

2018 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association March 9, 2018

Week of March 5 to 8 Highlights

Last night the Washington State Legislature adjourned sine die. This is the first session to end on its scheduled date without the need for a special session since 2014. The primary work this past week has focused on budget negotiations, a clean energy mandate, law enforcement deadly force standards, gender pay equity and property tax relief.

Below is a summary of the highlights from this week.

Supplemental Budgets

Final negotiations regarding the 2018 supplemental operating, capital and transportation budgets for the 2017-19 biennium were wrapped up the last few days of session.

2018 Supplemental Operating Budget

The adopted 2018 supplemental operating budget ([ESSB 6032](#)) relies upon an anticipated \$1.3 billion in projected new revenue combined with \$700 million from state reserves. The budget increases 2017-19 biennium appropriations by \$941 million, as explained in this Washington Research Council [blog](#). It fully funds the increase in school staff salaries required by the McCleary decision. These raises are implemented a year earlier than originally planned (estimated cost of \$776 million). The supplemental operating budget also includes a reduction in property tax increases implemented last year as a revenue source for education funding. [ESSB 6614](#) lowers the property taxes in 2019 by 30 cents per \$1000 of assessed value (estimated cost of \$391 million). Senate and House Republicans expressed [concerns](#) about the sustainability of funding sources relied on in ESSB 6614 which redirects \$935 million in revenue generated by the additional state levy to the Education Legacy Trust Account in fiscal year 2019.

The agreed upon supplemental operating budget leaves an ending fund balance of \$1.22 billion for the 2017-19 biennium and \$103 million for the 2019-21 biennium. It also leaves \$1.139 billion for the 2017-19 biennium and \$1.691 billion for the 2019-21 biennium in the budget stabilization account (rainy day fund). In the end, the 2018 supplemental operating budget was passed in the House by a vote of 54-44 on March 8. That same day the legislation passed the Senate with a vote of 25-24. It will be sent to the governor to be signed into law. You can view the 2018 supplemental operating budget documents [here](#).

2018 Supplemental Capital Budget

The proposed compromise 2018 supplemental capital budget for the 2017-19 biennium ([ESSB 6095](#)) was passed by the House on March 6 with a 96-2 vote. The Senate passed the same budget by a vote of 49-0 on March 8. It will be sent to the governor to be signed into law. You can view the 2018 supplemental capital budget and its corresponding documents [here](#).

2018 Supplemental Transportation Budget

The proposed compromise 2018 supplemental transportation budget ([ESSB 6106](#)) passed the House on March 7 with a 96-1 (1 excused) vote and the Senate on March 8 with a vote of 47-1. You can access the final negotiated 2018 supplemental transportation budget and its corresponding documents [here](#).

Business & Labor

Pay Equity

On March 6 a conference committee report was produced for pay equity legislation ([2SHB 1506](#)). It was promptly passed by the Senate 36-12 and by the House with a vote of 70-28. The bill modifies the Equal Pay Act by defining "similarly employed," referring to gender, modifying defenses, providing an administrative remedy, and making other changes. It also prohibits discrimination in providing career advancement opportunities based on gender and prohibits retaliation for certain workplace discussions about wages and other matters.

Religious Affiliation Disclosure

On March 5 the House unanimously passed [EHB 2097](#), which, among other things, makes it an unfair practice for an employer to require the disclosure of certain information about religious affiliation and beliefs. Over a month later the Senate passed it with amendments by a vote of 48-0. On March 5 the Senate concurred. The bill is now with the governor for consideration.

Tax Preference for Fishing Fleets

[SHB 1154](#) ensures the competitiveness of Washington State's fishing and seafood processing industries by supporting the recapitalization of fishing fleets through certain tax preferences. The bill passed the House 97-1, but the Senate did not take action.

B&O Tax Preference for Accountable Communities of Health

On March 7 the Senate unanimously passed an amended [SHB 2998](#), which provides a business and occupation tax exemption for certain Medicaid demonstration project funds received by an Accountable Community of Health from federal, state or local government. The bill has fully passed the Legislature and is on its way to the governor for consideration.

