

## **2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association March 31, 2017**

Today is the 82nd day of the 105-day regular session of the 2017 Washington State Legislature. This week we saw several important developments, including releases of the Democrat-controlled House 2017-19 biennium operating and transportation budget proposals and the Republican-controlled Senate 2017-19 capital budget proposal.

March 29 was notable as it marked the policy committee cutoff for bills from the opposite chamber. The fiscal committee deadline for those same bills will occur on April 4. Thereafter, the Legislature's work will focus on consideration of bills on the floor while the fiscal negotiators attempt to reach agreement and pass the budgets by the last day of regular session, April 23. Timely completion of the Legislature's work is not likely; we will almost certainly see one or more special sessions this year.

Below is a summary of legislative highlights in Washington State during this past week.

### **2017-19 Biennium House Operating Budget Proposal Released**

This week commenced with the March 27 release by the House of its \$44.9 billion 2017-19 biennium operating budget proposal ([SHB 1067](#)). The proposal follows last week's release of the Senate's \$43.0 billion 2017-19 biennium operating budget proposal. You can view a summary of the House budget proposal [here](#). Similar to the Senate's proposal, the House provides \$1.8 billion in K-12 funding over the next two years in order to comply with McCleary *decision* requirements to fully fund K-12 basic education by 2018 without reliance on local levy dollars. In its budget the House relies on \$3 billion in new revenue and rejects the Senate's proposal of using a levy-swap for property taxes to provide an estimated \$1.5 billion in revenue earmarked for K-12 education over the 2017-19 biennium. The levy swap amounts to a new state property tax levy in place of local school levies. The House brought its operating budget proposal to the floor to begin consideration of 63 proposed amendments on March 30. House members will complete their work considering the remainder of the proposed amendments, debating the proposal, and voting on it today, March 31.

### **New Revenue Sources Proposed by House Democrats**

#### *\$3 Billion in New Revenue Proposed*

The House 2017-19 operating budget proposal assumes \$3 billion in new revenue from capital gains and some business tax increases, as noted in this Associated Press [article](#). House Democrats have stated the revenue is necessary in order to maintain important safety net services currently provided by Washington State. The new revenue is proposed in [HB 2186](#), which is set for a public hearing on April 3 with an executive session scheduled for April 4. As noted in this *NW News Network* [article](#), Senate Ways & Means Chair John Braun (R-Chehalis) expressed disappointment in the new revenue proposals.

#### *Real Estate Excise Tax Changes*

Another revenue source being proposed by the House is a real estate excise tax (REET) change, estimated to bring in over \$419 million during the next biennium. As noted in this *Everett Herald* [article](#), the proposal would replace the current \$1.28 flat rate currently imposed on property sales with a four-tiered graduated rate.

## **Senate Releases 2017-19 Biennium Capital Budget Proposal**

On March 28 the Senate released its \$4.09 billion 2017-19 biennium capital budget proposal ([ESSB 5086](#)). You can view a summary of the proposal [here](#). The proposal is funded using \$2.531 billion in state bonds under new bond authorization (requiring passage of [SB 5090](#)) and \$1.456 billion from other funds. The proposal leaves \$41 million in bond capacity reserved for the 2018 supplemental capital budget. The proposal had a public hearing the same day it was released and was voted out of the Ways & Means Committee on March 29. It was brought to the Senate floor on March 30 and passed out of that chamber with a unanimous vote (49-0).

## **Budget Negotiations Between the Two Chambers**

### *Special Sessions Looming*

Odds are likely that it will take one or more 30-day special sessions for legislators to negotiate and adopt the 2017-19 biennium operating, transportation and capital budgets. House majority leaders indicated they will not bring new revenue bills identified in their 2017-19 operating budget proposal to the floor for a vote unless they become part of the final plan that is negotiated between the two chambers. The Senate is holding firm that negotiations cannot begin in earnest until the House passes the new revenue bills on which its spending plan relies, as explained in this *The Lens* [article](#).

## **Transportation**

### *House Releases 2017-19 Transportation Budget Proposal*

On March 27 the House released its \$8.6 billion 2017-19 biennium transportation budget proposal ([SHB 1147](#)). A summary of the proposal can be viewed [here](#). On the same day as its release, the proposal had a public hearing. On March 29 the package was voted out of the House Transportation Committee.

