

2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association April 7, 2017

This past week marked the end of regularly scheduled committee activity and a return to daily floor action. April 4 was the deadline for bills to pass out of fiscal committees in the opposite chamber of origin in order to stay alive. The next deadline, floor cutoff, will occur on April 12. This is the last day to pass opposite house bills (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session). It continues to look likely at least one if not more special sessions will be required for the 2017 Legislature to complete its work.

Keep in mind that "dead" bills can be brought back to life through either extraordinary procedural maneuvers or creative amendments on other bills moving through the process. During any session activity through 2018 (including special sessions), all previously introduced bills are alive once again.

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

House 2017-19 Biennium Capital Budget Proposal Released

On April 5 the Democrat controlled House released its \$4.15 billion 2017-19 biennium capital budget proposal ([HB 1075](#)). This follows the Senate's release last week of its \$4.09 billion 2017-19 biennium capital budget proposal. The House proposal had a public hearing on April 6 in the House Capital Budget Committee. It uses \$2.468 billion in the 2017-19 fiscal biennium (requiring passage of new bond authorization [HB 1080](#)). It also relies upon \$16.8 million from existing bond authority and has a total of \$1.68 billion appropriated from other funding. The proposal leaves an estimated \$103.5 million in bond capacity for the 2018 supplemental capital budget.

New Revenue Regarding 2017-19 Biennium Budget Negotiations

For the 2017-19 biennium, the Republican controlled Senate has offered a \$43.3 billion operating budget proposal. The Democrat controlled House has proposed a \$44.9 billion operating budget. A significant difference between the two operating budget proposals is new revenue. The Republican proposal relies on \$1.5 billion in a mixture of new and existing funds derived from a proposed property tax levy swap. The Democrat proposal relies on a \$3 billion new revenue package proposal that includes a capital gains tax, a graduated real estate excise tax (REET), and a revision of the existing business and occupation (B&O) tax. This week began with an April 3 public hearing in House Finance on the House's proposed revenue package, [SHB 2186](#). The next day, with a 6-5 vote, the package was passed out of the House Finance Committee with two Republican-proposed [amendments](#) that could end the proposed B&O tax increase and part of the REET changes in 2033. As noted in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#), Democrats do not plan to bring the revenue package to the House floor for a vote unless it becomes part of the final negotiated 2017-19 operating budget. Senate Republicans maintain their position that budget negotiations cannot begin in earnest until the House passes its funding proposal.

Business & Labor

Workers Comp Settlements

[SHB 1755](#) requires the Department of Labor & Industries to provide notice of any third party recovery compromise or settlement negotiations to State Fund employers. Having passed the House (97-0, 1 excused), the legislation unanimously passed the Senate (49-0) on April 4.

Manufacturing Tax Preference

On April 3 the Senate Ways & Means Committee passed legislation ([SSB 5642](#)) to attract manufacturing companies to Washington State. The bill also rewards those already in the state that remain, as explained in this [blog](#) by *The Lens*. It is now waiting to be called to the Senate floor for a vote.

Cyber: Internet Privacy

On April 5, [HB 2200](#) and [SB 5919](#) were introduced to protect internet browsing privacy following recent Congressional actions suspending FCC rules to protect internet privacy. As noted in this *San Juan Islander* [article](#), SB 5919 is the "Washington Internet Privacy Act" and it now has 35 Senate sponsors. The bill requires consumers to provide consent in order for internet providers to collect identifiable, personal information. This *Crosscut* [article](#) discusses HB 2200, now with 74 sponsors. The bill has a public hearing scheduled for April 12 in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development.

Environment

Oil Transport

As noted in this Associated Press article, [2SHB 1611](#) regarding oil transport in Washington State is waiting to be called to the House floor for a vote. The legislation's intent is to improve the safety of oil moved by water transport and help provide funding for the state's oil spill response program. On April 4 the Senate passed (46-3) [ESHB 1136](#) exempting short-line railroads that haul nonfuel oils from oil spill contingency planning requirements.

Energy Efficiency Executive Orders Challenged

Ten states, including Washington State, have filed or have plans to file petitions to review Trump Administration delays regarding implementing energy efficiency standards, as explained in this *Seattle-PI* [article](#).