Health Care

Cigarette, Tobacco & Vapor Product Minimum Age

[E2SHB 1054](#) raises the minimum age to purchase cigarettes, tobacco products and vapor products. The bill was passed with a vote of 63-35 by the House on March 7. The Senate declined to take action and the bill died.

Rural Health Care Access

An amended [ESHB 2408](#) was passed unanimously by the House on February 14, the Senate (30-18) on March 7 and the House concurred (58-40) with the Senate amendments on March 8. This legislation requires a health carrier offering a health plan approved by the School Employees Board to offer a qualified health plan in counties where no qualified health plans are offered on the Health Benefit Exchange. It also reduces premiums for enrollees in the Washington Health Insurance Pool in counties where there is no other individual market coverage available.

Substance Use Disorder Health Coverage

This bill ([2SHB 2572](#)) requires commercial health plans to cover inpatient and residential substance use. After passing the House unanimously, it was not brought to the Senate floor for a vote.

Medicaid Fraud Control

On March 5, the Senate concurred with House amendments and unanimously passed [SSB 6051](#). The bill creates a new chapter in the Medicaid statute that authorizes the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) to investigate and prosecute Medicaid fraud. It will now be sent to the governor for action.

Women's Health Care

Catholic Bishops have requested that Governor Inslee veto the Reproductive Parity Act legislation [SSB 6219](#), as noted in this KOMO News [article](#). The bill requires that health plans include coverage for contraceptives with no cost sharing. It also establishes an abortion coverage requirement for health plans that provide maternity care coverage.

Law & Justice

I-940 De-Escalate Washington

The "De-Escalate Washington" Initiative 940 ([I-940](#)) proposes to revise the state law on use of deadly force in policing. This week the House Public Safety Committee and the Senate Law & Justice Committee each held a public hearing and passed their respective initiatives to the Legislature. After considerable negotiations, on March 7 an agreement was reached by legislators to pass the initiatives and also pass a bill ([ESHB 3003](#)) to change the initiative once it goes into effect. The bill agreed to by most stakeholders removes the reference to "malice" and inserts language that sufficiently protects officers who act within their training by defining "good faith" to a standard recognized nationally. On March 8 Senate Initiative 940 passed the Senate 25-24 and House Initiative 940 passed 55-43. ESHB 3003 passed the House with a 73-25 vote and the Senate with a 25-24 vote. As explained in this *Yakima Valley Herald* [article](#), most stakeholders support the bill and this outcome will take the initiative off the November ballot despite the Legislature's modified approach to the matter in ESHB 3003.

State Government

On March 6, Representative Morris (D-Mt. Vernon) introduced [HB 3011](#) to expand the scope of the Public Records Act to include every office, department, and division of all three branches of government. It did not see movement. The supplemental 2018 operating budget includes funding for a task force to "examine establishing standards for maintaining and disclosing public records for the legislative branch of government."

Environment

Oil Transportation Safety

Legislation ([E2SSB 6269](#)) to strengthen oil transportation safety was passed by the House on March 7 with a 62-35 vote after the Senate approved it on March 3 by a vote of 42-7. As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), the bill extends the state's existing oil barrel tax to pipelines and applies to oil received via trains or vessels.

Tax on Carbon

Following last-week's announcement that carbon tax legislation ([2SSB 6203](#)) was dead, supporters of the bill filed an [initiative](#) that would impose a fee of \$15 per metric ton of carbon effective January 1, 2020. This fee would rise annually by \$2 plus the rate of inflation. The fee would become fixed after Washington State meets its 2035 greenhouse gas reduction goals. Nearly 260,000 signatures for the initiative will need to be collected by July 6 to certify it for the November 2018 ballot. In response, Senators Baumgartner (R-Spokane) and Ericksen (R-Ferndale) introduced [SB 6629](#) on March 6.

