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Jinkins (Prime), Appleton, Fey, Frame, Pollet, Tarleton, Tharinger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>   |                 |              |         |
|  | <p><b>Perfluorinated chemicals</b></p> <p>Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.</p>  | H Environment   | McBride      | Neutral |
| <p><a href="#">HB 1744</a></p>                 | <p><i>Sponsors:</i> McBride (Prime), Fey, Goodman, Kilduff, Kirby, Macri, Ortiz-Self</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Prohibits a manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale, or distributing for use in this state food packaging to which perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl chemicals have been intentionally added in any amount.</p>  |                 |              |         |
|  | <p><b>Crimes by corporations</b></p> <p>Increasing monetary penalties for crimes committed by corporations.</p>  | S Law & Justice | Pellicciotti | Neutral |
| <p><a href="#">HB 1806</a></p>                 | <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Pellicciotti (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Chapman, Clibborn, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kilduff, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Orwall, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Addresses the penalties imposed for criminal offenses by corporations.</p>  |                 |              |         |
|  | <p><b>Basic education program</b></p> <p>Fulfilling the state's paramount duty for all children through equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions.</p>   | S Ways & Means  | Sullivan     | Neutral |
| <p><a href="#">ESHB 1843</a><br/>(SB 5623)</p> | <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Sullivan (Prime), Appleton, Chapman, Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pollet, Santos, Slatter, Springer, Tarleton, Tharinger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> HB 1843-S - DIGEST Addresses equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions to fulfill the state's paramount duty for all children. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Convene a technical working group to provide recommendations for revising school district accounting practices for the purpose of improving fiscal transparency by establishing methods for separate accounting of school district expenditures made to support the state's program of basic education and those made as locally determined enrichments with local or other funding sources; and (2) Convene a work group to determine whether the funded enrollment percent for special education programs of twelve and seven-tenths should be adjusted. Establishes an accountability monitoring and reporting system as part of a continuing effort to make meaningful and substantial progress toward meeting long-term performance goals in K-12 education.</p> |                 |              |         |
| <p><a href="#">HB 1926</a></p>                 | <p><b>Capital gains excise tax</b></p> <p>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.</p>   | H Finance       | Pollet       | Neutral |

*Sponsors:* Pollet (Prime), Santos

*Summary:* Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains. Allows a business and occupation tax deduction against a person's gross income of the business to the extent necessary to avoid taxing the same amounts under chapter 82.04 RCW and this act. Provides funding for the education legacy trust account.

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**Labor relations violations**

H Labor & Workpl

Ryu

Neutral

Disqualifying employers from tax credits and tax incentives when there have been certain violations of labor relations.

[HB 1941](#)  
(SB 5774)

*Sponsors:* Ryu (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Kloba, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Sawyer, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton

*Summary:* Prohibits a person from claiming a tax credit or benefit from a tax incentive if, within the previous five years from the date the person is claiming the tax credit or benefiting from the tax incentive, the national labor relations board or a court has issued a final order finding that the person engaged in certain unfair labor practices with regard to an employee supporting a union or engaging in lawful union activities.

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**Agritourism liability**

H Judiciary

Manweller

Neutral

Concerning limitations on liability for agritourism activities.

[HB 2020](#)

*Sponsors:* Manweller (Prime), Irwin

*Summary:* Requires an agritourism professional, in order to invoke the privilege of immunity, to post and maintain signs that contain a specific warning notice which must be placed at the entrance to the agritourism location and at the site of the agritourism activity.

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**Production-based comp. wages**

H Labor &  
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Blake

Neutral

Addressing the payment of production-based compensation wages for the employment and use of labor in agricultural activities and in the production, handling, and storage of farm products.

[HB 2049](#)  
(ESB 5720)

*Sponsors:* Blake (Prime), Buys, Condotta, Dye, Springer, Steele

*Summary:* Addresses production-based safe harbor compensation which is a wage rate paid to employees in connection with work related to the growing, production, handling, or storage of farm products or in performing agricultural activities based upon the employee's job performance as measured through the number of: (1) Units picked, packed, or manufactured; (2) Tasks performed; (3) Events completed; or (4) Other measurable recurring circumstances produced, completed, or performed.

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**Food flavor products tax**

H Finance

Lytton

Neutral

Removing the expiration date from the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food.

[HB 2089](#)  
(SB 5799)

*Sponsors:* Lytton (Prime), Nealey

*Summary:* Extends the July 1, 2017, expiration, of the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food, to January 1, 2028.

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[HB 2133](#)

**Rural food & forest products**

H Tech & Econ D

Walsh

Neutral

Encouraging the economic vitality of rural food and forest product businesses.