Transportation

House Republicans Propose Amendments to 2017-19 Biennium Transportation Budget

In response to recent car tab fee increases due to Sound Transit expansion funding, on April 5 Republican legislators in the House introduced six amendments to the budget as reported by KIRO News in this [news story](#). However, as noted in this *The Olympian* [article](#), Democrats blocked the amendments from a vote on the House floor. House Transportation Chair Judy Clibborn (D-Seattle) has indicated she is looking into proposing a plan to change the fee formula Sound Transit currently uses to calculate car tab fees. Several existing exemptions to the car tab fee increase approved by voters to fund a Sound Transit expansion were explained in this *Everett Herald* [article](#).

REAL ID Act Update

Washington State legislators are proposing a two-tiered licensing system through [ESB 5008](#) in order to comply with the federal REAL ID Act by 2018, as noted in this Northwest Public Radio [news story](#). The

American Civil Liberties Union has expressed concern to legislators that the proposed lower licensing tier, which does not require proof of citizenship, could make holders more vulnerable to discrimination. The House Transportation Committee passed the bill on April 4 with this [striker amendment](#).

Law & Justice

Police Use of Deadly Force

With legislation reforming police use of deadly force stalling this session, supporters have announced their intent to introduce the changes as a ballot initiative for fall 2018, as noted in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#).

Health Care

Washington State Health Exchange Update

Washington State legislators are considering changes to improve the state's existing Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Exchange insurance coverage, as reported in this *Yakima Herald Republic* [article](#). Making private health insurance plans more affordable and improving Medicaid reimbursement rates are both desired outcomes by proponents of changes to the existing ACA system in Washington State.

Federal \$1.5 Billion ACA Waiver Debated

As noted in this *The Olympian* [article](#), Washington State leaders from each chamber are at odds regarding a federal waiver secured last fall for new Medicaid health care programs. Senate Republican leaders are weary that agreeing to accept the \$1.5 billion award (that would be paid out over the span of five years) may require the state to continue funding of the programs even after the federal funding has expired. Democrat leaders in the House support accepting the funding that would provide revenue for implementing programs to include housing and employment assistance for those on Medicaid. The waiver would also fund long-term care, combat opioid addiction and merge physical and behavioral health treatment in the state.

Mental Health

[E2SHB 1819](#) removes paperwork requirements in order to improve children's mental health services. It unanimously passed the Senate on April 5 with a vote of 48-0 (1 excused). Similar legislation in the Senate ([2SSB 5749](#)) passed out of the House Appropriations Committee on April 4 and is waiting to be called to the House floor for a vote.

Marijuana

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee (D), along with three other governors, recently requested a meeting with federal officials regarding legalized recreational marijuana as covered in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#). Inslee requested a similar meeting with federal officials in February, but to date has received no response.

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Upcoming Legislative Events

Capital Budget (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 4/7 @ 9:00am

- HB 2182 - Exec Session - 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.

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
Family & med leave insurance Implementing family and medical leave insurance. <i>Sponsors:</i> Robinson (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kirby, Kloba, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Santos, Sells, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton, Tharinger, Wylie <i>Summary:</i> 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.	H Rules R	Robinson	Oppose
Product labeling tax incent. Providing a tax incentive for the labeling of products. <i>Sponsors:</i> Taylor (Prime), Buys, Condotta, Haler, Kretz, Shea, Short	H Ag & Nat Res	Taylor	Oppose
Pesticide exposure Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications. <i>Sponsors:</i> Ortiz-Self (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sells, Stonier	H HC/Wellness	Ortiz-Self	Oppose

[SHB 1116](#)
(SB 5032)

[HB 1245](#)

[HB 1564](#)

Hazard. substance possession H Rules R Peterson Concerns
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.

Crew size on certain trains H Rules R Farrell Oppose
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.

Capital gains excise tax H Finance Jinkins Oppose
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.

Crimes by corporations S Law & Justice Pellicciotti Oppose
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.

Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax H Finance Schmick Support
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.

Capital gains excise tax H Finance Pollet Oppose
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.

Capital gains excise tax

S 2nd Reading

Braun

Oppose

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.

Hazard. substance possession

S Energy,
Enviro

Carlyle

Concerns

Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[SB 5501](#)
(HB 1663)

Sponsors: Carlyle (Prime), Chase, Frockt, Hunt, Liias, Rolfes

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

Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax

S Rules 2

Walsh

Support

Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for certain sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed.

