

2019 Washington State Legislative Session Report Far West Agribusiness Association February 1, 2019

As we move into the fourth week of the 105-day 2019 Washington State legislative session, we are now halfway to the first cutoff date of February 22. This deadline is the date by which a bill must pass out of the house of origin policy committee to remain alive. There are exceptions, such as fiscal matters and bills necessary to implement the budget, and any bill can come back to life under certain circumstances.

On January 29 the Senate passed a bipartisan resolution to permanently allow remote video testimony in legislative hearings. This KPQ News [article](#) outlines where the 16 remote testimony sites are located within the state.

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

Budget

A primary function of the 2019 Legislature is to draft, negotiate and adopt the 2019-21 biennium operating, transportation and capital budgets. Following the projected March 20 revenue forecast release, House budget writers will release their budget proposals. Shortly thereafter, the Senate will release its proposals. Then each chamber will approve its own budget plan before the House and Senate begin negotiations to resolve their differences. Each chamber will then adopt the agreed compromise budget with associated corresponding policy bills. Finally, it will be delivered to the governor to be signed into law.

Business & Labor: Health Coverage, New Commerce Director, & Worker Protections

As explained by prime sponsor Rep. Reeves (D-Federal Way), "Fair Share Healthcare" [HB 1518](#) is designed to ensure that companies in Washington State are paying their "fair share" for employee healthcare. Introduced on January 23, the bill would impact companies that have at least 1,000 employees and do not currently supply health care insurance coverage to workers.

Governor Inslee announced this week that Lisa Brown will be the next director of the state Department of Commerce. As noted in this Associated Press [article](#), Brown formerly served as chancellor of the Washington State University Spokane campus. She played a key role in the creation of the new Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.

Introduced on January 23, "Secure scheduling" legislation ([HB 1491](#)) has a public hearing on February 5 and executive session on February 7. Its companion bill, [SB 5717](#), was introduced on January 29. The legislation would put new parameters on employee scheduling by defining terms such as "work week" and "work shift." Also related to scheduling, [SB 5190](#) concerning meal and rest breaks for health care workers was passed out of committee on Jan. 29 and is now in Ways & Means.

[HB 1601](#) creating a "Universal Workers Protection Act" has a February 4 public hearing followed by an executive session the next day. Among other things, the legislation addresses employment

misclassification and wage theft. Also, legislation regarding non-compete agreements ([HB 1450/SB 5478](#)) received public hearings on January 29. The House version had an executive session on Jan. 31, but no action was taken.

[HB 1515/SB 5513](#) would significantly alter the independent contractor laws in Washington State. With the high qualification threshold written into the bill, most individuals currently considered independent contractors in the state would lose that status. Both bills had public hearings on January 28. The House version had executive sessions scheduled for January 29 and 31. No action was taken.

Health Care: Telemedicine, Insurance Billing & Opioid Use Disorder

Two pieces of bipartisan-sponsored legislation related to telemedicine had January 30 public hearings. [SB 5387](#) concerns the credentialing of physicians for providing telemedicine services. [SB 5385](#) addresses telemedicine payment parity and requires certain health carriers and plans to reimburse a provider for services provided via telemedicine at the same rate as if it was provided in-person. No further action has been scheduled for these bills at this time.

Legislation regarding out-of-network care and in-network facility had some movement this week. Medical billing legislation ([HB 1065/SB 5031](#)) was introduced at the request of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). HB 1065 has an executive session scheduled for February 1. And its companion bill will have a public hearing on February 4. Also introduced at the request of the OIC, [HB 1069](#) creates an insurance fraud surcharge account. The bill has a February 4 public hearing in House Appropriations. It would create a fraud account for the OIC and require funds collected via an insurance fraud surcharge to be deposited into the account. You can view the fiscal note for the bill [here](#).

[HB 1331](#) and [SB 5380](#) relate to opioid use disorder, treatment, prevention and related services. The House bill had a January 29 public hearing and has a February 6 executive session scheduled. The bipartisan sponsored legislation has 26 sponsors and is at the request of the governor who has made the bills a priority this session. Among other things, the legislation declares opioid use disorder a public crisis.

Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health Subcommittee will hold a February 1 public hearing on [SB 5048](#), which would establish a re-entry community safety program for state hospital patients. The Subcommittee also has a February 1 executive session scheduled for [SB 5637](#) that would provide tax relief for entities that deliver behavioral and mental health services.

Law & Justice: Use of Deadly Force, Safe Cities & Wrongful Death

On January 30 the Senate passed [SHB 1064](#) to address the passage of Use of Deadly Force Initiative 940. The initiative updated Washington State's statute on police use of deadly force. SHB 1064 clarifies and strengthens the language in the initiative. As reported in this *Sequim Gazette* [article](#), conversations and negotiations surrounding this issue have been ongoing for over three years. It has been sent to the governor and will be signed on February 4.

