

## 2018 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association January 12, 2018

### Week of January 8 to 12 Highlights

The gavel has fallen in Olympia opening the 2018 legislative session. Democrats control the House, Senate, and Governor's Office for the first time since 2012. In 2018 the Legislature is scheduled to meet for a 60-day session. It is anticipated that close to 1000 new bills will have been introduced by the end of the session's first week. However, Democratic leaders have said they will focus on a narrow agenda and only a small number of bills introduced will make it to the governor's desk by the time session ends on March 8. A complete list of all the new bills filed to date can be found [here](#).

Below is a summary of the highlights from this week and events for next week.

#### **Budget**

Passing capital, transportation and operating budgets are top priorities in the 2018 session as detailed in this *HeraldNet* [article](#). One of the first orders of business in the Democrat-controlled Senate was changing its procedural rules to reverse a Republican imposed rule requiring two-thirds majority support to bring a tax bill up for a vote. The new rule requires a simple majority.

#### **New Revenue**

In his State of the State Address, Governor Inslee (D) expressed support for legislation implementing a carbon tax that would begin on July 1, 2019, as reported in this *Seattle Times* [article](#). The tax would price carbon emissions at \$20 per ton, increasing 3.5% annually in addition to inflation. The tax is projected to bring in \$1.5 billion over the first two years. The governor's proposal is supported by the Commissioner of Public Lands who said the money should go to rural areas, as noted in this Northwest Public Radio [article](#).

#### **Water Rights**

The Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee heard the governor's proposal to solve the complicated water rights problem brought about by the Supreme Court Hirst decision. [SB 6091](#) was heard January 8. Testimony offered during the committee hearing revealed minimal progress was made during the interim as little support was expressed for the proposal. It is unclear if the issue will be resolved before the session ends in March. House and Senate Republicans have insisted the water issue be fixed or they will continue to withhold support for the capital budget bond bill. The bond bill requires a 60 percent majority vote to pass.

#### **Local Government**

Whatcom County legislators Rep. Van Werven (R) and Sen. Ericksen (R) filed [HB 2434/SB 6033](#) to lower property tax increases in the short term, as explained in this KGMI [news story](#).

## **Business Labor**

### *Equal Pay*

Equal Pay Legislation, [EHB 1506](#), had a hearing on Jan. 8 in the House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee. Committee members passed the bill out the following day. As noted in this *The Stranger* [blog](#), the bill updates the existing state Equal Pay Act and is null and void if appropriations are not approved. Also regarding equal pay, [SB 5140](#) had a public hearing in the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee on January 10.

### *Ban the Box*

[SB 6110](#) prohibiting employers from asking job applicants about prior arrests or convictions had a public hearing on January 10 in the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee.

## **Health Care**

### *Addressing Opioids*

Rep. Hayes (R-Camano Island) has introduced [HB 2287](#) to combat opioid use, as reported in this MyNorthwest.com [article](#). The legislation proposes a pilot program that could be funded by a grant.

### *Stabilizing the Health Market*

Washington State Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler (D) proposed legislation ([HB 2355/ SB 6062](#)) to stabilize the health market and reduce average premiums, as noted in this Northwest Public Broadcasting [article](#). Legislation has been introduced in both chambers. It is estimated to cost \$200 million to implement a Washington State reinsurance program.

## **Transportation**

### *Addressing Traffic Congestion*

Sen. Hunt (D-Olympia) has filed [SB 6054](#) to study providing ferry service between Seattle and Olympia. The intent of the bill is to reduce congestion on I-5, as explained in this *The Olympian* [article](#).

### *Amtrak Derailment*

On January 10 the Senate Transportation Committee heard testimony about the December 2017 Amtrak train derailment that killed three. Legislators expressed support for Positive Train Control along the route.

## **K-12 Education**

### *McCleary Funding 2.0*

A recent court ruling stated the funding plan for K-12 basic education adopted by legislators in 2017 must be implemented a year earlier than scheduled. As noted by KIRO News in this [story](#), the governor supports accelerating the funding plan that would cost an estimated \$1 billion.

### *Breakfast After the Bell*

[2ESHB 1508](#) would authorize breakfast for students after the school day begins. The measure passed the House (83-15) on January 10. The legislation is designed to promote student readiness and health. The Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal communicated his strong support for the bill.

## Higher Education

Senate Democrats published this [press release](#) supporting bills aimed at increasing access to higher education.

## Environment

### *Salmon Net Pens*

On January 9 the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water and Natural Resources & Parks held a hearing on [SB 6086](#) aimed at protecting marine waters from nonnative finfish. As reported in this KNKX [article](#), Washington is currently the only west coast state to allow Atlantic salmon net pen fish farming in open water.