*Sponsors:* Walsh (Prime), Barkis, Blake, Buys, Griffey, Haler, Kraft, MacEwen, Muri, Stambaugh, Van Werven

*Summary:* Requires the department of agriculture to: (1) Establish a pilot program to create an omnibus permitting process for businesses that process or engage in other value-added activities that involve: (a) Raw products of agriculture, fisheries, and aquaculture, including shellfish aquaculture; (b) food, food products, or cottage food products; (c) forest products; and (d) specialized forest products, processed cedar products, or specialty wood; and (2) Coordinate with the office of regulatory assistance and state agencies and local governments responsible for issuing each permit included in the omnibus permit, including the department of ecology, the department of health, and the relevant county. Prohibits the department from charging an additional fee for the use of the omnibus permitting process. Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Undertake a comprehensive analysis of common value-added food and forest product manufacturing processes that generate wastes; (2) Consult with the department of natural resources and the department of agriculture in identifying common food and forest product production processes and their associated wastes; and (3) When making grants or loans for water pollution control facilities, consider whether the project will support the viability of local agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, or silviculture, and associated food or forest product processing. Requires the community economic revitalization board, when prioritizing each proposed public facilities project, to consider whether the project will support rural economic development by facilitating the long-term sustainability of local agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, and silviculture, and associated food and forest product processing activities.

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**Water banks/permanent avail.**

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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.

**SB 5002**

*Sponsors:* Honeyford (Prime)

*Summary:* 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.

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**Business corporation act**

H Judiciary Pedersen Neutral

Concerning the business corporation act.

**SB 5011**

*Sponsors:* Pedersen (Prime), Fain, Frockt, Kuderer, Padden

*Summary:* Revises the Washington business corporation act.

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**Schools/excess levies**

H Passed 3rd Wellman Neutral

Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Changing provisions relating to school district excess levies. )

**ESB 5023**  
**(SHB 1059)**

*Sponsors:* Wellman (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Mullet, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Saldaña

*Summary:* SB 5023 - DIGEST 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.

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**SB 5032**  
**(SHB 1116)**

**Family & med leave insurance**

S  
Com/Labor/Spor Keiser Neutral

Implementing family and medical leave insurance.

*Sponsors:* Keiser (Prime), Billig, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, McCoy, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Ranker, Rolfes

*Summary:* 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.

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**State land lease provisions**

H Ag & Nat Res

Brown

Neutral

Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.

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

[SSB 5051](#)

*Summary:* Requires a nondefault or early 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.

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**Capital gains excise tax**

S 2nd Reading

Braun

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.

*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.

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**Carbon pollution tax**

S 2nd Reading

Braun

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.

*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.

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**Paid family leave**

S  
Com/Labor/Spor

Fain

Neutral

Addressing paid family leave.

[SB 5149](#)

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

*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.

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| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5208</u></a><br><b>(HB 1422)</b>   | <b>Rural jobs</b><br>Creating the Washington rural jobs act.  | S Ways & Means    | Warnick | Neutral |
|   | <i>Sponsors:</i> Warnick (Prime), Brown, Dandel, Hawkins, Mullet, Saldaña, Schoesler, Takko, Wellman  |                   |         |         |
|   | <i>Summary:</i> Establishes the Washington rural jobs act. Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Accept applications for approval as a rural growth fund; (2) Once the fund is fully funded, issue a tax credit certificate to each investor whose affidavit was included in the application specifying the amount of the investor's credit-eligible capital contribution; and (3) Provide a copy of the certificates to the office of the insurance commissioner for investors earning tax credits eligible for use against insurance premium or retaliatory taxes and to the department of revenue for investors earning tax credits eligible for use against business and occupation taxes. Allows a tax credit, for persons that made a credit-eligible capital contribution to a rural growth fund and were issued a tax credit certificate, and allows the credit to be claimed against business and occupation taxes, insurance premium taxes, and retaliatory taxes. Creates the rural job creation account. Provides a July 1, 2023, contingent expiration date. |                   |         |         |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5230</u></a><br><b>(HB 1352)</b>    | <b>Small business owners</b><br>Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.  | H State Govt, Ele | Wilson  | Neutral |
|   | <i>Sponsors:</i> Wilson (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Baumgartner, Becker, Braun, Brown, Chase, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Keiser, King, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Padden, Palumbo, Sheldon, Takko, Walsh, Warnick  |                   |         |         |
|   | <i>Summary:</i> 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.   |                   |         |         |
| <a href="#"><u>ESSB 5263</u></a>                      | <b>Seeds, agency procurement of</b><br>Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.   | H Ag & Nat Res    | Warnick | Neutral |
|   | <i>Sponsors:</i> Warnick (Prime)  |                   |         |         |
|   | <i>Summary:</i> SB 5263-S - DIGEST Requires agencies, when purchasing seed through a contract that is over two thousand five hundred dollars in value, 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.   |                   |         |         |
| <a href="#"><u>2SSB 5285</u></a><br><b>(SHB 1404)</b> | <b>Workforce study/ag., etc.</b><br>Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.   | H Hi Ed           | Wilson  | Neutral |
|   | <i>Sponsors:</i> Wilson (Prime), Palumbo  |                   |         |         |

