

2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report

April 21, 2017

Far West Agribusiness Association

The 2017 Washington State Legislature is expected to adjourn sine die on the last day of the 105-day regular session, April 23. But the legislators are planning to leave town today with no more activity expected during the weekend. Since their work is not finished, Governor Inslee is expected to call a special legislative session as early as Monday, April 24. A special session can last up to 30 days and can only be called by the governor. There is no limit on the number of special sessions Governor Inslee can call.

It is also expected that only those legislators involved in budget negotiations will remain in Olympia during special session(s). The others are expected to return to their home districts where they will be regularly briefed on the budget negotiations while they await a call to return to Olympia after a budget deal has been reached or upon the request of leadership.

At the end of any legislative session during the 2-year legislative cycle, all bills in the second house are returned to the first house. So a House bill in a Senate committee when session ends is returned to the House. At the start of the next session, be it a special session or the next regular session, bills from the previous session are reintroduced and retained in their present position.

Budget Negotiations Update

Currently, the four corners have been unable to successfully negotiate 2017-19 biennium operating and capital budgets that can muster the 25 votes required for passage in the Senate and the 50 votes needed in the House. In fact, the competing operating budgets proposed by the Senate and House remain very far apart. The Republican-controlled Senate is holding firm that they will not begin negotiations until the House passes its revenue package ([SHB 2186](#)) required to fund its proposed budget, as noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#). The Democrat-controlled House is unwilling to pass its revenue package until a final budget deal is negotiated that would require the tax package to be approved.

McCleary decision - K-12 Basic Education Funding

There has been moderately more success in separate negotiations taking place among legislators on how to fully fund K-12 basic education by 2018, as required by the 2012 *McCleary* decision. Supporters of the *McCleary* decision have expressed concerns that neither chamber's education funding proposal fully meets funding requirements, as noted in this *NW News Network* [article](#). In the end, the Supreme Court will rule on whether the Legislature has satisfied the mandate to fully fund K-12 public education in Washington State.

Transportation

2017-19 Biennium Transportation Budget

More successful were the 2017-19 biennium transportation budget ([ESB 5096](#)) negotiations. On April 19 Senators King, Hobbs and Sheldon and Representatives Clibborn, Orcutt and Fey were appointed to a conference committee to work on negotiations for this budget proposal. A conference agreement was reached and the 2017-19 biennium transportation budget was approved by the House with a vote of 82-14 (2 excused) on April 20. It is expected to be approved by the Senate today, April 21.

I-5 State Bridge Proposal

On April 17 the Senate concurred with House amendments for [SSB 5806](#) with a vote of 44-4 (1 excused). As explained in this *Vancouver Columbian* [article](#), legislation making it a priority to address replacing the I-5 bridge spanning Washington State and Oregon will head to the governor to be signed into law. *Oregon Live* noted in this [blog](#) that Oregon lawmakers have expressed concerns regarding this Washington legislation.

Sound Transit

As noted by *The Lens* in this [blog](#), legislation has been introduced to reduce car tab fees after recent car tabs increased for those living in the voter-approved Sound Transit expansion area. [HB 2148](#) requires Sound Transit to establish a rebate program for low-income individuals. The bill had a public hearing on April 18 in the House Transportation committee. Another bill, [EHB 2201](#), would establish a tax credit program connecting the current Motor Vehicle Excise Tax fee calculation to a 2006 depreciation schedule. The legislation is currently awaiting action in the Senate after having passed the House on April 12 with a vote of 64-33 (1 excused).

REAL ID Act

An amended REAL ID bill ([ESB 5008](#)) passed both chambers on April 20. This legislation makes the Washington State driver's license compliant with the federal REAL ID Act so that it will be valid for travel after January 1, 2018 when the Act goes into effect. The compromise version of the bill lowers the price of an enhanced Washington State driver's license to \$78 and keeps all other adopted amendments.

Law & Justice

After going back and forth all week between the two chambers, [SSB 5289](#) (banning handheld devices while driving) passed both houses on April 19. The bill will not go into effect until 2019 as explained in this *Seattle Times* [article](#).

