

2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association March 24, 2017

This past week in the 2017 Washington State Legislative Session, the Senate released its 2017-19 biennium operating and transportation budget proposals. With over two-thirds of the session completed, considerable work remains and it continues to look likely that at least one special session will be required to finish budget negotiations and adopt the 2017-19 biennium operating, transportation, and capital budgets. Looking ahead to next week, the House plans to release its 2017-19 biennium budget proposal on or about March 27.

In addition, March 29 is the next cutoff date of the session. That date marks the policy committee deadline to pass bills from the opposite chamber. Bills in fiscal committees and any bill deemed NTIB (necessary to implement the budget) are exempt from these cut off deadlines. The fiscal committee deadline follows on April 4. Bills that don't pass out of committee by the applicable deadlines are dead for the session. Keep in mind that "dead" bills can be brought back to life through either extraordinary procedural maneuvers or creative amendments on other bills moving through the process.

Senate 2017-19 Biennium Transportation Budget Proposal Released

On March 20 the Republican controlled Senate released its nearly \$8.4 billion 2017-19 biennium transportation budget proposal ([SSB 5096](#)) and its 2017 supplemental transportation budget proposal (also SSB 5096). A summary of the proposals can be viewed [here](#). The legislation received a public hearing in the Senate Transportation committee on March 21, as noted in this *Washington State Wire* [blog](#). It was voted out of the committee the following day.

Senate 2017-19 Biennium Operating Budget Proposal Released

On March 21, the Republican controlled Senate released its \$43 billion 2017-19 biennium operating budget proposal ([ESSB 5048](#)) as noted in this Associated Press [article](#). You can view a summary of the budget proposal prepared by the Senate [here](#). The proposal increases spending by \$4.8 billion compared to the 2015-17 biennium operating budget. It relies upon \$200 million in fund transfers to the general fund from other state accounts and uses \$700 million of the budget stabilization account ("rainy day fund") for unfunded liability in the PERS 1 retirement system. It also includes \$1.8 billion for K-12 education in the first biennium (2017-19) and \$5.9 billion for K-12 education the following biennium (2019-21). The Senate 2017-19 biennium operating budget proposal does not rely upon new revenue, but does rely on a property tax levy swap that is expected to provide an estimated \$1.5 billion for 2017-19 in revenue for K-12 education funding and an estimated \$4.1 billion in revenue for the 2019-21 biennium. You can view how the levy swap would impact property owners in each school district [here](#). On the afternoon it was released, the budget bill received a public hearing in Senate Ways & Means. After consideration of proposed [amendments](#), the budget was voted out of Ways & Means on March 22. Last night the Senate voted ESSB 5048 off the floor with a party line 25-24 vote.

Budget Negotiations Update

As explained in this *Crosscut* [article](#), it is anticipated that lawmakers will not complete 2017-19 biennium budget negotiations by the April 23 scheduled last day of the 2017 regular legislative session. In fact, it is quite possible that negotiations could run through the end of June as they did in both 2013 and 2015. One sticking point for negotiations is expected to be the \$1.7 billion in contract pay raises negotiated between labor unions and the governor, as noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#). Another hurdle for the two chambers is whether new revenue needs to be part of the enacted budget. Democrats are voicing concerns about what they view as severe funding cuts to Washington State's social safety net programs, as noted in this *Tacoma News Tribune* [article](#). House Appropriations Chair Rep. Timm Ormsby (D-Spokane) issued this written [statement](#) about the Senate proposal. Republicans are holding firm that no new revenue is necessary to balance the 2017-19 biennium operating budget.

New Revenue Source Expected in House Budget Proposal

It is anticipated the Democrat controlled House 2017-19 biennium operating budget proposal will rely on new revenue. One revenue source that may be included in the budget is a remote seller sales tax collection expansion proposal for internet sales.

Cyber

Having passed the Senate (48-1), [ESSB 5679](#) authorizes ports in counties with a population of less than 700,000 to provide telecommunications services. Ports would build the broadband infrastructure and private telecommunications companies (telecoms) would contract to lease the lines and operate the infrastructure. Executive action on the bill may occur as soon as March 28 in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development.

Transportation

Sound Transit

[SB 5905](#) was introduced on March 22 to lower the car tab fee used to fund the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) expansion. The bill would force Sound Transit to change the way it calculates car tab fees. According to this *Everett Herald* [article](#), as a result of the bill Sound Transit could lose up to \$6 billion in revenue for its ST3 expansion efforts that were approved by voters this past fall. A public hearing is scheduled on the bill March 27 in the Senate Transportation Committee.