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| <a href="#"><b>SB 5298</b></a>                                     | <b>Levy auth/local eff assist</b><br>Lowering the levy authority and local effort assistance.   | S Ways & Means      | Ranker | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Ranker (Prime)   |                     |        |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> Lowers the levy authority and local effort assistance.  |                     |        |         |
| <a href="#"><b>SB 5318</b></a><br><a href="#"><b>(HB 1453)</b></a> | <b>Agriculture science ed.</b><br>Promoting agriculture science education in schools.   | S Ways & Means      | Hunt   | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Hunt (Prime), Bailey, Brown, Conway, Rolfes, Takko, Warnick  |                     |        |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> 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.  |                     |        |         |
| <a href="#"><b>SB 5385</b></a>                                     | <b>Carbon pollution tax</b><br>Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.   | S Energy, Enviro    | Hobbs  | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Hobbs (Prime), Hunt  |                     |        |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> 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. |                     |        |         |
| <a href="#"><b>SB 5421</b></a>                                     | <b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b><br>Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.   | S Energy, Enviro    | Chase  | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Salda?a   |                     |        |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> 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.   |                     |        |         |
| <a href="#"><b>SB 5423</b></a>                                     | <b>Workplace bullying</b><br>Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.   | S<br>Com/Labor/Spor | Chase  | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Salda?a  |                     |        |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> 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.

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| <b>Carbon tax</b> | S Energy, Enviro | Carlyle | 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:* Carlyle (Prime), Frockt, Hunt, Ranker, Saldaña

*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.

[SB 5509](#)  
(HB 1646)

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| <b>Tax exemptions</b> | S Ways & Means | Frockt | Neutral |
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Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

*Sponsors:* Frockt (Prime), Billig, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, McCoy, Miloscia, Rolfes, Saldaña, Wellman

*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.

[SB 5513](#)  
(HB 1500)

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| <b>Vehicle taxation</b> | S Transportation | Fortunato | Neutral |
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Concerning vehicle taxation.

*Sponsors:* Fortunato (Prime), Hawkins, King, O'Ban

*Summary:* Modifies provisions relating to vehicle taxation.

[SB 5564](#)

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| <b>Foreign national ownership</b> | S State Governme | Billig | Neutral |
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Concerning certification of the level of foreign national ownership for corporations that participate in Washington state elections.

*Sponsors:* Billig (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Miloscia, Rolfes, Zeiger

*Summary:* Requires each treasurer, candidate, and political committee to include the following in the report they file with the public disclosure commission: A certification from each corporation making a contribution to the candidate or political committee that, in compliance with the federal foreign agents

[SB 5570](#)

registration act, the corporation's ownership comprises less than fifty percent foreign nationals.

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| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5607</u></a>              | <b>Education</b><br>Concerning education.  | H Approps            | Braun    | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Braun (Prime), Angel, Becker, Brown, Fain, Honeyford, King, Miloscia, Rivers, Schoesler, Sheldon, Warnick, Wilson, Zeiger   |                      |          |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> Revises education provisions with regard to: The weighted per pupil funding model; local effort levy; local excess levy authority for calendar year 2020 and thereafter; providing a one-year delay in the levy lid reduction; compensation and salary; housing allowance; national board for professional teaching standards bonus; state-funded extended year contracts; health care benefits; measures of a school district's success; accountability through improved accounting transparency; providing flexibility to school districts; recognizing school districts meeting the performance targets; addressing school districts not meeting the performance targets; establishing the top teacher recognition grant program; conforming future collective bargaining agreements to this act; prohibiting teacher strikes; student absenteeism; paraeducators; technical amendments to align statutes with the per pupil funding distribution model and recognizing and rewarding school districts that meet the measures of success; education sector excellence assessment framework; and authority to remove teachers that are detrimental to student academic performance. Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people. |                      |          |         |
| <a href="#"><u>ESB 5720</u></a><br>(HB 2049) | <b>Production-based comp. wages</b><br>Addressing the payment of production-based compensation wages for the employment and use of labor in agricultural activities and in the production, handling, and storage of farm products.   | H Labor &<br>Workpla | Hawkins  | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Hawkins (Prime), Baumgartner, Brown, Hobbs, King, Schoesler, Sheldon, Takko   |                      |          |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> SB 5720 - DIGEST Addresses production-based safe harbor compensation which is a wage rate paid to employees in connection with work related to the growing, production, handling, or storage of farm products or in performing agricultural activities based upon the employee's job performance as measured through the number of: (1) Units picked, packed, or manufactured; (2) Tasks performed; (3) Events completed; or (4) Other measurable recurring circumstances produced, completed, or performed.   |                      |          |         |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5765</u></a>               | <b>Tax exemptions &amp; deductions</b><br>Repealing certain tax exemptions and deductions to help pay for the full funding of basic education.   | S Ways & Means       | Hasegawa | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Hasegawa (Prime)  |                      |          |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> Repeals certain tax exemptions and deductions for international banking facilities and professional employer organizations to help pay for the full funding of basic education.  |                      |          |         |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5775</u></a>               | <b>Tax preferences repeal</b><br>Repealing existing tax preferences.   | S Ways & Means       | Chase    | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Chase (Prime)   |                      |          |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i> Repeals the state's tax preferences.   |                      |          |         |
| <a href="#"><u>SB 5786</u></a><br>(HB 1916)  | <b>Fertilizer, etc./B&amp;O tax</b><br>Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for certain sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed.   | S Ways & Means       | Walsh    | Neutral |

