

2018 Washington State Legislative Session Summary Report Far West Agribusiness Association April 6, 2018

The 60-day Washington State 2018 legislative session began on January 8 and ended on its scheduled sine die date of March 8. This was the first year since 2014 that a special session was not required to complete legislative business. There were 1,425 new bills introduced this session and 310 of them were passed by the Legislature.

This Session Summary Report is divided into the following three sections.

- Section 1: Bills passed during the 2018 legislative session.
- Section 2: High profile bill highlights from the 2018 legislative session.
- Section 3: Your priority bill tracking list for the 2018 legislative session (some bills are also included in Section 2).

Section 1: 2018 Bills Passed

A complete list of bills passed during the 2018 legislative session may be accessed [here](#).

Section 2: 2018 Legislative Highlights

2017-19 Capital Budget & *Hirst* "Fix"

Legislators began the 2018 session with unfinished business from the year prior, as they did not approve in 2017 a 2017-19 biennium capital budget. This was due primarily to a water rights and land development dispute decided by the State Supreme Court in the *Hirst* case. Some senators in 2017 took the position that they would not pass a capital budget bond funding bill until a *Hirst* fix could be reached and passed. Democratic Governor Inslee's *Hirst* fix proposal, [SB 6091](#), was passed by both chambers on January 18. The following day, it was signed by the governor and became law effective immediately. With a *Hirst* "fix" deal in place, legislators quickly adopted a 2017-19 biennium capital budget and associated bond bill. Details of the 2017-19 biennium capital budget can be accessed [here](#).

Supplemental Budgets

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

Supplemental Operating Budget

On March 27 the governor signed the 2018 supplemental operating budget ([ESSB 6032](#)). The spending revisions rely on 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. The increase is primarily used to fully fund the raise in school staff salaries required by the *McCleary* State Supreme Court decision. The supplemental operating budget also includes a reduction in property tax increases

implemented last year as a revenue source for education funding. The vehicle for the reduction is [ESSB 6614](#), which lowers property taxes in 2019 by 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value (estimated cost of \$391 million). You can view the 2018 supplemental operating budget documents [here](#).

2018 Supplemental Capital Budget

The compromise 2018 supplemental capital budget for the 2017-19 biennium ([ESSB 6095](#)) was passed by both chambers and signed by the governor on March 27. You can view the 2018 supplemental capital budget and its corresponding documents [here](#).

2018 Supplemental Transportation Budget

The compromise 2018 supplemental transportation budget ([ESSB 6106](#)) was signed by the governor on March 27. You can access the final 2018 supplemental transportation budget and its corresponding documents [here](#).

New Revenue & Tax Preferences

Capital Gains Tax

The original House 2018 supplemental operating budget proposal relied upon revenue from a proposed new capital gains tax ([SHB 2967](#)). That bill imposes a 7% tax on long-term capital gains. The capital gains tax legislation died in the House Rules Committee.

Wireless Device Tax

[SHB 2389](#) levies a tax on the retail sale of wireless devices used to access the internet. It did not pass.

Data Center Tax Incentive

Data center tax incentive legislation [HB 2673/SB 6307](#) provides a tax incentive for non-rural data centers. Neither bill passed this session.

Business & Labor

Pay Equity

The Legislature passed the pay equity bill ([2SHB 1506](#)) on March 7. 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. The governor signed this legislation on March 21.

Fair Chance Act

The "Fair Chance Act," also known as "Ban the Box" legislation [2SHB 1298](#), prohibits employers from asking about a job applicant's prior criminal background until the employer has established the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position. Exemptions, such as for law enforcement and work with children, are included. This bill was signed by the governor on March 13.

Reducing Workplace Sexual Harassment

Legislation regarding workplace sexual harassment was a strong focus this session. [SSB 5996](#) is designed to reduce sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace. [SB 6471](#) improves the workplace by developing model policies and best practices to prevent sexual harassment. [SSB 6313](#) will prohibit employee contracts that limit an employee's right to file a sexual harassment claim. And [ESSB 6068](#) restricts sexual assault or harassment nondisclosure agreements. All of the bills were signed by the governor on March 21.