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### Upcoming Legislative Events

#### Technology & Economic Development (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/16 @ 10:00am

- HB 2133 - Exec Session - Encouraging the economic vitality of rural food and forest product businesses.

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- HB 2133 - Exec Session - Encouraging the economic vitality of rural food and forest product businesses.

#### Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 1/18 @ 3:30pm

- SB 5513 - Public Hearing - Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.
- SB 5847 - Public Hearing - Concerning the review process of the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.

## High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
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<a href="#">SHB 1116</a> (SB 5032)	Family & med leave insurance Implementing family and medical leave insurance.	H Labor & Workpla Robinson	Oppose
<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

*Summary:* Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account. Requires the state treasurer to, on July 1, 2017, transfer forty-two million dollars from the state general fund to the family and medical leave insurance account. The transfer is a loan for start-up costs of the program.

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<b>Hazard. substance possession</b>	H Finance	Peterson	Concerns
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Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[HB 1663](#)  
(SB 5501)

*Sponsors:* Peterson (Prime), Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pollet

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

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<b>Crew size on certain trains</b>	H Labor & Workpla	Farrell	Oppose
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Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[HB 1669](#)  
(SB 5846)

*Sponsors:* Farrell (Prime), Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Chandler, Chapman, Doglio, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Haler, Harmsworth, Harris, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jinkins, Johnson, Koster, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, McBride, McCaslin, Muri, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Stonier, Tarleton, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, Young

*Summary:* Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.

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<b>Crimes by corporations</b>	H Public Safety	Pellicciotti	Oppose
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Increasing monetary penalties for crimes committed by corporations.

[HB 1806](#)

*Sponsors:* Pellicciotti (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Chapman, Clibborn, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kilduff, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Orwall, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger, Wylie

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

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<b>Hazard. substance possession</b>	S Energy, Environ	Carlyle	Concerns
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Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[SB 5501](#)  
(HB 1663)

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

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

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<b>Fertilizer, etc./B&amp;O tax</b>	S Rules X	Walsh	Support
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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.

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**Workers' compensation system**

S Rules X

Baumgartner

Support

Improving workers' compensation system costs and administration and worker outcomes through modification of procedures for claims to self-insureds, clarification of recovery in third-party legal actions, clarification of occupational disease claims, and lowering age barriers for structured settlements.

*Sponsors:* Baumgartner (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Becker, Braun, Brown, Ericksen, Fain, Fortunato, Hawkins, Honeyford, King, O'Ban, Padden, Rivers, Rossi, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Walsh, Warnick, Wilson, Zeiger

[SB 5822](#)

*Summary:* Revises the state industrial insurance act. Adopts a series of targeted reforms to address the costs and administration of workers' compensation. Clarifies the standards for occupational disease coverage and provides injured workers with a clear time period in which an occupational disease claim must be filed. Reduces the age restriction originally placed upon eligibility for the program. States that in light of certain developments and to align with past recommendations of the joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislature intends that the department of labor and industries' role in the management of claims by self-insured employers transition from readjudication to accountability oversight, first with respect to the allowance and denial of claims and by January 1, 2019, with respect to all claims management decisions.

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**Medium Priority Bills**

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

**Position**

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**School levy lid revs./delay**

H Approps

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.

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**Seed buyer & dealer disputes**

H Ag & Nat Res

Buys

Neutral

Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.

[HB 1132](#)  
[\(SB 5075\)](#)

*Sponsors:* Buys (Prime), Blake

*Summary:* Revises the state seed act with regard to dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.

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**Greenhouse gas emissions**

H Approps

Fitzgibbon

Neutral

[2SHB 1144](#)

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.

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**Job applicants/arrests, etc.**

H LAWSDP2S

Ortiz-Self

Neutral

Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.

[2SHB 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:*

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**WA food policy forum**

H Approps

Gregerson

Neutral

Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

*Sponsors:* Gregerson (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Hudgins, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Peterson, Pike, Pollet, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger

[E2SHB 1562](#)

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

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**Agriculture and farming**

H Ag & Nat Res

Buys

Neutral

Concerning agriculture and farming.

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

[SHB 1692](#)

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

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**Basic education program**

H Approps

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.

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**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

[HB 2133](#)

*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.

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**Hazardous substance tax**

H Cap Budget

Peterson

Neutral

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

*Sponsors:* Peterson (Prime)

[SHB 2182](#)

*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.

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**Taxes**

H Finance

Lytton

Neutral

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

[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.