REAL ID Update

This *Yakima Herald* [article](#) explains that legislation ([ESB 5008](#)) in Washington State to make its drivers licenses comply with the Federal REAL ID Act received a public hearing on March 22 in the House Transportation Committee. Currently, Washington State is one of the few states in the country that issues driver's licenses without verifying an applicant's legal residency status.

Health Care

Senate Ways & Means Chair John Braun (R-Chehalis) has stated the 2017-19 biennium budget proposals will not take into account potential federal changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) unless they are enacted. This means that legislators could be called back for a special session this fall to address any federally enacted ACA reforms or repeals. It is anticipated that proposed changes to the ACA could significantly impact Washington State's Apple Health program (Medicaid), as noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#).

Mental Health

The Senate's 2017-19 biennium operating budget proposal includes funding to shift the state to a community-based mental health treatment model by opening up six new crisis walk-in centers. The intent is to move civil patients away from the state's two psychiatric hospitals, as noted in this *The Olympian* [article](#).

Law & Justice

The House Public Safety Committee is expected to vote on legislation ([SB 5037](#)) to stiffen the penalties for repeat offenders of driving while under the influence (DUI), as noted in this MyNorthwest.com [blog](#). Having passed out of the Senate on February 23, the bill had a public hearing in the House Public Safety Committee on March 20 and is scheduled for executive action on March 27 and March 28.

Business & Labor

Ban the Box

The Ban the Box /Fair Chance bill ([ESSB 5312](#)) prohibits employers from inquiring about an applicant's arrest or conviction history on employment applications, as noted in this *Puget Sound Business Journal* [article](#). The Senate voted out its version of the legislation on a party line 25-24 vote. The bill received a public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards on March 21. It is scheduled for executive action on March 28.

Paid Family Medical Leave

As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), there are two pieces of competing paid family leave legislation still alive this session. One bill, [SHB 1116](#), is sponsored by House Democrat Rep. June Robinson (D-Everett) and the second bill, [SB 5149](#), is sponsored by Senate Republican Sen. Joe Fain (R-Auburn). Among other things, the House version of the bill provides up to 26 weeks of paid family leave by 2019. The Senate version calls for eight weeks of leave in 2020 and 12 weeks of leave by 2023. Negotiations between the two chambers are underway as the sponsors try to find a compromise.

Unemployment Rate At Record Low

The 4.9% unemployment rate in Washington State is the lowest in nine years, as reported in this *Seattle Times* [article](#). Job growth was highest in construction and government.

Collective Bargaining

[SSB 5545](#), which appeared to be positioned for consideration during the budget negotiations, lost some momentum this week when it was placed in the Senate "X" file on March 21. The legislation requires public employee collective bargaining sessions to be open meetings.

Higher Education

Student Loan Protections

The Washington State Attorney General's Office has nearly doubled staff for its Customer Protections division, as noted in this *Tri-City Herald* [article](#). The division's work includes the publication of a "Student Loan Survival Guide" to help higher education students navigate student debt.

WSU Medicine

During the March 22 Senate Ways & Means passage of the 2017-19 operating budget proposal, funding was increased for the Washington State University Medical School to \$10 million to match the funding level in the governor's budget proposal.

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Upcoming Legislative Events

State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 3/24 @ 10:00am

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

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
Pesticide exposure Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications. <i>Sponsors:</i> Ortiz-Self (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli,	H HC/Wellness	Ortiz-Self	Oppose

Robinson, Ryu, Sells, Stonier

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.

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

[HB 1916](#)
(SB 5786)

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

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

Hazard. substance possession S Energy, Enviro Carlyle Concerns
Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[SB 5501](#)
(HB 1663)

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

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

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.

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<p>Ecology rules/peer review Establishing a peer review process to ensure robust economic analysis of department of ecology administrative rules.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Shea (Prime), Buys, Haler, Holy, McCaslin, Pike, Short, Taylor, Young</p> <p><u>HB 1014</u></p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Before making available a preliminary cost-benefit analysis or finalizing a small business economic impact statement, solicit peer review of the draft economic analyses by qualified professionals; and (2) Incorporate both the optimistic and pessimistic economic impact scenarios into the final cost-benefit analysis. Prohibits the department of ecology from adopting a rule whose probable benefits are less than its probable costs.</p>	H Environment	Shea	Neutral
<p>School levy lid revs./delay Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Lytton (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Cody, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Ormsby, Pollet, Senn, Sullivan, Tarleton</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2018 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.</p>	S Ways & Means	Lytton	Neutral
<p>Greenhouse gas emissions Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fitzgibbon (Prime), Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Ryu, Stanford, Tarleton</p> <p><u>2SHB 1144</u></p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Addresses the most recent assessment of climate change science and changes certain requirements of the state with regard to emissions of greenhouse gases. Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Report, by individual institution, the total emissions of greenhouse gases from state universities, regional universities, and the state college; (2) Identify the annual costs incurred by each institution to meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; and (3) In coordination with the department of natural resources, calculate and include in its reporting the total emissions of greenhouse gases from wildfires in the state. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.</p>	H Rules C	Fitzgibbon	Neutral

