

2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association April 14, 2017

The Washington State Legislature will adjourn sine die by April 23. Immediately following the end of the regular session, it is expected that Governor Inslee will call the first of what could be multiple 30-day special legislative sessions. The legislative work will then continue for budget negotiations that could extend well into June.

As we near the end of the 105-day regular session, April 12 marked the floor cutoff date for each chamber to consider (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 is important to keep in mind that during this last week of the regular session "dead" bills can be brought back to life through either extraordinary procedural maneuvers or creative amendments on other bills moving through the process. And during any subsequent legislative session (regular or special) during the 2-year cycle, all previously introduced bills will activate and be subject to action once again.

Budget negotiations

As noted above, time is running out for lawmakers to negotiate and enact a 2017-19 biennium operating budget during the regular session. The education funding plans included in the operating budget proposal from each chamber have significant differences that will take additional time to negotiate, as noted in this Northwest News Network [story](#). The Senate's \$43.3 billion spending proposal ([ESB 5048](#)) increases K-12 basic education funding by \$871 million over the next biennium. The House's \$44.9 billion proposal (HB 1057 in the form of a [striking amendment to SB 5048](#)) increases education spending by \$2.2 billion over the same timeframe.

Two Very Different Approaches to Revenue

Each of the two chambers' 2017-19 operating budget plans proposes very different revenue sources. The House plan relies on passage of a \$2.8 billion omnibus revenue package ([SHB 2186](#)). This proposal includes a 20% increase on business and occupation taxes for service, retail, wholesale and manufacturing; an increase to the real estate excise tax; a 7% capital gains income tax; a requirement that internet sellers collect and remit sales or use tax, or comply with notice and reporting requirements; implementation of a sales tax on bottled water; and repeal of the non-resident sales tax exemption. The Senate proposal includes approximately \$1.5 billion raised through implementation of statewide levy reform by replacing local levies with a new flat tax assessment (\$1.55 per \$1,000 value) as a state portion of the property tax.

Carbon Tax

Crosscut produced this [article](#) taking a closer look at a possible carbon emissions tax as a revenue source for Washington State. This revenue source, which has been discussed in different variations for three

concurrent sessions, was included as [HB 1555/SB 5127](#) in the governor's 2017-19 biennium operating budget proposal released in December 2016. It would provide an estimated \$2 billion annually. Other carbon tax proposals introduced this session include [HB 1646/SB 5509](#) as well as [SB 5385](#). At this point in the session, it seems unlikely a revenue source tied to carbon emissions will prevail.

Martial Arts Excise Taxation

On April 10 the Senate unanimously passed (47-0, 2 excused) [SB 5205](#) to implement a martial arts excise tax. The bill would reclassify martial arts so that it changes the business and occupation tax rate for martial arts from 0.471% to 1.5%.

Hazardous Substance Tax

[SHB 2182](#) relating to the Hazardous Substance Tax (HST) passed the House with a vote of 50-47 on April 12. Among other things, the legislation establishes a tiered rate for the HST based on associated revenue levels during fiscal years 2018 to 2025. The intent of the legislation is to provide sufficient funding for the State Toxics Control Account and Local Toxics Control Account under the Model Toxics Control Act. It will now head to the Senate for consideration.

Capital Budget Update

On April 12 the House passed its \$3.99 billion 2017-19 biennium capital budget ([ESSB 5086](#)) with a strong bipartisan vote of 96-2. A summary sheet of the projects funded in the adopted 2017-19 biennium capital budget can be viewed [here](#). There is still significant work remaining for the 2017-19 biennium capital budget negotiations between the two chambers. Most likely, this work will go into special session.

Transportation

2017-19 Biennium Transportation Budget Update

After consideration of 30 amendments, the \$8.4 billion 2017-19 biennium transportation budget ([ESB 5096](#)) was approved by the House by a vote of 77-19 on April 12. Most of the amendments considered on the floor related to car tab fee increases under the voter-approved Sound Transit 3 expansion. Documents related to the enacted 2017-19 biennium transportation budget can be viewed [here](#). Now, the work begins for the two chambers to come to an agreement on the 2017-19 biennium transportation budget. This budget may be wrapped up by the end of regular session scheduled for April 23.

REAL ID Act Update

Legislators are close to resolving an issue that has been in the news all session. On April 11 the House passed [ESB 5008](#) with a vote of 69-28 (1 excused). The legislation will make changes to Washington State drivers' licenses to comply with the federal REAL ID Act in order to be valid for air travel. The REAL ID Act goes into effect in 2018. ESB 5008 went to the Senate on April 13 for concurrence with a committee striker amendment, but it was refused and is headed back to the House with a request from the Senate to recede from the amendment.

Health Care

Access to Contraceptives

[SHB 1234](#) allowing for 12-months of birth control to be dispensed at once passed the Senate with a vote of 48-1. It will now head to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

Hospital Safety

A recent report by the nonprofit Leapfrog ranked Washington State's hospital safety as 41st in the nation, as reported in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#).