Non-Compete Agreements

[HB 2903](#) and [SSB 6522](#) both addressed the use of non-compete agreements. Both bills essentially eliminate non-compete clauses for anyone making less than \$300,000 (or five times the annual average weekly wage). They also limit any non-compete to one year and make them no longer available for independent contractors. Finally, the legislation includes a garden leave clause that requires an employer to continue to pay an employee's salary while the non-compete is in force. [SSB 6526](#) also addresses non-competes by prohibiting any contract that restrains an hourly employee from engaging in a lawful profession, trade or business. None of these bills passed this session.

Manufacturers and New Motor Vehicle Dealers

Governor Inslee signed [ESSB 6137](#) on March 27. Among other things, the bill (1) requires manufacturers to compensate their dealers if parts or a remedy are not reasonably available to perform a recall service or repair on a used vehicle held for sale by the dealer in certain circumstances, (2) gives a corporation or association of dealers standing to represent itself or individual dealers before the Department of Licensing and in court, and (3) specifies that for a willful violation of the franchise law a court may increase an award by up to three times the actual damages sustained.

Health Care

Drug Take-Back Program

[ESHB 1047](#) creates a system for safe and secure collection and disposal of unwanted medications. The bill was signed on March 22.

Women's Health Care

[SSB 6219](#), the "Reproductive Parity Act," requires health plans to include coverage for contraceptives with no cost sharing. It was signed by the governor on March 21.

Continuity of Care

The chambers could not reach agreement this session regarding continuity of care legislation [SSB 6147](#). The bill requires health insurers to continue to cover prescription drugs for enrollees under certain circumstances. It also prohibits health insurers from increasing copayment or coinsurance amounts for prescription drugs under certain circumstances.

Drug Cost Transparency

[2SHB 1541](#) requires issuers and drug manufacturers to report certain prescription drug pricing data to a data organization contracted by the Office of Financial Management (OFM). It also requires the data organization to summarize the prescription drug pricing data and provide reports to the Legislature and OFM. The bill failed to pass.

Pre-Authorizations

On March 22 the governor signed [ESSB 6157](#). The law helps patients get access to the health-care benefits by changing an insurance carrier's initial prior-authorization process. Patients can now have six consecutive treatment visits, without prior authorization, with specialty-care providers determined to be medically necessary.

Rural Health Care Access

[ESHB 2408](#) requires, for plan years beginning January 1, 2020, at least one health carrier in an insurance holding company system to offer qualified health plans in counties where the insurance holding company

system offers a health plan approved by the School Employees' Benefits Board or the Public Employees' Benefits Board. It also reduces the premiums for enrollees in the Washington Health Insurance Pool in counties where there is no other individual market coverage available. It was signed by the governor on March 22.

Opioid Epidemic

[ESHB 2489](#) is designed to prevent opioid use disorder. The bill had significant movement this session, but in the end did not pass. Among other things, the legislation authorizes pharmacists to partially fill prescriptions at a patient's or prescriber's request, requires health care practitioners to discuss the risk of opioids, and requires health care practitioners to take a continuing education course on best practices for opioid prescribing and to register for a Prescription Monitoring Program.

Law & Justice

I-940 De-Escalate Washington

At the end of the session, the "De-Escalate Washington" Initiative 940 ([I-940](#)) to the Legislature received significant attention and action. I-940 revises the state law on the use of deadly force in policing. After considerable negotiations, on March 7 an agreement was reached by legislators and stakeholders to pass the initiatives (House Initiative 940 and Senate Initiative 940) and to also pass a bill ([ESHB 3003](#)) to change the approved initiative once it goes into effect. The bill agreed to by most stakeholders removes the reference to "malice" and inserts language that protects officers who act within their training by defining "good faith" to a standard recognized nationally. This outcome is expected to take the initiative off the November ballot despite the Legislature's modified approach to the matter in ESHB 3003. One last hurdle for this legislation has materialized in the form of a lawsuit filed by well-known initiative supporter Tim Eyman who is challenging the legality of ESHB 3003, as explained in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#).