<p>HB 1206</p>	<p>State estate tax, repealing Repealing the state estate tax.</p>	<p>H Finance</p>	<p>Young</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Young (Prime), McCaslin, Muri, Shea, Taylor, Walsh</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Repeals the state estate tax.</p>				
<p>SHB 1298</p>	<p>Job applicants/arrests, etc. Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.</p>	<p>S Com/Labor/Sport</p>	<p>Ortiz-Self</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ortiz-Self (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Farrell, Frame, Gregerson, Haler, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Lovick, Manweller, McBride, Ormsby, Santos, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Tarleton, Young</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>				
<p>HB 1301 (SB 5528)</p>	<p>Employee antiretaliation Concerning the employee antiretaliation act.</p>	<p>H Approps</p>	<p>Ryu</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ryu (Prime), Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Santos, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Addresses retaliation and discrimination against employees and providing protection for employees.</p>				
<p>HB 1302</p>	<p>Wage violations, damages for Providing damages for wage violations.</p>	<p>H Rules R</p>	<p>Frame</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Frame (Prime), Farrell, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Ryu, Santos, Stanford</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Increases the penalty for certain wage violations.</p>				
<p>HB 1352 (SB 5230)</p>	<p>Small business owners Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.</p>	<p>S Rules 2</p>	<p>Barkis</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Sponsors:</i> 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</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related administrative rules, similar statutes, and case law, to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners selected for agency enforcement actions including inspections, audits, site visits, or record review. Requires the department of agriculture, department of ecology, employment security department, department of labor and industries, department of revenue, and state fire marshal to: (1) Review provisions of their governing statutes, administrative rules, policy statements, guidance, and directives to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small</p>				

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.

SHB 1404 (2SSB 5285)	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.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Tarleton (Prime), Chandler, Haler, Santos, Sells, Stambaugh, Stanford, Van Werven, Wilcox			
	<i>Summary:</i> 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.			

HB 1453 (SB 5318)	Agriculture science ed.	H Education	Blake	Neutral
	Promoting agriculture science education in schools.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Blake (Prime), Chandler, Haler, Hayes, Kretz, Lytton, Santos, Stanford, Tarleton			
	<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.			

HB 1500 (SB 5513)	Tax exemptions	H Finance	Pollet	Neutral
	Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> 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			
	<i>Summary:</i> 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.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Lytton (Prime), Doglio			
	<i>Summary:</i> 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 Ag/Water/Trade	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.

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

[HB 1646](#)
(SB 5509)

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

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).

[HB 1730](#)
(SB 5111)

Capital gains excise tax	H Finance	Jinkins	Neutral
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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.

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.

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.

Crimes by corporations

S Law & Justice

Pellicciotti

Neutral

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.

Basic education program

S Ways & Means

Sullivan

Neutral

Fulfilling the state's paramount duty for all children through equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions.

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

[ESHB 1843](#)
[\(SB 5623\)](#)

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

Capital gains excise tax

H Finance

Pollet

Neutral

Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

[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.

Labor relations violations	H Labor & Workpl	Ryu	Neutral
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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
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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](#)
(SB 5799)

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Nealey

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

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.

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**](#)

Sponsors: Honeyford (Prime)

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

Business corporation act H Rules R Pedersen Neutral
 Concerning the business corporation act.

[**SB 5011**](#)

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

Summary: Revises the Washington business corporation act.

[ESB 5023](#)
(SHB 1059)

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.)

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.

[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.

[SSB 5051](#)

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

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

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.

[SB 5111](#)
(HB 1730)

Capital gains excise tax S 2nd Reading Braun Neutral
Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

Sponsors: Braun (Prime), Hunt, Ranker

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.

[SB 5127](#)
(HB 1555)

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

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 SEITDP	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.

[ESSB 5263](#)

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

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime)

Summary: SB 5263-S - DIGEST Requires agencies, when purchasing seed through a contract that is over two thousand five hundred dollars in value, to require suppliers of the seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through appropriate testing performed by the department of agriculture or certain other agencies to ensure the identity and purity of the seed.

Workforce study/ag., etc.

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Wilson

Neutral

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

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

Sponsors: Wilson (Prime), Palumbo

Summary: Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, outdoor recreation, and environment sectors to assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors. Expires June 30, 2019.

Levy auth/local eff assist

S Ways & Means

Ranker

Neutral

Lowering the levy authority and local effort assistance.