Affordable Care Act Update

The *Tacoma News Tribune* reported in this [article](#) that Washington State's Insurance Commissioner urged federal officials in this [letter](#) to retain the tax penalty for the uninsured in order to keep the Affordable Care Act functioning properly.

Mental Health

Governor Tours Western State

Implementing mental health reforms has been a priority this session for both chambers. As noted in this Associated Press [article](#), Governor Inslee (D) toured the Western State psychiatric hospital on April 11. Issues regarding insufficient nurses and psychiatrists on staff are still plaguing the facility. While at Western State, Inslee advocated for his \$227 million mental health funding proposal. Both sides agree that mental health funding should be increased in the 2017-19 biennium. However, the amount is a sticking point.

Cyber

Internet Privacy

There was a public hearing on April 12 on [HB 2200](#). The bill was introduced to protect internet browsing privacy for Washington residents following recent Congressional action to stop implementation of new FCC rules related to internet privacy. On April 14 the bill will have an executive session in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development. HB 2200 and a similar Senate version, [SB 5919](#), require consumers to provide consent in order for internet providers to use, disclose or share certain customer information.

Biometric Identifiers

A major biometric bill ([ESHB 1493](#)) 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. The bill passed the Senate with a 37-12 vote on April 11. It will now head to the governor's desk to be signed into law. Also on its way to the governor is [SHB 1717](#) regarding the collection, use and retention of biometric identifiers that would prohibit state agencies, except for law enforcement, from obtaining a biometric identifier and selling it without consent. It passed the Senate with a unanimous vote on April 11.

Local Government

Hirst decision

Senator Becker (R-Eatonville) expressed her concerns regarding the *Hirst* decision in this [op-ed](#). The October 2016 State Supreme Court *Hirst* decision relates to water rights and impacts water use for developments.

Public Records

On April 10 the Senate passed [ESHB 1594](#) by a vote of 40-7 (1 excused). The bill seeks to improve public records administration. The week prior, on April 7, the Senate passed [EHB 1595](#) with a 43-4 (1 excused) vote. This bill relates to costs associated with responding to public records requests. Both bills will head back to the House for concurrence.

Business & Labor

Pregnancy Accommodations

Legislation ([SSB 5835](#)) pertaining to pregnancy accommodations in the workplace is headed to the governor's desk, as noted in this House Democrat [blog](#).

Law & Justice

Distracted Driving

Legislation ([SSB 5289](#)) banning handheld devices while driving passed the House with a 68-35 vote on April 12, as explained in this Associated Press [article](#). The bill will go back to the Senate for concurrence with an amendment added by the House to allow minimal use of a finger for activating and deactivating the devices.

Looking Ahead

45th Legislative District GOP Candidate Emerges

As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), Jinyoung Lee Englund has emerged as the Republican candidate to fill the 45th legislative district Senate seat left vacant when Senator Andy Hill (R- Redmond) passed away last fall.

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Upcoming Legislative Events

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	H Rules R	Robinson	Oppose

[SHB 1116](#)
(SB 5032)

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.

Product labeling tax incent. H Ag & Nat Res Taylor Oppose
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.

Pesticide exposure H HC/Wellness Ortiz-Self Oppose
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.

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
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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.

Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax	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.

Capital gains excise tax	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.

Capital gains excise tax	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.

Hazard. substance possession	S Energy, Enviro	Carlyle	Concerns
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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.

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

[SB 5822](#)

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

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, Lias, 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

Bill Details

Status

Sponsor

Position

Ecology rules/peer review

H Environment

Shea

Neutral

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.

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

[2SHB 1144](#)

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
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Repealing the state estate tax.

[HB 1206](#)

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

Summary: Repeals the state estate tax.

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

[SHB 1298](#)

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

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.

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

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

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

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Barkis

Neutral

Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

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

HB 1352
(SB 5230)

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

Workforce study/ag., etc.

H 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.

HB 1453
(SB 5318)

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

Summary: Creates the agriculture science education grant program. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and

the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts. Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.

Tax exemptions	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.

Carbon pollution tax	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.

WA food policy forum	S 2nd Reading	Gregerson	Neutral
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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
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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.

[HB 1646](#)
(SB 5509)

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.

Agriculture and farming	H Rules C	Buys	Neutral
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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).

Perfluorinated chemicals	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

[HB 1744](#)

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
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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

[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.

<u>HB 1941</u>	Labor relations violations	H Labor & Workpl	Ryu	Neutral
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(SB 5774) 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

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
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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.

Production-based comp. wages	H Labor & Workpla	Blake	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.

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.

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.

HB 2133

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.

Water pollution permitting

H Environment

Buys

Neutral

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.

Water discharge permits

H Environment

Buys

Neutral

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.

[HB 2141](#)

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

S Ways & Means

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.

[SHB 2182](#)

Sponsors: Peterson (Prime)

Summary: Provides 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. Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of revenue, to provide a report regarding cleanup and stormwater projects and projected hazardous substance tax revenues to the office of financial management and legislative fiscal committees by October 1, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024.