[SB 5786](#)
(HB 1916)

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.

Workers' compensation system

S 2nd Reading

Baumgartner

Support

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.

[SB 5822](#)

Sponsors: 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

Summary: 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.

Crew size on certain trains	S Transportation	Walsh	Oppose
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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.

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
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Ecology rules/peer review	H Environment	Shea	Neutral
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Establishing a peer review process to ensure robust economic analysis of department of ecology administrative rules.

[HB 1014](#)

Sponsors: Shea (Prime), Buys, Haler, Holy, McCaslin, Pike, Short, Taylor, Young

Summary: Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Before making available a preliminary cost-benefit analysis or finalizing a small business economic impact statement, solicit peer review of the draft economic analyses by qualified professionals; and (2) Incorporate both the optimistic and pessimistic economic impact scenarios into the final cost-benefit analysis. Prohibits the department of ecology from adopting a rule whose probable benefits are less than its probable costs.

School levy lid revs./delay	S Ways & Means	Lytton	Neutral
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Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.

[SHB 1059](#)
(ESB 5023)

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Cody, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Ormsby, Pollet, Senn, Sullivan, Tarleton

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.

Greenhouse gas emissions	H Rules C	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

Summary: 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.

State estate tax, repealing H Finance Young Neutral
Repealing the state estate tax.

[HB 1206](#)

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

Summary: Repeals the state estate tax.

Job applicants/arrests, etc. S
Com/Labor/Sport Ortiz-Self Neutral
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

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.

Employee antiretaliation H Approps Ryu Neutral
Concerning the employee antiretaliation act.

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

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

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

Wage violations, damages for H 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.

Small business owners S 2nd Reading Barkis Neutral
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.

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.

Agriculture science ed.

H Education

Blake

Neutral

Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

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

[HB 1453](#)
(SB 5318)

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

Tax exemptions

H Finance

Pollet

Neutral

Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

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

[HB 1500](#)
(SB 5513)

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

Carbon pollution tax

H Finance

Lytton

Neutral

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

[HB 1555](#)
(SB 5127)

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Doglio

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

WA food policy forum

S Rules 2

Gregerson

Neutral

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.

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, Jinkins, Macri, McBride, Pollet

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

HB 1646
(SB 5509)

Agriculture and farming

H Rules C

Buys

Neutral

Concerning agriculture and farming.

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

SHB 1692

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

Perfluorinated chemicals

H Environment

McBride

Neutral

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.

Basic education program

S Ways & Means

Sullivan

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.

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

[ESHB 1843](#)
(SB 5623)

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.

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.

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

[HB 1941](#)
(SB 5774)

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.

Agritourism liability

H Judiciary

Manweller

Neutral

Concerning limitations on liability for agritourism activities.

Sponsors: Manweller (Prime), Irwin

[HB 2020](#)

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.

[HB 2049](#)
(ESB 5720)

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.

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.

Food flavor products tax	H Finance	Lytton	Neutral
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Removing the expiration date from the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food.

[HB 2089](#)
(SSB 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.

Rural food & forest products	H Tech & Econ D	Walsh	Neutral
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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.

[HB 2133](#)

Water pollution permitting	H Environment	Buys	Neutral
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Concerning equitable treatment in water pollution control permitting.

[HB 2140](#)

Sponsors: Buys (Prime), Chandler, Dent, Koster, Manweller, Shea, Taylor, Wilcox

Summary: Addresses equitable treatment for penalties in pollutant discharge elimination permits that govern: (1) Operations of state and local government agencies; and (2) Agricultural and farm activities.

[HB 2141](#)

Water discharge permits	H Environment	Buys	Neutral
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Requiring water discharge permits issued to sewerage systems to establish environmental protections

that are at least as stringent as environmental protections required during agricultural activities.

Sponsors: Buys (Prime), Chandler, Dent, Koster, Manweller, Schmick, Shea, Taylor, Van Werven

Summary: Requires waste discharge permits issued by the department of ecology to have environmental protections and waste discharge standards that are at least as stringent as those required by the most recent concentrated animal feeding operations pollution discharge elimination permit.

Hazardous substance tax T.O.