[SB 5298](#)

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime)

Summary: Lowers the levy authority and local effort assistance.

Agriculture science ed.

S Ways & Means

Hunt

Neutral

Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

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

Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime), Hunt

[SB 5385](#)

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

	<p>Greenhouse gas emissions Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	S Energy, Enviro	Chase	Neutral
<p>SB 5421</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>			
<p>SB 5423</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>SB 5509 (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> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>	S Energy, Enviro	Carlyle	Neutral
<p>SB 5513 (HB 1500)</p>	<p>Tax exemptions Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Frockt (Prime), Billig, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, McCoy, Miloscia, Rolfes, Salda?a, Wellman</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>	S Ways & Means	Frockt	Neutral

<p>SB 5564</p>	<p>Vehicle taxation Concerning vehicle taxation.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fortunato (Prime), Hawkins, King, O'Ban</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Modifies provisions relating to vehicle taxation.</p>	<p>S Transportation</p>	<p>Fortunato</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SB 5570</p>	<p>Foreign national ownership Concerning certification of the level of foreign national ownership for corporations that participate in Washington state elections.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Billig (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Miloscia, Rolfes, Zeiger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>	<p>S State Governme</p>	<p>Billig</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SSB 5607</p>	<p>Education Concerning education.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Braun (Prime), Angel, Becker, Brown, Fain, Honeyford, King, Miloscia, Rivers, Schoesler, Sheldon, Warnick, Wilson, Zeiger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Revises education provisions with regard to: The weighted per pupil funding model; local effort levy; local excess levy authority for calendar year 2020 and thereafter; providing a one-year delay in the levy lid reduction; compensation and salary; housing allowance; national board for professional teaching standards bonus; state-funded extended year contracts; health care benefits; measures of a school district's success; accountability through improved accounting transparency; providing flexibility to school districts; recognizing school districts meeting the performance targets; addressing school districts not meeting the performance targets; establishing the top teacher recognition grant program; conforming future collective bargaining agreements to this act; prohibiting teacher strikes; student absenteeism; paraeducators; technical amendments to align statutes with the per pupil funding distribution model and recognizing and rewarding school districts that meet the measures of success; education sector excellence assessment framework; and authority to remove teachers that are detrimental to student academic performance. Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.</p>	<p>H Approps</p>	<p>Braun</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>ESB 5720 (HB 2049)</p>	<p>Production-based comp. wages 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.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Hawkins (Prime), Baumgartner, Brown, Hobbs, King, Schoesler, Sheldon, Takko</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> SB 5720 - DIGEST Addresses production-based safe harbor compensation which is a wage rate paid to employees in connection with work related to the growing, production, handling, or storage of farm products or in performing agricultural activities based upon the employee's job performance as measured through the number of: (1) Units picked, packed, or manufactured; (2) Tasks performed; (3) Events completed; or (4) Other measurable recurring circumstances produced, completed, or performed.</p>	<p>H Labor & Workpla</p>	<p>Hawkins</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SB 5765</p>	<p>Tax exemptions & deductions</p>	<p>S Ways & Means</p>	<p>Hasegawa</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

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

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.

Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax	S Ways & Means	Walsh	Neutral
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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.

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

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

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime), Braun, Keiser

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

Agritourism	H Judiciary	Warnick	Neutral
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Concerning agritourism.

[ESSB 5808](#)

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

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

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 Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.	S Rules 2	Fain	Neutral
SB 5836	<i>Sponsors:</i> Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Saldaña <i>Summary:</i> Updates the existing state equal pay act to reflect the equal status of workers in the state and requires men and women in the same job to be compensated as equals.			
	Railroad employee work hours Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.	S Transportation	Rivers	Neutral
SB 5845	<i>Sponsors:</i> Rivers (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Fortunato, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Palumbo, Pearson, Pedersen, Ranker, Rolfes, Saldaña, Takko, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, Zeiger <i>Summary:</i> Regulates the hours of service for yardmasters.			
	Crew size on certain trains Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.	S Transportation	Walsh	Neutral
SB 5846 (HB 1669)	<i>Sponsors:</i> Walsh (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Fortunato, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Palumbo, Pearson, Pedersen, Ranker, Rivers, Rolfes, Saldaña, Takko, Wellman, Wilson, Zeiger <i>Summary:</i> Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.			
	Tax prefs citizen commission Concerning the review process of the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.	S Ways & Means	Carlyle	Neutral
SB 5847	<i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt <i>Summary:</i> 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 Concerning the creation, extension, expansion, accountability, and transparency of state tax preferences.	S Ways & Means	Carlyle	Neutral
SB 5848	<i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt <i>Summary:</i> 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.			
SB 5888	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.

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.