Environment

Oil Spill Response

On April 17 the House concurred with Senate amendments to [ESHB 1136](#). The bill exempts short-line railroads that haul nonfuel oils from oil spill contingency planning requirements.

Local Government

Public Records Act

On April 17 the House concurred with Senate amendments regarding two major public records bills, as explained in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#). [ESHB 1594](#) seeks to improve public records administration. [EHB 1595](#) relates to the costs associated with responding to public records requests.

Hirst decision

The two chambers have yet to reach agreement on whether to address the *Hirst* decision. The October 2016 State Supreme Court *Hirst* decision relates to water rights and impacts water use for new developments. [HB 2195](#) ensures tax relief to property owners affected by the *Hirst* decision, but has not seen movement since it was introduced March 31. The Senate passed [E2SSB 5239](#) on March 29; however, it has seen little movement in the House. This week Governor Inslee (D) stated *Hirst*-related legislation was a "distraction" to the budget negotiations.

Business & Labor

Negotiated State Worker Contract Funding

On April 19 state workers held a demonstration in Olympia to show support for newly negotiated labor contracts, as noted in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#). Currently, the House 2017-19 biennium operating budget includes \$500 million for funding of the contracts. The Senate proposal rejects the contracts that were negotiated between the governor and labor unions. Instead, the Senate provides each state worker a flat \$500 annual raise per year for two years. This issue is likely to be one of the major points of contention during the 2017-19 operating budget negotiations.

Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.7%

The Washington State unemployment rate is at a 10-year low of 4.7%, as noted in this Associated Press [article](#). The 4.7% rate is 0.9% lower than it was one year ago.

Health Care

Opioid Treatment Facilities

On April 17 the House refused to concur with Senate amendments to [ESHB 1427](#) regarding opioid treatment facilities. Two days later the Senate receded from its amendments and passed the bill unanimously with this Senate [striker amendment](#). Yesterday the House concurred in the new Senate amendments with a vote of 88-8 (2 excused).

Hospital Nursing Staff

[ESHB 1714](#) concerning nurse staffing at hospitals requires all hospitals to implement nurse staffing plans beginning January 1, 2019. On April 17 the House refused to concur with a Senate amendment to the bill. On April 19 the Senate receded from the amendment and instead passed the legislation with this [striker amendment](#) by a vote of 44-5. Yesterday the House concurred in the Senate amendments with a 95-1 vote (2 excused).

Hospital Safety Net Assessments

[SSB 5815](#) regarding hospital safety net assessments passed out of the House on April 18 with a 91-5 (2 excused) vote. Among other things, the intent of the legislation is to increase payments to hospitals by an estimated \$1 billion per fiscal biennia to pay for Medicaid hospital services and grants to Certified Public Expenditure and Critical Access Hospitals. The following day, the Senate concurred with House amendments with a 47-2 vote.

Personal Health Information

On April 17 the House refused to concur with Senate amendments to [SHB 1043](#). The bill intends to protect nonpublic personal health information. On April 19 the Senate receded from amendments and

unanimously passed the legislation with this floor [amendment](#). Yesterday the House concurred in the Senate amendments with a vote of 93-3 (2 excused).

Cyber - Internet Privacy

[ESHB 2200](#) concerning internet privacy passed the House on April 19 with a vote of 87-10 (1 excused), as explained in this *Seattle Times* [article](#). It will now head to the Senate for consideration.

Higher Education

Due to the final passage of [SSB 5100](#) on April 18, incoming college freshmen this fall will be required to attend a financial education workshop. The matter is covered in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#).