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.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Lytton (Prime), Jinkins, Macri			
SHB 2186	<i>Summary:</i> 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.	S Ag/Water/Trade&	Honeyford	Neutral
	Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.			
SB 5002	<i>Sponsors:</i> Honeyford (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Requires a county-operated water bank that leases water rights to offer for mitigation to replace the rights with rights that will be permanently available for mitigation before the expiration of the lease.			
	Business corporation act	Del to Gov	Pedersen	Neutral
	Concerning the business corporation act.			
SB 5011	<i>Sponsors:</i> Pedersen (Prime), Fain, Frockt, Kuderer, Padden			
	<i>Summary:</i> Revises the Washington business corporation act.			
	Schools/excess levies	C 6 L 17	Wellman	Neutral
	Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Changing provisions relating to school district excess levies.)			
ESB 5023 (SHB 1059)	<i>Sponsors:</i> Wellman (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Mullet, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Salda?a			
	<i>Summary:</i> 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.			
SB 5032 (SHB 1116)	Family & med leave insurance	S Com/Labor/Spor	Keiser	Neutral
	Implementing family and medical leave insurance.			

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

Summary: Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account.

State land lease provisions

Del to Gov

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.

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.

Paid family leave

S
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.

Rural jobs

S Ways & Means

Warnick

Neutral

Creating the Washington rural jobs act.

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

[SSB 5208](#)
(SHB 1422)

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.

Small business owners	H 2nd Reading	Wilson	Neutral
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Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

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

[SB 5230](#)
(HB 1352)

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

Seeds, agency procurement of	H Rules R	Warnick	Neutral
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Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime)

[ESSB 5263](#)

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 Passed 3rd	Wilson	Neutral
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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
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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.

	<p>Agriculture science ed. Promoting agriculture science education in schools.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Hunt (Prime), Bailey, Brown, Conway, Rolfes, Takko, Warnick</p>	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Neutral
<p><u>SB 5318</u> (HB 1453)</p>	<p><i>Summary:</i> Creates the agriculture science education grant program. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts. Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.</p>			
<p><u>SB 5385</u></p>	<p>Carbon pollution tax Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Hobbs (Prime), Hunt</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Imposes a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax, at the time of the first taxable event and upon the first taxable person within the state, on the carbon content of fossil fuels extracted, manufactured, or introduced into the state equal to fifteen dollars per metric ton of carbon dioxide. Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Calculate the carbon content of fossil fuels, in consultation with the department of ecology; and (2) If practical, integrate the administration and collection of the fossil fuel carbon pollution taxes with the administration and collection of other taxes imposed on the taxpayer. Exempts certain fossil fuels from the tax. Creates the carbon pollution revenues account. Requires at least fifty percent of the funds transferred to the multimodal transportation account from the carbon pollution revenues account to be expended to assist certain school district programs.</p>	S Energy, Enviro	Hobbs	Neutral
<p><u>SB 5421</u></p>	<p>Greenhouse gas emissions Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Salda?a</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Requires the state to limit emissions of greenhouse gases to reduce, by 2025, overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to twenty percent below 1990 levels.</p>	S Energy, Enviro	Chase	Neutral
<p><u>SB 5423</u></p>	<p>Workplace bullying Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Salda?a</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Revises the state civil rights act to provide: (1) Legal recourse for employees who have been harmed by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and (2) Legal incentives for employers to prevent and respond to mistreatment of employees at work.</p>	S Com/Labor/Spor	Chase	Neutral
<p><u>SB 5509</u> (HB 1646)</p>	<p>Carbon tax 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.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Frockt, Hunt, Ranker, Salda?a</p>	S Energy, Enviro	Carlyle	Neutral

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.

Tax exemptions S Ways & Means Frockt Neutral
 Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

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

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

[ESB 5720](#)
(HB 2049)

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.

Tax exemptions & deductions

S Ways & Means

Hasegawa

Neutral

Repealing certain tax exemptions and deductions to help pay for the full funding of basic education.

Sponsors: Hasegawa (Prime)

[SB 5765](#)

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.

Tax preferences repeal

S Ways & Means

Chase

Neutral

Repealing existing tax preferences.

Sponsors: Chase (Prime)

[SB 5775](#)

Summary: Repeals the state's tax preferences.

Food flavor products tax

S Rules 2

Ranker

Neutral

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

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime), Braun, Keiser

[SSB 5799](#)
(HB 2089)

Summary: 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.

Agritourism

H Passed 3rd

Warnick

Neutral

Concerning agritourism.

[ESSB 5808](#)

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

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

Paid family leave	S Ways & Means	Fain	Neutral
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Addressing paid family leave.

[SB 5829](#)

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

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

Equal pay act enforcement	S Rules 2	Fain	Neutral
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Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.

[SB 5836](#)

Sponsors: Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Salda?a

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

Railroad employee work hours	S Transportation	Rivers	Neutral
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Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.

[SB 5845](#)

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

Summary: Regulates the hours of service for yardmasters.

Tax prefs citizen commission	S Ways & Means	Carlyle	Neutral
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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
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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.