Green Energy

There was a last-minute final push on March 8 regarding energy-related legislation in [SHB 2995](#), but in the end it was not passed. Among other things, it would have required all electric utilities by year 2030 to eliminate from electric rates all costs associated with delivering electricity generated from a coal-fired resource to Washington State customers.

Fall Elections

As the session came to a close, more legislators announced they would not be running for re-election. Those include House Transportation Chair Rep. Judy Clibborn (D-Mercer Island), Rep. Terry Nealey (R-Dayton), House Minority Leader Dan Kristiansen (R-Snohomish), and Rep. Ruth Kagi (D-Seattle). Rep. J.T. Wilcox (R-Roy) has already been named the new House Minority Leader.

Looking Ahead

As we transition into the interim, you will receive a 2018 legislative session summary report. After that you will receive monthly updates during the interim. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding activity in Olympia and Washington State. Preparations for the 2019 legislative session cannot begin too soon.

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Upcoming Legislative Events

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
Family & med leave insurance Implementing family and medical leave insurance.	H Labor & Workpla	Robinson	Oppose
SHB 1116 (SB 5032)	<i>Sponsors:</i> Robinson (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kirby, Kloba, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Santos, Sells, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton, Tharinger, Wylie		
	<i>Summary:</i> Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave		

insurance account. Requires the state treasurer to, on July 1, 2017, transfer forty-two million dollars from the state general fund to the family and medical leave insurance account. The transfer is a loan for start-up costs of the program.

Hazard. substance possession H Finance 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 C Farrell Oppose
Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[SHB 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.

Crimes by corporations H Public Safety Pellicciotti Oppose
Increasing monetary penalties for crimes committed by corporations.

[HB 1806](#)

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

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

Pesticide exposure H HC/Wellness Ortiz-Self Oppose
Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.

[HB 2878](#)
(SB 6322)

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self (Prime), Macri, Pollet, Robinson, Valdez

Summary: Declares that community members should be protected from pesticide exposure and notified of certain pesticide applications to prevent unnecessary exposure. Requires a pesticide user to provide written notice of an intended pesticide application in accordance with certain requirements. Requires the department of health to develop a list of individuals who apply to receive notification of pesticide applications on adjacent property. Authorizes the department of health and the department of labor and industries to investigate and assess a civil fine in accordance with administrative procedures for certain violations in this act. Prohibits the civil fine from exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Agricultural activity odors H Environment Kloba Oppose
Addressing the regulation of odors from agricultural activities under the state clean air act.

[HB 2882](#)

Sponsors: Kloba (Prime), Blake, Condotta, Sawyer

Summary: Modifies the Washington clean air act to: (1) Provide a definition for "produce facility"

which is a state-licensed marijuana facility; (2) Include in the definition of "agricultural activity," the growing, raising, or production of flowers, fruit trees, vegetables, marijuana, usable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and honey; and (3) Exempt from clean air act provisions, odors or fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity consistent with good agricultural practices on produce facilities, unless they have a substantial adverse effect on public health.

Hazard. substance possession

S Energy,
Environ

Carlyle

Concerns

Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[SB 5501](#)
(HB 1663)

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

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

Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax

S Rules X

Walsh

Support

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

[SB 5786](#)
(HB 1916)

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

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

Workers' compensation system

S 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.

Aerial crop protect./schools

S Energy,
Enviro

Wellman

Oppose

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.

Planting and harvest dates	Del to Gov	Hobbs	Support
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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.

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
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School levy lid revs./delay	H Approps	Lytton	Neutral
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Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.

**[SHB 1059](#)
(ESB 5023)**

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

Summary: Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2018 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.

Seed buyer & dealer disputes	H Ag & Nat Res	Buys	Neutral
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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.

Greenhouse gas emissions	S 2nd Reading	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
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Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.