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	<b>Supp. operating budget</b>	H Approps	Ormsby	Neutral
	Making supplemental operating appropriations.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 2299</u></a> <b>(SB 6032)</b>	<i>Sponsors:</i> Ormsby (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Makes supplemental operating appropriations.			
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	<b>State property tax reduction</b>	H Finance	Condotta	Neutral
	Reducing the state property tax in calendar year 2018.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 2303</u></a> <b>(SB 6004)</b>	<i>Sponsors:</i> Condotta (Prime), Chapman, Haler, Orcutt, Shea, Stokesbary, Taylor, Van Werven, Vick, Wilcox			
	<i>Summary:</i> Changes the state property tax, for calendar year 2018, to two dollars and forty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.			
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	<b>Retired farmers/property tax</b>	H Finance	Kraft	Neutral
	Exempting land removed from open space or farm and agricultural land classification from additional tax, interest, and other penalties if the land is owned in whole or in part by a retired farmer.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 2349</u></a>	<i>Sponsors:</i> Kraft (Prime), Haler, Shea, Young			
	<i>Summary:</i> Provides an exemption from additional tax, interest, and other penalties on land that is removed from open space or farm and agricultural land classification if the land is owned by a retired farmer.			
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	<b>CDL medical certificates</b>	H Trans	Valdez	Neutral
	Concerning medical certificate requirements for applicants and holders of commercial drivers' licenses and commercial learners' permits.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 2696</u></a> <b>(SB 6330)</b>	<i>Sponsors:</i> Valdez (Prime), Orcutt			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
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	<b>Water banks/permanent avail.</b>	S Econ Developmen	Honeyford	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB 5002</u></a>	Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.			

*Sponsors:* Honeyford (Prime)

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

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**Family & med leave insurance**

S Labor &  
Commerc

Keiser

Neutral

Implementing family and medical leave insurance.

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

[SB 5032](#)  
(SHB 1116)

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

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**Carbon pollution tax**

S Rules 2

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.

[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.

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**Paid family leave**

S Labor &  
Commerc

Fain

Neutral

Addressing paid family leave.

*Sponsors:* Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Hobbs, Miloscia, Palumbo, Rivers, Walsh, Warnick, Zeiger

[SB 5149](#)

*Summary:* Provides family leave benefits to certain employees and those employees continue to be eligible for the benefits during employment with a covered employer. Requires the employment security department to administer family leave provisions.

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**Small business owners**

S Labor &  
Commerc

Wilson

Neutral

Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

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

[SB 5230](#)  
(HB 1352)

*Summary:* Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related administrative rules, similar statutes, and case law, to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners selected for agency enforcement actions including inspections, audits, site visits, or record review. Requires the department of agriculture, department of ecology,

employment security department, department of labor and industries, department of revenue, and state fire marshal to: (1) Review provisions of their governing statutes, administrative rules, policy statements, guidance, and directives to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners that are selected for inspection, audit, or other enforcement action by the agency; and (2) No later than August 31, 2017, provide the attorney general with certain information. Expires December 31, 2017.

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<b>Seeds, agency procurement of</b>	S Ag/Water/Natura	Warnick	Neutral
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Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

[ESSB 5263](#)

*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.

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

[SB 5385](#)

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime), Hunt

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

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<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b>	S Energy, Environ	Chase	Neutral
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Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

[SB 5421](#)

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

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

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<b>Workplace bullying</b>	S Labor & Commerc	Chase	Neutral
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Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.

[SB 5423](#)

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

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

[SB 5509](#)  
[\(HB 1646\)](#)

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<b>Carbon tax</b>	S Energy, Environ	Carlyle	Neutral
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Promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean

energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities.

*Sponsors:* Carlyle (Prime), Frockt, Hunt, Ranker, Saldaña

*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.

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**Tax exemptions**

S Ways & Means

Frockt

Neutral

Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

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

**[SB 5513](#)**  
**(HB 1500)**

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

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**Foreign national ownership**

S State Govt/Trib

Billig

Neutral

Concerning certification of the level of foreign national ownership for corporations that participate in Washington state elections.

**[SB 5570](#)**

*Sponsors:* Billig (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Miloscia, Rolfes, Zeiger

*Summary:* Requires each treasurer, candidate, and political committee to include the following in the report they file with the public disclosure commission: A certification from each corporation making a contribution to the candidate or political committee that, in compliance with the federal foreign agents registration act, the corporation's ownership comprises less than fifty percent foreign nationals.

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**Education**

S Rules X

Braun

Neutral

Concerning education.