### *REAL ID Update*

The federal government has granted Washington State a temporary compliance extension in order for its driver's licenses to comply with the federal REAL ID Act, as reported in this Associated Press [article](#).

## **Higher Education**

With the release of each chamber's operating budget proposals, debate regarding higher education tuition has escalated as noted in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#). The Senate 2017-19 operating budget proposal includes an annual 2% tuition increase and expands the number of slots for students at the state's public four-year institutions. The House proposal prioritizes freezing undergraduate tuition for the biennium and providing financial aid to an additional 6,000 students.

## **Business & Labor**

### *Paid Family Medical Leave*

Two bills are part of paid family medical leave negotiations this session. [SHB 1116](#) provides up to 26 weeks of paid family leave by 2019. In contrast, [SB 5149](#) calls for eight weeks of leave in 2020 and 12

weeks of leave by 2023. Senate Ways & Means Chair John Braun (R-Chehalis) explained that one of the hurdles with the legislation is that an estimated \$80 million would be required as a start-up cost to implement this type of program, as noted in this *Washington State Wire* [blog](#).

### *Gender Pay Equity*

[ESHB 1796](#) requires reasonable accommodations for pregnant women in the workplace. It was voted out of Senate Ways & Means with this [amendment](#) by Senate Commerce & Labor on March 29.

### *Pregnancy Accommodations*

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## **Cyber**

### *Biometric Identifiers*

On March 28 Senate Law & Justice passed out of committee the biometric bill ([ESHB 1493](#)) that prohibits a person from enrolling a biometric identifier of an individual in a database to create identification of the individual without first providing clear and conspicuous notice and obtaining the individual's consent. ESHB 1493 now sits in the Rules Committee awaiting further action. The Senate State Government Committee on March 29 voted out [SHB 1717](#) regarding the collection, use and retention of biometric identifiers that would prohibit state agencies, except for law enforcement, to obtain a biometric identifier and sell it without consent.

## **Local Government**

### *Public Records*

On March 29 the Senate State Government Committee voted public record act legislation [ESHB 1594](#) out with this [amendment](#). It has a public hearing in Senate Ways & Means on March 31. That bill seeks to improve public records administration. Then, the committee voted out [EHB 1595](#) with this [amendment](#). This bill relates to the costs associated with responding to public records requests.

### *Hirst decision*

On March 29, the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee chose not to take action on [E2SSB 5239](#), which was passed (28-21) by the Senate on February 28. The intent of the bill is to address the *Hirst decision* that relates to adequate water supplies to support development, as explained in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#).

## **State Government**

The Department of Natural Resources announced on March 27 that it is requesting \$13 million in additional funding for wild fire training and equipment, as noted in this KOMO News [story](#). The request is currently not funded in either of the budget proposals.

## **Environment**

### *Carbon Emission Regulations*

This week Washington State Governor Jay Inslee (D) stated he would continue efforts to reduce carbon emissions in the state, as noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#).

## Mental Health

[ESHB 1377](#) is designed to address student mental health needs. It was voted out of the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee on March 28 and has been referred to Senate Ways & Means. It had a public hearing in that committee on March 30.

## Miscellaneous Odds-N-Ends

### *Public Disclosure Commission Head Resigns*

The Head of the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, Evelyn Fielding Lopez, announced she is leaving the position in May 2017, as reported in this Associated Press [article](#).

## Far West Agribusiness Association

### Upcoming Legislative Events

#### Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 4/3 @ 8:00am

- HB 2186 - Public Hearing - Concerning investing in Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's excise tax system by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, imposing a business and occupation tax surcharge while eliminating tax liability for small businesses, enacting an excise tax on capital gains, modifying the real estate excise tax, making administrative changes, and implementing marketplace fairness in Washington.

#### Capital Budget (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 4/4 @ 8:00am

- HB 2182 - Public Hearing - Relating to providing a tiered tax on the possession of hazardous substances to provide for the current program's immediate needs and a more stable source of revenue in the future.

#### Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 4/4 @ 8:00am

- HB 2186 - Exec Session - Concerning investing in Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's excise tax system by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, imposing a business and occupation tax surcharge while eliminating tax liability for small businesses, enacting an excise tax on capital gains, modifying the real estate excise tax, making administrative changes, and implementing marketplace fairness in Washington.