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

[E3SHB 1144](#)

Summary: HB 1144-S3 - DIGEST Addresses the most recent assessment of climate change science and changes certain requirements of the state with regard to greenhouse gas emission limits. Requires the department of ecology and the department of commerce to include the following in the report to the governor and certain committees of the senate and house: A description of Washington's per capita and total greenhouse gas emissions as compared to the per capita and total greenhouse gas emissions of other states, including Washington's ranking among other states as an emitter of greenhouse gases on both a per capita and total emissions basis. Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Survey state agencies to determine each agency's annual expenditures made during the biennium to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to support the achievement of the reduction goals; and (2) 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.

<p>2SHB 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><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>Del to Gov</p>	<p>Ortiz-Self</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>3SHB 1562</p>	<p>WA food policy forum Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> 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</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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, 2020. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.</p>	<p>S Ways & Means</p>	<p>Gregerson</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SHB 1692</p>	<p>Agriculture and farming Concerning agriculture and farming.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Buys (Prime), Blake, Chapman, Condotta, Fitzgibbon, Lytton, Sawyer, Stanford, Vick</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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).</p>	<p>H Ag & Nat Res</p>	<p>Buys</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>ESHB 1843 (SB 5623)</p>	<p>Basic education program 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.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Sullivan (Prime), Appleton, Chapman, Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pollet, Santos, Slatter, Springer, Tarleton, Tharinger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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</p>	<p>H Approps</p>	<p>Sullivan</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

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.

Rural food & forest products

H Approps

Walsh

Neutral

Encouraging the economic vitality of rural food and forest product businesses.

Sponsors: Walsh (Prime), Barkis, Blake, Buys, Griffey, Haler, Kraft, MacEwen, Muri, Stambaugh, Van Werven

Summary: Requires the department of agriculture to: (1) Establish a pilot program to create an omnibus permitting process for businesses that process or engage in other value-added activities that involve: (a) Raw products of agriculture, fisheries, and aquaculture, including shellfish aquaculture; (b) food, food products, or cottage food products; (c) forest products; and (d) specialized forest products, processed cedar products, or specialty wood; and (2) Coordinate with the office of regulatory assistance and state agencies and local governments responsible for issuing each permit included in the omnibus permit, including the department of ecology, the department of health, and the relevant county. Prohibits the department from charging an additional fee for the use of the omnibus permitting process. Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Undertake a comprehensive analysis of common value-added food and forest product manufacturing processes that generate wastes; (2) Consult with the department of natural resources and the department of agriculture in identifying common food and forest product production processes and their associated wastes; and (3) When making grants or loans for water pollution control facilities, consider whether the project will support the viability of local agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, or silviculture, and associated food or forest product processing. Requires the community economic revitalization board, when prioritizing each proposed public facilities project, to consider whether the project will support rural economic development by facilitating the long-term sustainability of local agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, and silviculture, and associated food and forest product processing activities.

[SHB 2133](#)

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)

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.

[SHB 2182](#)

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.

Supp. operating budget	H 3rd Reading	Ormsby	Neutral
Making 2018 supplemental operating appropriations.			
<u>ESHB 2299</u> (ESSB 6032)	<i>Sponsors:</i> Ormsby (Prime)		
<i>Summary:</i> HB 2299-S - DIGEST Makes 2018 supplemental operating appropriations.			

State property tax reduction	H Finance	Condotta	Neutral
Reducing the state property tax in calendar year 2018.			
<u>HB 2303</u> (SB 6004)	<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.			

Retired farmers/property tax	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.			
<u>HB 2349</u>	<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.			

CDL medical certificates	Del to Gov	Valdez	Neutral
Concerning medical certificate requirements for applicants and holders of commercial drivers' licenses and commercial learners' permits.			
<u>SHB 2696</u> (SSB 6330)	<i>Sponsors:</i> Valdez (Prime), Eslick, Jinkins, Orcutt		
<i>Summary:</i> Modifies the uniform commercial driver's license act with regard to: Medical certificate requirements for applicants and holders; traffic infractions for licensees while being downgraded for not maintaining a current medical certificate; excepted or nonexcepted intrastate and excepted or nonexcepted interstate; and revision of the definition of "nonexcepted intrastate" and "excepted intrastate," relating to obtaining a certificate and wishing to maintain a CDL or CLP but not operate a commercial motor vehicle without changing his or her self-certification type. Requires the department of licensing, upon receiving an electronic copy of the medical examiner's certificate from the federal motor carrier safety administration, to post a medical qualification status of "certified" on the CDLIS driver record for the driver.			