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

**[SSB 5607](#)**

*Summary:* Revises education provisions with regard to: The weighted per pupil funding model; local effort levy; local excess levy authority for calendar year 2020 and thereafter; providing a one-year delay in the levy lid reduction; compensation and salary; housing allowance; national board for professional teaching standards bonus; state-funded extended year contracts; health care benefits;

measures of a school district's success; accountability through improved accounting transparency; providing flexibility to school districts; recognizing school districts meeting the performance targets; addressing school districts not meeting the performance targets; establishing the top teacher recognition grant program; conforming future collective bargaining agreements to this act; prohibiting teacher strikes; student absenteeism; paraeducators; technical amendments to align statutes with the per pupil funding distribution model and recognizing and rewarding school districts that meet the measures of success; education sector excellence assessment framework; and authority to remove teachers that are detrimental to student academic performance. Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

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**Production-based comp. wages**

S Rules X

Hawkins

Neutral

Addressing the payment of production-based compensation wages for the employment and use of labor in agricultural activities and in the production, handling, and storage of farm products.

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

[ESB 5720](#)  
(HB 2049)

*Summary:* SB 5720 - DIGEST Addresses production-based safe harbor compensation which is a wage rate paid to employees in connection with work related to the growing, production, handling, or storage of farm products or in performing agricultural activities based upon the employee's job performance as measured through the number of: (1) Units picked, packed, or manufactured; (2) Tasks performed; (3) Events completed; or (4) Other measurable recurring circumstances produced, completed, or performed.

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**Noxious weeds on state lands**

S Rules 3

Short

Neutral

Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.

*Sponsors:* Short (Prime), Schoesler

[SB 5754](#)

*Summary:* Addresses liens, with regard to the management of noxious weeds, on lands owned by the state.

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**Food flavor products tax**

S Rules X

Ranker

Neutral

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

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

[SSB 5799](#)  
(HB 2089)

*Summary:* Changes the July 1, 2017, expiration date to January 1, 2028, on the sales and use tax exemptions for products sold to restaurants that impart flavor to food during the cooking process.

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**Equal pay act enforcement**

S Rules X

Fain

Neutral

Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.

*Sponsors:* Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Saldaña

[SB 5836](#)

*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.

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**Tax prefs citizen commission**

S Ways & Means

Carlyle

Neutral

Concerning the review process of the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.

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

[SB 5847](#)

*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.

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<b>B&amp;O manufacturing tax rate</b>	S Rules X	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.

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<b>State property tax reduction</b>	S Ways & Means	Mullet	Neutral
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Reducing the state property tax in calendar year 2018.

[SB 6004](#)  
[\(HB 2303\)](#)

*Sponsors:* Mullet (Prime), Braun, Keiser, Sheldon, Wilson

*Summary:* Changes the state property tax, for calendar year 2018, to two dollars and forty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.

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<b>Supp. operating budget</b>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Neutral
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Making supplemental operating appropriations.

[SB 6032](#)  
[\(HB 2299\)](#)

*Sponsors:* Rolfes (Prime), Braun

*Summary:* Makes supplemental operating appropriations.

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<b>State property tax reduction</b>	S Ways & Means	Ericksen	Neutral
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Reducing the state property tax in calendar year 2018.

[SB 6033](#)  
[\(HB 2434\)](#)

*Sponsors:* Ericksen (Prime)

*Summary:* Decreases the 2018 state property tax.

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<b>Aerial crop protect./schools</b>	S Energy, Enviro	Wellman	Neutral
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Concerning aerial application of crop protection products from an agricultural aircraft near school facilities.

[SB 6063](#)

*Sponsors:* Wellman (Prime), Billig, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Rolfes

*Summary:* Requires the applicator of crop protection products to provide written notification to an affected school facility forty-eight hours before an aerial application that is conducted within one-quarter mile of the school facility. Requires a school or a licensed day care center, that receives an aerial application notice, to post notification of the aerial application at least twenty-four hours before the application. Requires the licensed day care center to keep children inside the center during the intended date and time of the application.

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<b>Planting and harvest dates</b>	S Transportation	Hobbs	Neutral
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Defining the planting and harvest dates for purposes of exemptions for agricultural transporters.

[SB 6180](#)

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime), King, Schoesler, Takko

*Summary:* States that the planting and harvesting seasons are January 1st through December 31st of each year, with regard to the exemption for agricultural transporters.

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<b>Hazardous substance tax</b>	S Energy, Environ	Palumbo	Neutral
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Creating the hazardous substance tax stabilization act.

[\*\*SB 6285\*\*](#)

*Sponsors:* Palumbo (Prime)

*Summary:*

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<b>Pesticide exposure</b>	S Energy, Environ	Saldaña	Neutral
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Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.

[\*\*SB 6322\*\*](#)

*Sponsors:* Saldaña (Prime), Cleveland, McCoy, Ranker, Rolfes, Van De Wege

*Summary:*

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

[\*\*SB 6335\*\*](#)

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime)

*Summary:*

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