## High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#">SHB 1116</a> Family & med leave insurance	H Rules R	Robinson	Oppose

**(SB 5032)** Implementing family and medical leave insurance.

*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

*Summary:* 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. 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. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account. Requires the state treasurer to, on July 1, 2017, transfer forty-two million dollars from the state general fund to the family and medical leave insurance account. The transfer is a loan for start-up costs of the program.

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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>Capital gains excise tax</b>	H Finance	Jinkins	Oppose
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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.

[HB 1730](#)  
(SB 5111)

*Sponsors:* Jinkins (Prime), Appleton, Fey, Frame, Pollet, Tarleton, Tharinger

*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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<b>Crimes by corporations</b>	S Law & Justice	Pellicciotti	Oppose
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Increasing monetary penalties for crimes committed by corporations.

[HB 1806](#)

*Sponsors:* 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

*Summary:* Addresses the penalties imposed for criminal offenses by corporations.

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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>Capital gains excise tax</b>	H Finance	Pollet	Oppose
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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.

[HB 1926](#)

*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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<b>Capital gains excise tax</b>	S 2nd Reading	Braun	Oppose
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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.

[SB 5111](#)  
(HB 1730)

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

*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.

<p><b>SB 5501</b> <b>(HB 1663)</b></p>	<p><b>Hazard. substance possession</b></p> <p>Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Chase, Frockt, Hunt, Liias, Rolfes</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax.</p>	<p>S Energy, Enviro</p>	<p>Carlyle</p>	<p>Concerns</p>
<p><b>SB 5786</b> <b>(HB 1916)</b></p>	<p><b>Fertilizer, etc./B&amp;O tax</b></p> <p>Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for certain sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Walsh (Prime), Hobbs, Schoesler, Takko, Warnick</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Walsh</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p><b>SB 5822</b></p>	<p><b>Workers' compensation system</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><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</p> <p><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.</p>	<p>S 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Baumgartner</p>	<p>Support</p>
<p><b>SB 5846</b> <b>(HB 1669)</b></p>	<p><b>Crew size on certain trains</b></p> <p>Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> 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, Salda?a, Takko, Wellman, Wilson, Zeiger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.</p>	<p>S Transportation</p>	<p>Walsh</p>	<p>Oppose</p>

**Medium Priority Bills**

<b><u>Bill Details</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
<p><b>Ecology rules/peer review</b> Establishing a peer review process to ensure robust economic analysis of department of ecology administrative rules.</p> <p><b><u>HB 1014</u></b></p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Shea (Prime), Buys, Haler, Holy, McCaslin, Pike, Short, Taylor, Young</p> <p><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.</p>	H Environment	Shea	Neutral
<p><b>School levy lid revs./delay</b> Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.</p> <p><b><u>SHB 1059</u></b> <b>(ESB 5023)</b></p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Lytton (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Cody, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Ormsby, Pollet, Senn, Sullivan, Tarleton</p> <p><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.</p>	S Ways & Means	Lytton	Neutral
<p><b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b> Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fitzgibbon (Prime), Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Ryu, Stanford, Tarleton</p> <p><b><u>2SHB 1144</u></b></p> <p><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. Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Report, by individual institution, the total emissions of greenhouse gases from state universities, regional universities, and the state college; (2) Identify the annual costs incurred by each institution to meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; and (3) In coordination with the department of natural resources, calculate and include in its reporting the total emissions of greenhouse gases from wildfires in the state. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.</p>	H Rules C	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
<p><b>State estate tax, repealing</b> Repealing the state estate tax.</p> <p><b><u>HB 1206</u></b></p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Young (Prime), McCaslin, Muri, Shea, Taylor, Walsh</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Repeals the state estate tax.</p>	H Finance	Young	Neutral
<p><b>Job applicants/arrests, etc.</b> Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.</p> <p><b><u>SHB 1298</u></b></p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ortiz-Self (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Farrell, Frame, Gregerson, Haler, Jinkins, Kagi,</p>	S Com/Labor/Sport	Ortiz-Self	Neutral

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. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

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**Employee antiretaliation**

H Approps

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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.