Ag competitiveness/emissions	H Environment	Maycumber	Neutral
Ensuring that attempts to limit greenhouse gas emissions in Washington state do not make Washington's agricultural products and food processing businesses economically uncompetitive, thereby shifting emissions to jurisdictions without similar greenhouse gas policies.			
<u>HB 2768</u>			

Sponsors: Maycumber (Prime), Haler

Summary: Requires food processing facilities to be designated as energy intense trade-exposed industries for the purposes of policies adopted or implemented by the state that limit greenhouse gas emissions or are otherwise intended to support the achievement of certain limits.

Ag/greenhouse emission rules	H Environment	Maycumber	Neutral
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Providing regulatory relief from greenhouse gas emissions rules for producers of agricultural commodities and food products.

Sponsors: Maycumber (Prime), Haler

[HB 2769](#)

Summary: States that, if a rule is created that regulates greenhouse gas emissions of agricultural activities and food processing, the producers of agricultural commodities or food products may request the department of ecology to calculate greenhouse gas emissions in a comparison of a specified competitor's agricultural commodity or food product imported from out-of-state against the same type of agricultural commodity if obtained in the state. Requires the department of commerce, in consultation with the department of ecology, transportation-industry experts, and other business-related interests, to create a greenhouse gas emissions shipping modeling tool that allows a producer of a product to estimate the amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced when importing products and goods from out-of-state locations.

Clean air act	H Environment	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
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Concerning the Washington clean air act.

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon (Prime), Macri, Pollet

[HB 2879](#)

Summary: Authorizes the department of ecology to require persons who produce or distribute fossil fuels to comply with emission standards or emission limits on emissions of greenhouse gases from those fossil fuels when the fossil fuels are used in this state. Modifies the Washington clean air act regarding the emission credits banking program; requirements to report emissions of greenhouse gases where the emissions are from fossil fuels sold in this state by a single supplier; and adoption of rules on certain emissions of carbon dioxide, methodologies established to ensure that emissions occurring outside of this state are not reported to the department, requiring a person to use a specific method to complete their report, and requiring persons to have a third party verify their report.

Rural small businesses/taxes	H Finance	Chapman	Neutral
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Providing tax relief to small businesses located in rural counties.

[HB 2946](#)

Sponsors: Chapman (Prime), Haler, Maycumber, Schmick, Steele

Summary: Provides a business and occupation tax credit to qualified small businesses as that term is defined in this act. Expires January 1, 2019.

Rural manufacturers B&O tax	H Finance	Chapman	Neutral
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Providing business and occupation tax relief to rural manufacturers.

[HB 2947](#)
[\(SB 6596\)](#)

Sponsors: Chapman (Prime), Haler, Maycumber, Schmick, Steele, Tharinger

Summary: Provides relief, from business and occupation taxes, to manufacturers located in rural counties.

[SHB 2992](#)

Rural manuf., etc./B&O tax	H Rules R	Chapman	Neutral
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Modifying the business and occupation tax structure for rural manufacturers and timber and wood product manufacturers, extractors, and wholesalers.

Sponsors: Chapman (Prime), Maycumber, Muri

Summary: Encourages economic growth and lower unemployment rates in rural counties by modifying the business and occupation tax structure for rural manufacturers and timber and wood product manufacturers, extractors, and wholesalers.

Energy	H Finance	Doglio	Neutral
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Concerning Washington's clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

Sponsors: Doglio (Prime), Appleton, Fitzgibbon, Morris, Pollet, Tarleton

HB 2997

Summary: Modifies energy independence act provisions. Finds and declares that: (1) Washington is the nation's leading producer of electricity from hydroelectric sources; (2) Washington should continue its leadership in conservation, renewable energy, and climate change mitigation by increasing energy efficiency across the state and encouraging investment in the state's clean energy future; and (3) Washington can promote energy independence, create high-quality jobs in the clean technology sector, maintain stable and affordable electric rates for customers, and protect clean air and water.