Phasing Out Youth Detention for Noncriminal Behavior

[SSB 5596](#) passed the Senate, but died in the House. The bill eliminates the ability for courts to issue orders directing law enforcement to place youth in detention for truancy violations beginning in 2019 and for at risk youth, child in need of services, or dependency findings in 2021.

Including Referred and Diverted Youth in Community Juvenile Accountability Programs

[2SHB 1280](#) requires expansion of guidelines for community juvenile accountability programs to include referred youth, defined as a youth referred to a program by a police officer in lieu of diversion or charging of a juvenile offense for which there is probable cause. The bill failed this session.

Exclusive Adult Jurisdiction/Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

In part, [E2SSB 6160](#) eliminates exclusive adult court jurisdiction for 16 and 17 year olds charged with Robbery in the first degree; Drive-by Shooting; Burglary in the first degree with one or more prior adjudications; and any violent offense when the juvenile is alleged to have been armed with a firearm. The bill also extends the maximum period of juvenile court commitment to age 25 for offenders adjudicated of an A++ offense or sentenced to the new 12-month firearm enhancement. Governor Inslee signed the bill on March 22.

Death Penalty

[SB 6052](#), which eliminates the death penalty in Washington State, received significant debate and consideration this session. But it did not pass.

Legal Financial Obligations (LFO)

On March 27 the governor signed [E2SHB 1783](#). The bill prioritizes victim restitution and gives judges the ability to reduce or waive other fees and fines if a defendant is found to be indigent at the time of sentencing.

Cyber & Broadband

Net Neutrality

To preserve net neutrality in Washington State, [SHB 2282](#) was signed by the governor on March 5. Among other things, this bill provides that internet providers in Washington are prohibited, with some exceptions, from (1) blocking content, applications, services, or non harmful devices; (2) impairing or degrading ("throttling") traffic on the basis of content, application, service, or use of non harmful devices; or (3) favoring some traffic over others in exchange for benefit ("paid prioritization").

Electronic Servicing

[SHB 2279](#) requires digital electronic product manufacturers to make available certain information, parts, and tools related to independent repair. It also prohibits digital electronic product manufacturers from requiring the purchase of certain proprietary information, excluding certain information, or preventing certain functions related to independent repair. The bill stalled and died this session.

Consumer Privacy of Internet Users

[ESHB 2200](#) addresses the privacy and security of internet users. First, it requires internet providers to obtain opt-in consent to sell or transfer certain customer information. Second, it requires internet providers to obtain opt-in consent to send or display an advertisement to a customer based on certain customer information. After seeing considerable activity during the 2017 session, the bill died in the House this year.

Gaming Loot Boxes

Also stalling in the Senate this session was [SB 6266](#) regarding gaming loot boxes. The bill requires the Washington State Gambling Commission to conduct a study of the use of loot boxes in online games or apps and make written findings and recommendations to the Legislature regarding how to best regulate the practice of including these mechanisms in online games and apps.

Environment

Carbon Tax

Governor Inslee's carbon tax bill, [2SSB 6203](#), creates a new tax of \$12 per metric ton of carbon emissions beginning in July 2019. In 2021 the tax increases to \$1.80 per ton each year until capped at \$30 a ton. The bill remained in play until the very end of the session when it died on the Senate floor.

Carbon Tax initiative

As a backup plan to the carbon tax bill (2SSB 6203), advocates filed an [initiative](#) to impose a fee of \$15 per metric ton of carbon emissions effective January 1, 2020. This fee increases 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.

Salmon Net Pens

Atlantic salmon net pen farming will be phased out in Washington State by 2025 as a result of the passage of [EHB 2957](#). Cooke Aquaculture operates Atlantic salmon farming operations in Washington and has

indicated it will take legal action against Washington State related to the legislation. The bill was signed by the governor on March 22.

Oil Transportation Safety

Oil transportation safety legislation requested by the Department of Ecology ([2SSB 6269](#)) was signed by the governor on March 23. Among other things, this bill applies a barrel tax to crude oil received by pipeline and requires the Department of Ecology to review, assess and produce a report on vessel traffic safety in northern Puget Sound and to establish the Salish Sea Shared Waters forum.