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*Sponsors:* Walsh (Prime), Hobbs, Schoesler, Takko, Warnick

*Summary:* Provides a business and occupation tax exemption for wholesale sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed by an eligible distributor to an eligible retailer.

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| <b>Food flavor products tax</b> | S Ways & Means | Ranker | Neutral |
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Removing the expiration date from the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food.

[SB 5799](#)  
[\(HB 2089\)](#)

*Sponsors:* Ranker (Prime), Braun, Keiser

*Summary:* Extends the July 1, 2017, expiration, of the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food, to January 1, 2028.

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| <b>Agritourism</b> | H Judiciary | Warnick | Neutral |
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Concerning agritourism.

[ESSB 5808](#)

*Sponsors:* Warnick (Prime), Bailey, Becker, Brown, Chase, Short, Walsh

*Summary:* Requires an agritourism professional to post and maintain warning signs that contain a specific notice which must be placed at the entrance to an agritourism location and at the site of an agritourism activity. Provides immunity from liability for the injury, loss, damage, or death of a participant, engaging in an agritourism activity, resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of agritourism activities.

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| <b>Paid family leave</b> | S Ways & Means | Fain | Neutral |
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Addressing paid family leave.

[SB 5829](#)

*Sponsors:* Fain (Prime), Conway, Hunt, Keiser

*Summary:* Addresses the provision of paid family leave for the birth or placement of a child for adoption or foster care with an employee and for a qualifying exigency under the federal family and medical leave act.

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| <b>Equal pay act enforcement</b> | S Rules 2 | Fain | Neutral |
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Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.

[SB 5836](#)

*Sponsors:* Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Saldaña

*Summary:* Updates the existing state equal pay act to reflect the equal status of workers in the state and requires men and women in the same job to be compensated as equals.

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| <b>Railroad employee work hours</b> | S Transportation | Rivers | Neutral |
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Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.

[SB 5845](#)

*Sponsors:* Rivers (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Fortunato, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Palumbo, Pearson, Pedersen, Ranker, Rolfes, Saldaña, Takko, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, Zeiger

*Summary:* Regulates the hours of service for yardmasters.

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**Crew size on certain trains** S Transportation Walsh Neutral  
Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[SB 5846](#)  
(HB 1669)

*Sponsors:* Walsh (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Fortunato, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Palumbo, Pearson, Pedersen, Ranker, Rivers, Rolfes, Saldaña, Takko, Wellman, Wilson, Zeiger

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

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**Tax prefs citizen commission** S Ways & Means Carlyle Neutral  
Concerning the review process of the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.

[SB 5847](#)

*Sponsors:* Carlyle (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt

*Summary:* Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, when reviewing tax preferences, to include the following: (1) The overall effective tax rate for the industry groups benefiting from the tax preference; and (2) Using economic modeling techniques, evaluate potential economic impacts of the tax preference compared to the economic impact of government activities funded at the same level as the preference.

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**State tax preferences** S Ways & Means Carlyle Neutral  
Concerning the creation, extension, expansion, accountability, and transparency of state tax preferences.

[SB 5848](#)

*Sponsors:* Carlyle (Prime), Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt

*Summary:* Addresses state tax preferences with regard to: (1) Improving tax preference data collection; (2) Incorporating department of revenue-led work group recommendations for improving department of revenue annual surveys and reports; (3) Authorizing public disclosure of firm-specific tax savings from business tax incentives; (4) Updating and modernizing the department of revenue tax exemption report; and (5) Improving the information contained in fiscal notes for bills that contain tax preferences for economic development.

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## Low Priority Bills

No bills.

## Monitoring Bills

No bills.

## Other Bills

No bills.