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**Wage violations, damages for**

H Rules R

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.

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**Small business owners**

S 2nd Reading

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.

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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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<b>Agriculture science ed.</b>	H Education	Blake	Neutral
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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.

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<b>Tax exemptions</b>	H Finance	Pollet	Neutral
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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, 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.

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<b>Carbon pollution tax</b>	H Finance	Lytton	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.

[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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<b>WA food policy forum</b>	S Ways & Means	Gregerson	Neutral
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Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

[E2SHB 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:* 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.

[HB 1646](#)  
(SB 5509)

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<b>Carbon tax</b>	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.

[SHB 1692](#)

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<b>Agriculture and farming</b>	H Rules C	Buys	Neutral
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Concerning agriculture and farming.

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

*Summary:* Addresses marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products with regard to agricultural activities and forest practices; farm products; business and occupation taxes; unemployment compensation; and overtime laws found in chapter 49.46 RCW (the minimum wage act).

[HB 1744](#)

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<b>Perfluorinated chemicals</b>	H Environment	McBride	Neutral
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Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.

*Sponsors:* McBride (Prime), Fey, Goodman, Kilduff, Kirby, Macri, Ortiz-Self

*Summary:* 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.

[ESHB 1843](#)  
(SB 5623)

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<b>Basic education program</b>	S Ways & Means	Sullivan	Neutral
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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.

*Sponsors:* Sullivan (Prime), Appleton, Chapman, Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pollet, Santos, Slatter, Springer, Tarleton, Tharinger

*Summary:* 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.

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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 &  
Workpla

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



possession of hazardous substances to provide for the current program's immediate needs and a more stable source of revenue in the future.

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**Basic education program**

H Approps

Lytton

Neutral

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.

[HB 2185](#)

*Sponsors:* Lytton (Prime), Jinkins, Macri

*Summary:* Addresses the state's basic education program with regard to: (1) Salary allocations; (2) Local maintenance and operation levies--local effort assistance; (3) Enhancement of the program of basic education; and (4) Reporting, accounting, and transparency.

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**Taxes**

H Finance

Lytton

Neutral

Concerning investing in Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's excise tax system by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, imposing a business and occupation tax surcharge while eliminating tax liability for small businesses, enacting an excise tax on capital gains, modifying the real estate excise tax, making administrative changes, and implementing marketplace fairness in Washington.

*Sponsors:* Lytton (Prime), Jinkins, Macri

[HB 2186](#)

*Summary:* Addresses the state's tax system with regard to: (1) Capital gains taxes; (2) Business and occupation tax rate change and deduction; (3) Eliminating the sales and use tax exemption for bottled water; (4) Repealing the preferential business and occupation tax rate for warehousing and reselling prescription drugs; (5) Narrowing a use tax exemption for self-produced fuel; (6) Eliminating the preferential business and occupation tax rate for international investment management services; (7) Nonresident sales tax exemption remittances; (8) Graduated real estate excise tax rates; (9) Real estate excise tax on foreclosures; (10) Requiring local governments that issue building permits to supply subcontractor information to the department of revenue; (11) Remote sellers, referrers, and marketplace facilitators; (12) The expansion of an individual's liability for an entity's unpaid tax obligations; (13) Reducing interest on tax refunds; and (14) Transfers to the education legacy trust account.

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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 Rules R

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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[ESB 5023](#)  
[\(SHB 1059\)](#)

**Schools/excess levies**

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Wellman

Neutral

Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Changing

provisions relating to school district excess levies. )

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

*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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**Family & med leave insurance**

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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

[SB 5032](#)  
(SHB 1116)

*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 Rules R

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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**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**

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Com/Labor/Spor

Fain

Neutral

Addressing paid family leave.

*Sponsors:* Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, 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.

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<a href="#"><b>SSB 5208</b></a> <b>(SHB 1422)</b>	<b>Rural jobs</b> 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="#"><b>SB 5230</b></a> <b>(HB 1352)</b>	<b>Small business owners</b> Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.	H Rules R	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="#"><b>ESSB 5263</b></a>	<b>Seeds, agency procurement of</b> Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.	H Rules R	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="#"><b>2SSB 5285</b></a> <b>(SHB 1404)</b>	<b>Workforce study/ag., etc.</b> 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 Approps	Wilson	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Wilson (Prime), Palumbo			

*Summary:* Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, outdoor recreation, 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. Expires June 30, 2019.