Property tax/2018	H Finance	Vick	Neutral
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Providing property tax relief to all Washingtonians for taxes levied for collection in 2018.

HB 3000

Sponsors: Vick (Prime), Caldier, Chandler, Hargrove, Harris, Hayes, Kraft, Manweller, Maycumber, Pike, Taylor, Van Werven, Walsh, Young

Summary: Lowers the property tax rate and issues property tax refunds for calendar year 2018 in order to return excess state revenue back to the taxpayers.

School security	H Judiciary	Jinkins	Neutral
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Improving security in schools and the safety of students.

Sponsors: Jinkins (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Doglio, Fey, Kagi, Kloba, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Robinson, Ryu, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Valdez

HB 3004
(SSB 6620)

Summary: Requires the superintendent of public instruction to allocate grants to school districts for the purpose of implementing emergency response systems using evolving technology to expedite the response and arrival of law enforcement in the event of a threat or emergency at school. Creates the students protecting students program, within the office of the attorney general, to operate a statewide communications center that provides students and the community with the means to relay information anonymously concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities, first to law enforcement and public safety agencies, and as appropriate to school officials. Authorizes the office of the attorney general to contract with an organization or call center to provide this program. Requires the same background check process to purchase semiautomatic rifles and shotguns with tactical features as is currently required for pistols. Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to establish a grant program for local law enforcement agencies to conduct background checks for the purchase and sale of pistols, semiautomatic rifles, and shotguns with tactical features. Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Personally identifiable information received, made, or kept by, or received from, the students protecting students program that is confidential.

SB 5002

Water banks/permanent avail.	S Econ Developmen	Honeyford	Neutral
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Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.

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.

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.

Carbon pollution tax

S Rules X

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.

Paid family leave

S Labor &
Commerc

Fain

Neutral

Addressing paid family leave.

[SB 5149](#)

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

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

Small business owners

S Labor &
Commerc

Wilson

Neutral

Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

[SB 5230](#)
(HB 1352)

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

Summary: Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related

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

Seeds, agency procurement of	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.

Carbon pollution tax	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.

Greenhouse gas emissions	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.

Workplace bullying	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.

<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, Saldaña</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>	<p>S Energy, Environ</p>	<p>Carlyle</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>ESSB 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, Saldaña, Wellman</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Declares an intent to: (1) Incorporate a more explicit recognition of the fiscal impact of tax preferences on the state budget; and (2) Reform the tax preference expenditure process by including the fiscal impact of tax preference expenditures in the budget outlook document that is created as part of the biennial state budget process.</p>	<p>H Rules R</p>	<p>Frockt</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<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 Govt/Trib</p>	<p>Billig</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p>SSB 5607</p>	<p>Education Concerning education.</p>	<p>S Rules X</p>	<p>Braun</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

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

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

Production-based comp. wages

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.

Noxious weeds on state lands

S Rules X

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.

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.

[SSB 5799](#)
(HB 2089)

Sponsors: Ranker (Prime), Braun, Keiser

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

Equal pay act enforcement

S Rules X

Fain

Neutral

Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.

[SB 5836](#)