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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 SHB 1116 (SB 5032) <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 HB 1245 <i>Summary:</i> Provides a tax credit, in computing business and occupation taxes, of ten thousand dollars per product line per taxable year for a person who voluntarily labels a line of products: (1) For food offered for retail sale in the state if it is or may have been produced through bioengineering or genetically engineered; (2) For food offered for retail sale in the state that has not been bioengineered or genetically engineered; and (3) For an agricultural product or food offered for retail sale in the state if it is or may have been produced outside of the United States.	H Ag & Nat Res	Taylor	Oppose

<p><u>HB 1564</u></p>	<p>Pesticide exposure Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ortiz-Self (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sells, Stonier</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>	<p>H HC/Wellness</p>	<p>Ortiz-Self</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
<p><u>HB 1663</u> <u>(SB 5501)</u></p>	<p>Hazard. substance possession Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Peterson (Prime), Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pollet</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax.</p>	<p>H Rules R</p>	<p>Peterson</p>	<p>Concerns</p>
<p><u>HB 1669</u> <u>(SB 5846)</u></p>	<p>Crew size on certain trains Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> 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</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.</p>	<p>H Rules R</p>	<p>Farrell</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
<p><u>HB 1730</u> <u>(SB 5111)</u></p>	<p>Capital gains excise tax Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Jinkins (Prime), Appleton, Fey, Frame, Pollet, Tarleton, Tharinger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Provides funding for the education legacy trust account. Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains.</p>	<p>H Finance</p>	<p>Jinkins</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
<p><u>HB 1806</u></p>	<p>Crimes by corporations Increasing monetary penalties for crimes committed by corporations.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Pellicciotti (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Chapman, Clibborn, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kilduff, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Orwall, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Addresses the penalties imposed for criminal offenses by corporations.</p>	<p>S Law & Justice</p>	<p>Pellicciotti</p>	<p>Oppose</p>
<p><u>HB 1916</u> <u>(SB 5786)</u></p>	<p>Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for certain sales of commercial fertilizer,</p>	<p>H Finance</p>	<p>Schmick</p>	<p>Support</p>

agricultural crop protection products, and seed.

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.

Sponsors: Pollet (Prime), Santos

[HB 1926](#)

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.

Sponsors: Braun (Prime), Hunt, Ranker

[SB 5111](#)
(HB 1730)

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

Hazard. substance possession

S Energy,
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Carlyle

Concerns

Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

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

[SB 5501](#)
(HB 1663)

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.

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

[SB 5786](#)
(HB 1916)

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
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

<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
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
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.

[2SHB 1144](#)

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Wage violations, damages for	H Rules R	Frame	Neutral
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Providing damages for wage violations.

[HB 1302](#)

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

Summary: Increases the penalty for certain wage violations.

Small business owners Del to Gov 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.

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.

[HB 1500](#)
(SB 5513)

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

Summary: Establishes the tax exemption transparency and accountability act. Creates a tax expenditure budget as part of the biennial budget adopted by the legislature. Reforms the tax expenditure process by including tax expenditures in a tax expenditure budget in the biennial state

budget process and requires they be readopted every two years as part of the budget process or they expire. Requires the department of revenue to prepare a tax expenditure budget. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to report its findings and recommendations for scheduled tax expenditures to the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax expenditures by June 30th of each year.

[HB 1555](#)
(SB 5127)

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.

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.

[E2SHB 1562](#)

WA food policy forum

S 2nd Reading

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

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

[HB 1646](#)
(SB 5509)

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.

[SHB 1692](#)

Agriculture and farming

H Rules C

Byus

Neutral

Concerning agriculture and farming.

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

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

Perfluorinated chemicals

H Environment

McBride

Neutral

Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.

HB 1744

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.

ESHB 1843
(SB 5623)

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

Summary: HB 1843-S - DIGEST Addresses equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions to fulfill the state's paramount duty for all children. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Convene a technical working group to provide recommendations for revising school district accounting practices for the purpose of improving fiscal transparency by establishing methods for separate accounting of school district expenditures made to support the state's program of basic education and those made as locally determined enrichments with local or other funding sources; and (2) Convene a work group to determine whether the funded enrollment percent for special education programs of twelve and seven-tenths should be adjusted. Establishes an accountability monitoring and reporting system as part of a continuing effort to make meaningful and substantial progress toward meeting long-term performance goals in K-12 education.