Transportation

Autonomous Vehicle Work Group

[SHB 2970](#) establishes an autonomous vehicle work group. The bill was signed by the governor on March 22.

Transportation Benefit Districts

[SB 6414](#) was signed by the governor on March 21. The bill requires that members of the governing board of a Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) meeting certain criteria are required to be selected, to the extent possible, to assure proportional representation, based on population, of the cities and unincorporated sections of counties located within the PTBA boundaries. Legislation imposing new calculation requirements on transportation benefit district fee increases ([ESSB 5955](#)) was passed by the Senate, but stalled in the House.

State Government

Public Records Act

The Public Records Act (PRA), enacted in 1972 by the people as part of Initiative 276, requires that all state and local government agencies make all public records available for public inspection. For years the Legislature has taken the position that the PRA does not apply to the Legislature. The Thurston County Superior Court disagreed when it ruled in favor of the media by concluding that the Legislature had improperly exempted itself from the PRA laws. In response, on February 23 the Legislature swiftly passed Public Records Act legislation ([ESB 6617](#)) to exempt itself from the PRA. Following passage of the bill, the Governor's Office was contacted by a record-setting number of Washingtonians voicing concerns about and opposition to the bill's passage. On March 1 Governor Inslee vetoed the bill so as to allow the Legislature, the public and stakeholders to engage in a transparent process to discuss and consider legislative public records issues. And 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."

Tribal

Fuel Compacts

[SHB 1063](#) allows federally recognized tribes with lands held in trust in specified counties to enter into agreements regarding fuel taxes. After passing the Senate, it stalled in the House this session.

Higher Education

On March 22 the governor signed [E3SHB 1488](#) to expand higher education opportunities by, among other things, protecting DACA students to be eligible.

Elections

Voting Rights Act

[ESSB 6002](#) creates a state Voting Rights Act to protect the equal opportunity for minority groups to participate in local elections. The governor signed the bill on March 19.

Automatic Voter Registration

Signed by Governor Inslee on March 19, [E2SHB 2595](#) provides for an automatic voter registration procedure for enhanced driver's license and identocard applicants and requires the Health Benefit Exchange to automatically provide voter registration information to the Washington State Secretary of State for those who consent to such transfer.

Gun Responsibility

Machine Gun Loophole -- Trigger Modification Devices

[ESSB 5992](#) closes the machine gun loophole by prohibiting bump stocks that increase the rate of fire. The bill was signed by the governor on March 6.

Protecting Students

Legislation ([SSB 6620](#)) incorporating enhanced assault weapon background checks with school safety measures had considerable activity for a bill introduced so late in the session, but it eventually stalled in the Senate.

Pistol License Eligibility

On March 22 the governor signed [EHB 2519](#) regarding pistol license eligibility. Among other things, the law requires law enforcement to ensure a person meets the eligibility requirements for a concealed pistol license before returning it following surrender to law enforcement.

Housing

Affordable Housing

[ESHB 2437](#) passed the House, but failed in the Senate. The bill authorizes a county or city to impose a local sales tax, to be credited against the state sales tax, for affordable or supportive housing investment.

Surplus Public Lands for Affordable Housing

[3SHB 2382](#) allows surplus public lands to be used for affordable housing. The bill was signed by the governor on March 22.

Homeless Housing & Assistance Surcharge

[E2SHB 1570](#) increases the Homeless Housing and Assistance surcharge by \$22. The bill authorizes use of the new funds for homeless housing programs and projects, and makes the surcharge permanent. The governor signed the bill on March 7.

Section 3: Priority Bill Tracking List for the 2018 Legislative Session

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High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
SHB 1116 Family & med leave insurance	H Labor &	Robinson	Oppose

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Implementing family and medical leave insurance.

Sponsors: 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.

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.

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

[HB 2882](#)

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.

[SB 5822](#)

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

Summary: Revises the state industrial insurance act. Adopts a series of targeted reforms to address

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

Aerial crop protect./schools

S Energy,
Enviro

Wellman

Oppose

Concerning aerial application of crop protection products from an agricultural aircraft near school facilities.