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

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

	<p>Tax prefs citizen commission Concerning the review process of the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt</p>	S Rules X	Carlyle	Neutral
<p>SSB 5847</p>	<p><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; (2) An analysis of the general effects on the overall state economy and regions within the state, including the effects on the consumption and expenditures of persons and businesses within the state, employment, and personal income; and (3) 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.</p>			
	<p>B&O manufacturing tax rate Lowering the ceiling of the business and occupation manufacturing tax rate to 0.2904 percent.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Baumgartner (Prime), Hobbs, Padden, Sheldon, Takko</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>	S Rules X	Baumgartner	Neutral
<p>SB 5888</p>				
	<p>State property tax reduction Reducing the state property tax in calendar year 2018.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Mullet (Prime), Braun, Keiser, Sheldon, Wilson</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Changes the state property tax, for calendar year 2018, to two dollars and forty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.</p>	S Ways & Means	Mullet	Neutral
<p>SB 6004 (HB 2303)</p>				
	<p>Supp. operating budget Making 2018 supplemental operating appropriations.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Braun</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Makes 2018 supplemental operating appropriations.</p>	H Spkr Signed	Rolfes	Neutral
<p>ESSB 6032 (ESHB 2299)</p>				
	<p>State property tax reduction Reducing the state property tax in calendar year 2018.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ericksen (Prime)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Decreases the 2018 state property tax.</p>	S Ways & Means	Ericksen	Neutral
<p>SB 6033 (HB 2434)</p>				
	<p>Hazardous substance tax Creating the hazardous substance tax stabilization act.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Palumbo (Prime)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Creates the hazardous substance tax stabilization act to support and provide financial reliability for local governments to implement large-scale environmental clean-up construction projects managed by a single local government with construction expected to span multiple biennia.</p>	S Energy, Enviro	Palumbo	Neutral
<p>SB 6285</p>				

Creates the hazardous substance tax stabilization escrow trust account.

Pesticide exposure	S Energy, Enviro	Salda?a	Neutral
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Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.

Sponsors: Salda?a (Prime), Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, McCoy, Ranker, Rolfes, Van De Wege

[SB 6322](#)
(HB 2878)

Summary: Declares that community members should be protected from pesticide exposure and notified of certain pesticide applications to prevent unnecessary exposure. Requires a pesticide user to provide written notice of an intended pesticide application in accordance with certain requirements. Requires the department of health to develop a list of individuals who apply to receive notification of pesticide applications on adjacent property. Authorizes the department of health and the department of labor and industries to investigate and assess a civil fine in accordance with administrative procedures for certain violations in this act. Prohibits the civil fine from exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars.

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

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime), Salda?a

[SB 6335](#)

Summary: Imposes a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax on the carbon content of fossil fuels extracted, manufactured, or introduced into the state. 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 the joint legislative audit and review committee, in consultation with the department of revenue, the department of commerce, and the department of ecology, to conduct a review of the imposed tax which will be submitted to the governor and the appropriate legislative committees.

Processing B&O credit	S Ways & Means	Keiser	Neutral
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Providing a business and occupation tax credit for certain processing.

Sponsors: Keiser (Prime), Fain

[SB 6433](#)

Summary: Provides a sales tax exemption, in the form of a remittance, to certain wholesalers and third-party warehouse owners who own or operate warehouses or grain elevators and retailers who own or operate distribution centers.

Hazardous substance tax	S Energy, Enviro	Ranker	Neutral
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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: Ranker (Prime), Frockt, Rolfes, Salda?a

[SB 6463](#)

Summary: Changes the hazardous substance tax rate, from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2026, until the department of revenue determines that total aggregate taxes for the current fiscal year collected equal or exceed one hundred ten million dollars. 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.

[E2SSB 6529](#)

Pesticide application safety	Del to Gov	Salda?a	Neutral
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system is named the students protecting students program; (2) Contract for updates to the program as new technology is available; (3) Select two educational service districts, in coordination with the nine educational service districts, to establish regional school safety centers as part of a statewide network; (4) Review safe schools plans for school districts and educational service districts, and assess and document school district and regional school safety assets and needs; (5) Provide grants to educational service districts and school districts to develop or expand regional safety programs; and (6) During the annual school safety summit, take into account the discrete challenges of nonrural and rural schools. Requires summit participants to review Sandy Hook promise programs and make recommendations for the prevention of mass shootings. Requires school districts to implement the students protecting students program in middle or junior high schools and high schools. However, if unable, submit a students protecting students implementation plan to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. Requires the same background check process to purchase semiautomatic rifles and shotguns with tactical features as is currently required for pistols.