H Cap Budget

Peterson

Neutral

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.

[**HB 2182**](#)

Sponsors: Peterson (Prime)

Summary: Introduced by title and introductory section only, 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.

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.

Taxes

H Rules R

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.

Water banks/permanent avail.

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Ag/Water/Trade&

Honeyford

Neutral

[**SB 5002**](#)

Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.

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.

Business corporation act	H Passed 3rd	Pedersen	Neutral
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Concerning the business corporation act.

[SB 5011](#)

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

Summary: Revises the Washington business corporation act.

Schools/excess levies	C 6 L 17	Wellman	Neutral
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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, 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.

Family & med leave insurance	S Com/Labor/Spor	Keiser	Neutral
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Implementing family and medical leave insurance.

[SB 5032](#)
(SHB 1116)

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.

State land lease provisions	H 2nd Reading	Brown	Neutral
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Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.

[SSB 5051](#)

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

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.

Carbon pollution tax	S 2nd Reading	Braun	Neutral
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[SB 5127](#)
(HB 1555)

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

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

Paid family leave

S
Com/Labor/Spor

Fain

Neutral

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.

Rural jobs

S Ways & Means

Warnick

Neutral

Creating the Washington rural jobs act.

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

Summary: 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.

[SSB 5208](#)
(SHB 1422)

Small business owners

H Rules R

Wilson

Neutral

Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

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

[SB 5230](#)
(HB 1352)

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

[ESSB 5263](#)

Seeds, agency procurement of

H Rules R

Warnick

Neutral

Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime)

Summary: 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.

Workforce study/ag., etc.

H Rules R

Wilson

Neutral

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.

[2SSB 5285](#)
(SHB 1404)

Sponsors: 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.

Levy auth/local eff assist

S Ways & Means

Ranker

Neutral

Lowering the levy authority and local effort assistance.

[SB 5298](#)

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime)

Summary: Lowers the levy authority and local effort assistance.

Agriculture science ed.

S Ways & Means

Hunt

Neutral

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.

Carbon pollution tax

S Energy, Enviro

Hobbs

Neutral

Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime), Hunt

[SB 5385](#)

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

pollution revenues account to be expended to assist certain school district programs.

Greenhouse gas emissions	S Energy, Enviro	Chase	Neutral
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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.

Workplace bullying	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.

Carbon tax	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)

Tax exemptions	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

[SB 5513](#)
(HB 1500)

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.

Vehicle taxation	S Transportation	Fortunato	Neutral
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Concerning vehicle taxation.

[SB 5564](#)

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

Summary: Modifies provisions relating to vehicle taxation.

Foreign national ownership	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.

Education	H Approps	Braun	Neutral
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Concerning education.

[SSB 5607](#)

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

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.

Production-based comp. wages	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.

<p>SB 5765</p>	<p>Tax exemptions & deductions Repealing certain tax exemptions and deductions to help pay for the full funding of basic education.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Hasegawa (Prime)</p> <p><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.</p>	<p>S Ways & Means</p>	<p>Hasegawa</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SB 5775</p>	<p>Tax preferences repeal Repealing existing tax preferences.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Chase (Prime)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Repeals the state's tax preferences.</p>	<p>S Ways & Means</p>	<p>Chase</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SSB 5799 (HB 2089)</p>	<p>Food flavor products tax Extending the expiration date of 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><i>Summary:</i> Changes the July 1, 2017, expiration date to January 1, 2028, on the sales and use tax exemptions for products sold to restaurants that impart flavor to food during the cooking process.</p>	<p>S Rules 2</p>	<p>Ranker</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>ESSB 5808</p>	<p>Agritourism Concerning agritourism.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Warnick (Prime), Bailey, Becker, Brown, Chase, Short, Walsh</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>H 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Warnick</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SB 5829</p>	<p>Paid family leave Addressing paid family leave.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fain (Prime), Conway, Hunt, Keiser</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>S Ways & Means</p>	<p>Fain</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SB 5836</p>	<p>Equal pay act enforcement Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Saldaña</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>S Rules 2</p>	<p>Fain</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

Railroad employee work hours S Transportation Rivers Neutral
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.

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.

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.

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.

Low Priority Bills

No bills.

Monitoring Bills

No bills.

Other Bills

No bills.