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

[SB 6063](#)

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

C 33 L 18

Hobbs

Support

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

Bill Details

Status

Sponsor

Position

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.

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.

Greenhouse gas emissions

H Rules 3C

Fitzgibbon

Neutral

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.

Job applicants/arrests, etc.

C 38 L 18

Ortiz-Self

Neutral

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

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

[2SHB 1298](#)

Summary: Establishes the Washington fair chance act. Prohibits an employer from including any question on an application for employment, from inquiring either orally or in writing, from receiving information through a criminal history background check, or from otherwise obtaining information about an applicant's criminal record until after the employer initially determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position. Requires the state attorney general's office to enforce this act. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

WA food policy forum

H Rules 3C

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

[3SHB 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, 2020. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

[SHB 1692](#)

Agriculture and farming

H Ag & Nat Res

Buys

Neutral

Concerning agriculture and farming.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

[SHB 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.

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.

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.

Sponsors: Lytton (Prime), Jinkins, Macri

[SHB 2186](#)

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.

**[ESHB 2299](#)
(ESSB 6032)**

Sponsors: Ormsby (Prime)

Summary: 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.

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

Sponsors: Condotta (Prime), Chapman, Haler, Orcutt, Shea, Stokesbary, Taylor, Van Werven, Vick, Wilcox

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

[HB 2349](#)**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.

Sponsors: Kraft (Prime), Haler, Shea, Young

Summary: 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

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Valdez

Neutral

Concerning medical certificate requirements for applicants and holders of commercial drivers' licenses and commercial learners' permits.

Sponsors: Valdez (Prime), Eslick, Jinkins, Orcutt

[SHB 2696](#)
(SSB 6330)

Summary: 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.

[HB 2768](#)

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

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
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
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
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.

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

[SHB 2992](#)

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
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

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

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.

Water banks/permanent avail.S Econ
Developmen

Honeyford

Neutral

Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.

SB 5002

Sponsors: Honeyford (Prime)

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

Family & med leave insuranceS Labor &
Commerc

Keiser

Neutral

Implementing family and medical leave insurance.

**SB 5032
(SHB 1116)**

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

Summary: Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the

military service of a family member. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account.

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.

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

[SB 5230](#)
[\(HB 1352\)](#)

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

Seeds, agency procurement of

S
Ag/Water/Natura

Warnick

Neutral

[ESSB 5263](#)

Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime)

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

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

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime), Hunt

[SB 5385](#)

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

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.

Carbon tax	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.

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

Sponsors: Carlyle (Prime), Frockt, Hunt, Ranker, Salda?a

Summary: Creates a carbon pollution mitigation tax on fossil fuel emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Creates the carbon program oversight board to oversee implementation of this act and advise the governor on the achievement of greenhouse gas emission reductions. Creates an economic and environmental justice oversight panel as a joint body between the office of the governor, the department of ecology, and the department of health. Requires the

department of revenue to establish and administer a low-income carbon pollution mitigation tax grant for state residents to assist in the equitable transition to lower carbon emission energy sources. Involves the following in some role regarding the imposition of the carbon tax: The department of ecology, the department of revenue, the department of commerce, the department of health, the Washington State University extension energy office, the recreation and conservation office, the office of the attorney general, and other state agencies with control of expenditures of carbon pollution mitigation tax receipts. Creates the clean energy account, the clean water climate program account, the sustainable forest health account, the carbon reduction investment fund, the sustainable infrastructure fund, and the equitable transition fund.

Tax exemptions	S Rules 3	Frockett	Neutral
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Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

[ESSB 5513](#)
(HB 1500)

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

Summary: 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.

Vehicle taxation	S Transportation	Fortunato	Neutral
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Concerning vehicle taxation.

[SB 5564](#)

Sponsors: Fortunato (Prime), Hawkins, King, O'Ban

Summary: Modifies provisions relating to vehicle taxation.