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<b>Levy auth/local eff assist</b>	S Ways & Means	Ranker	Neutral
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Lowering the levy authority and local effort assistance.

[SB 5298](#)

*Sponsors:* Ranker (Prime)

*Summary:* Lowers the levy authority and local effort assistance.

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<b>Agriculture science ed.</b>	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Neutral
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Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

[SB 5318](#)  
(HB 1453)

*Sponsors:* Hunt (Prime), Bailey, Brown, Conway, Rolfes, Takko, Warnick

*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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<b>Carbon pollution tax</b>	S Energy, Enviro	Hobbs	Neutral
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Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.

[SB 5385](#)

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime), Hunt

*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.

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<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b>	S Energy, Enviro	Chase	Neutral
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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.

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<b>Workplace bullying</b>	S Com/Labor/Spor	Chase	Neutral
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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.

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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, Salda?a

*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, Salda?a, 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.

[SB 5570](#)

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

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<b>Education</b>	H Approps	Braun	Neutral
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Concerning education.

*Sponsors:* Braun (Prime), Angel, Becker, Brown, Fain, Honeyford, King, Miloscia, Rivers, Schoesler, Sheldon, Warnick, Wilson, Zeiger

[SSB 5607](#)

*Summary:* 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.

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<b>Production-based comp. wages</b>	H Labor & Workpla	Hawkins	Neutral
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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.

[ESB 5720](#)  
(HB 2049)

*Sponsors:* Hawkins (Prime), Baumgartner, Brown, Hobbs, King, Schoesler, Sheldon, Takko

*Summary:* 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.

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<b>Tax exemptions &amp; deductions</b>	S Ways & Means	Hasegawa	Neutral
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Repealing certain tax exemptions and deductions to help pay for the full funding of basic education.

[SB 5765](#)

*Sponsors:* Hasegawa (Prime)

*Summary:* Repeals certain tax exemptions and deductions for international banking facilities and professional employer organizations to help pay for the full funding of basic education.

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<b>Tax preferences repeal</b>	S Ways & Means	Chase	Neutral
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Repealing existing tax preferences.

[SB 5775](#)

*Sponsors:* Chase (Prime)

*Summary:* Repeals the state's tax preferences.

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<p><b>SB 5799</b> <b>(HB 2089)</b></p>	<p><b>Food flavor products tax</b> Removing the expiration date from the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ranker (Prime), Braun, Keiser</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Ranker</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>				
<p><b>ESSB 5808</b></p>	<p><b>Agritourism</b> Concerning agritourism.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Warnick (Prime), Bailey, Becker, Brown, Chase, Short, Walsh</p>	<p>H Rules R</p>	<p>Warnick</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>				
<p><b>SB 5829</b></p>	<p><b>Paid family leave</b> Addressing paid family leave.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fain (Prime), Conway, Hunt, Keiser</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Fain</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>				
<p><b>SB 5836</b></p>	<p><b>Equal pay act enforcement</b> Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Saldaña</p>	<p>S Rules 2</p>	<p>Fain</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>				
<p><b>SB 5845</b></p>	<p><b>Railroad employee work hours</b> Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> 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</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Regulates the hours of service for yardmasters.</p>	<p>S Transportation</p>	<p>Rivers</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><b>SB 5847</b></p>	<p><b>Tax prefs citizen commission</b> Concerning the review process of the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, when reviewing tax preferences,</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Carlyle</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

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.

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

**[SB 5848](#)**

*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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**B&O manufacturing tax rate**

S Ways & Means

Baumgartner

Neutral

Lowering the ceiling of the business and occupation manufacturing tax rate to 0.2904 percent.

**[SB 5888](#)**

*Sponsors:* Baumgartner (Prime), Hobbs, Padden, Sheldon, Takko

*Summary:* Lowers the manufacturing rate for those manufacturing industries still taxed at the highest rate to create greater equity in taxation of manufacturers and reduce the tax burden on manufacturers.

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**Low Priority Bills**

No bills.

**Monitoring Bills**

No bills.

**Other Bills**

No bills.