Labor relations violations

H Labor & Workpl

Ryu

Neutral

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

HB 1941
(SB 5774)

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

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

Agritourism liability

H Judiciary

Manweller

Neutral

Concerning limitations on liability for agritourism activities.

HB 2020

Sponsors: Manweller (Prime), Irwin

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

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

[HB 2049](#)
(ESB 5720)

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

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

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Nealey

[HB 2089](#)
(SSB 5799)

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

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](#)

[HB 2140](#)

Water pollution permitting

H Environment

Buys

Neutral

Concerning equitable treatment in water pollution control permitting.

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.

[SHB 2186](#)

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Jinkins, Macri

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.	S Ag/Water/Trade&	Honeyford	Neutral
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Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.

[SB 5002](#)

Sponsors: Honeyford (Prime)

Summary: Requires a county-operated water bank that leases water rights to offer for mitigation to replace the rights with rights that will be permanently available for mitigation before the expiration of the lease.

Business corporation act	C 28 L 17	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	C 56 L 17	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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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.

[SB 5127](#)
(HB 1555)

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
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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
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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 C	Wilson	Neutral
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Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

[SB 5230](#)
(HB 1352)

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

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 Spkr Signed	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.

Sponsors: Wilson (Prime), Palumbo

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

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.

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime)

[SB 5298](#)

Summary: Lowers the levy authority and local effort assistance.

Agriculture science ed.	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Neutral
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Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

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

[SB 5318](#)
(HB 1453)

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

Carbon pollution tax	S Energy, Enviro	Hobbs	Neutral
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Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.

[SB 5385](#)

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime), Hunt

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

Greenhouse gas emissions

S Energy, Enviro

Chase

Neutral

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

[SB 5421](#)

Sponsors: Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Salda?a

Summary: Requires the state to limit emissions of greenhouse gases to reduce, by 2025, overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to twenty percent below 1990 levels.

Workplace bullying

S
Com/Labor/Spor

Chase

Neutral

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

[SB 5423](#)

Sponsors: Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Salda?a

Summary: Revises the state civil rights act to provide: (1) Legal recourse for employees who have been harmed by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and (2) Legal incentives for employers to prevent and respond to mistreatment of employees at work.

Carbon tax

S Energy, Enviro

Carlyle

Neutral

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

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](#)
[\(HB 1646\)](#)

[SB 5513](#)

Tax exemptions

S Ways & Means

Frockt

Neutral

(HB 1500) Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

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

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

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.

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

[SSB 5607](#)

Summary: Revises education provisions with regard to: The weighted per pupil funding model; local effort levy; local excess levy authority for calendar year 2020 and thereafter; providing a one-year delay in the levy lid reduction; compensation and salary; housing allowance; national board for professional teaching standards bonus; state-funded extended year contracts; health care benefits; measures of a school district's success; accountability through improved accounting transparency; providing flexibility to school districts; recognizing school districts meeting the performance targets; addressing school districts not meeting the performance targets; establishing the top teacher recognition grant program; conforming future collective bargaining agreements to this act; prohibiting teacher strikes; student absenteeism; paraeducators; technical amendments to align statutes with the per pupil funding distribution model and recognizing and rewarding school districts that meet the measures of success; education sector excellence assessment framework; and authority to remove teachers that are detrimental to student academic performance. Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

[ESB 5720](#)
(HB 2049)

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.

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.

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

[**SB 5765**](#)

Sponsors: Hasegawa (Prime)

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

Tax preferences repeal	S Ways & Means	Chase	Neutral
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Repealing existing tax preferences.

[**SB 5775**](#)

Sponsors: Chase (Prime)

Summary: Repeals the state's tax preferences.

Food flavor products tax	S Rules 2	Ranker	Neutral
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Extending the expiration date of the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food.

[**SSB 5799**](#)
[**\(HB 2089\)**](#)

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime), Braun, Keiser

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 Spkr Signed	Warnick	Neutral
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Concerning agritourism.

[**ESSB 5808**](#)

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

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

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, Saldaña

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

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, Saldaña, 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 WMDP	Baumgartner	Neutral
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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.