Foreign national ownership	S State Govt/Trib	Billig	Neutral
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Concerning certification of the level of foreign national ownership for corporations that participate in Washington state elections.

[SB 5570](#)

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

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

Education	S Rules X	Braun	Neutral
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Concerning education.

[SSB 5607](#)

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

Summary: Revises education provisions with regard to: The weighted per pupil funding model; local effort levy; local excess levy authority for calendar year 2020 and thereafter; providing a one-year delay in the levy lid reduction; compensation and salary; housing allowance; national board for professional teaching standards bonus; state-funded extended year contracts; health care benefits; measures of a school district's success; accountability through improved accounting transparency; providing flexibility to school districts; recognizing school districts meeting the performance targets;

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

Production-based comp. wages

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.

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.

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.

Tax prefs citizen commission

S Rules X

Carlyle

Neutral

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

[SSB 5847](#)

Sponsors: Carlyle (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt

Summary: Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, when reviewing tax preferences, to include the following: (1) The overall effective tax rate for the industry groups benefiting from the tax preference; (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.

B&O manufacturing tax rate	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.

State property tax reduction	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.

Supp. operating budget	C 299 L 18	Rolfes	Neutral
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Making 2018 supplemental operating appropriations.

[ESSB 6032](#)
[\(ESHB 2299\)](#)

Sponsors: Rolfes (Prime), Braun

Summary: Makes 2018 supplemental operating appropriations.

State property tax reduction	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.

Hazardous substance tax	S Energy, Enviro	Palumbo	Neutral
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Creating the hazardous substance tax stabilization act.

[SB 6285](#)

Sponsors: Palumbo (Prime)

Summary: 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. Creates the hazardous substance tax stabilization escrow trust account.

Pesticide exposure S Energy, Enviro Salda?a Neutral
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
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
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
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.

Pesticide application safety C 108 L 18 Salda?a Neutral
Establishing a pesticide application safety work group.

[E2SSB 6529](#)

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

Summary: Creates the pesticide application safety work group to develop recommendations for improving the safety of pesticide applications. Expires December 31, 2018.

Rural manufacturers B&O tax S Ways & Means Takko Neutral
Providing business and occupation tax relief to rural manufacturers.

[SB 6596](#)
(HB 2947)

Sponsors: Takko (Prime), Palumbo

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

Education funding reform S Ways & Means Braun Neutral
Concerning final implementation of education funding reform.

Sponsors: Braun (Prime)

[SB 6616](#)

Summary: Addresses education funding reform legislation. Declares an intent to: (1) Recalibrate the balance of state and local funding for school districts in light of the court's latest order; (2) Fully implement the salary allocations in school year 2018-2019; (3) Accelerate the implementation of certain accounting and budget transparency requirements; and (4) Reduce local school district levies by an amount equal to the increased state salary allocations that will be made to school districts in school year 2018-2019.

Legislative records Gov vetoed Nelson Neutral
Concerning records disclosure obligations of the legislative branch.

Sponsors: Nelson (Prime), Schoesler

[ESB 6617](#)

Summary: SB 6617 - DIGEST Establishes the legislative public records act. Establishes records disclosure obligations that preserve the independent deliberation of the people's representatives while providing access to legislative public records. Establishes continued public access to specified records of the legislature as originally codified in the public records act in 1995, as well as additional records provided in this act.

School security S Rules Frockt Neutral
Improving security in schools and the safety of students.

Sponsors: Frockt (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Darneille, Dhingra, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, McCoy, Pedersen, Ranker, Salda?a

[SSB 6620](#)
(HB 3004)

Summary: Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to: (1) Develop and implement emergency response systems to expedite the response and arrival of law enforcement in the event of a threat or emergency at a school; (2) Establish and implement a grant program to fund school resource officers; and (3) Establish a grant program to provide financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies conducting background checks for the purchase and sale of pistols and

semiautomatic rifles. Requires a first responder agency, when notifying a school of a situation that may necessitate an evacuation or lockdown, to determine if schools in the vicinity are similarly threatened and, if so, notify those schools. Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Contract with a vendor to make an incident alert and reporting system available to public schools. The 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.