The safest (and least safe) cities in Washington State were revealed in a new analysis. As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), the state's per-capita rates for property crime and violent crime were 19% lower than the national average.

Wrongful death legislation ([HB 1135/SSB 5163](#)) has a February 1 public hearing. As explained in this Associated Press [article](#), the legislation was motivated by a 2015 Ride the Ducks accident in Seattle. As

explained by the bill's sponsor, Rep. Santos (D-Seattle), the bill intends to allow a non-resident parent to seek justice. Opposition to the bill has pointed to liability concerns. Having been passed out of the Law & Justice Committee, the Senate version has a public hearing in Ways & Means on February 6.

Environment: Dept. of Ecology Priorities, Dam Water Flow & Climate Bills

The Dept. of Ecology (DOE) released its [2019 legislative priorities](#) on January 29. These included: 1) safe oil transport to protect orcas, 2) sustainable recycling and drought preparedness response, 3) voluntary cleanup programs, and 4) wood stove emissions standards and a fee increase. DOE-request legislation ([HB 1543](#)) regarding sustainable recycling has a February 7 public hearing. Its companion, [SB 5545](#), has a February 6 public hearing. As reported in this *Island Inlander* [article](#), the legislation is in response to China announcing it was finished taking contaminated recycled materials. And on January 29 the DOE released a proposal to allow more water to flow over eight federal dams in the state. The proposal's intent is to increase the number of salmon in order to support orca recovery efforts. DOE is holding two public comment sessions on this proposal, including this [webinar](#) on February 19.

Several climate bills saw movement over the past week. This *The Chronicle* [article](#) explains how legislators from both parties are addressing climate issues. Low carbon fuel standard legislation ([SB 5412/HB 1110](#)) had a public hearing on January 30. Energy efficiency legislation ([HB 1257/SB 5293](#)) had a January 29 public hearing and is scheduled for executive session on February 5 and February 7. And the 100% clean energy bills [HB 1211](#) has an executive session scheduled for February 5 and February 7. The Senate version [SB 5116](#) was passed out of committee with amendment on January 29 and has been referred to Ways & Means. [SB 5426](#) regarding reducing emissions from hydrofluorocarbons, has a February 5 public hearing in the Senate. The companion, [SHB 1112](#), is in Appropriations. Legislation ([HB 1113](#)) amending the greenhouse gas emission limits to be in line with the US commitment under the 2015 Paris climate agreement was scheduled for a January 31 executive session, but no action was taken. Republican-sponsored [HB 1226](#) would establish the "Carbon Free Washington Act" and encourage investment in and reduction of costs of transitioning to the clean energy future. It has executive sessions scheduled for February 5 and February 7.

Transportation: Oil Transport, Fish Passage Barrier Removal, High-Speed Rail

Legislation [SB 5579](#) ([HB 1785](#)) concerning oil by rail transport had a January 29 public hearing. This bill is prime-sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Billig (D-Spokane). Also addressing the transport of oil, [SB 5578](#)([HB 1578](#)) seeks to reduce threats to southern resident orcas by improving the safety of oil transport. This Senate bill received public hearings on January 29 and January 31.

On January 30 the House Transportation Committee held work sessions on fish passage barrier removal, the Department of Transportation Rail Program and high-speed rail. Presentations for all three work sessions can be viewed [here](#).

Cyber: Privacy & Delivery Robots

Privacy legislation to protect consumer data ([HB 1071/SB 5064](#)) was requested by the Attorney General and the House version has a February 1 executive session. On January 28, the *Seattle Times* published this [editorial](#) in support of data privacy legislation. Also in cyber news, legislators are considering regulating delivery robot devices. As explained in this Associated Press [article](#), proposed legislation would allow the robots to be on sidewalks.

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Upcoming Legislative Events

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/1 @ 10:00am

- HB 1348 - Exec Session - Helping Washington businesses succeed by modifying certain business and occupation tax provisions.

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/4 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1515 - Exec Session - Concerning the employer-employee relationship.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 2/4 @ 3:30pm

- SB 5581 - Public Hearing - Improving the effectiveness and adequacy of state tax laws by clarifying and simplifying nexus provisions, by decreasing compliance and administrative burdens for taxpayers and the department of revenue, by facilitating the collection of new tax revenue resulting from the United States supreme court's decision in South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc., by providing more consistent tax obligations for both domestic and foreign sellers, and by simplifying the expiration of sales tax sourcing mitigation payments to local governments on September 30, 2019.

Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/5 @ 8:00am

- SB 5690 - Public Hearing - Creating the universal worker protections act.

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/5 @ 10:00am

- SB 5426 - Public Hearing - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/5 @ 3:30pm

- HB 1211 - Exec Session - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.
- HB 1257 - Exec Session - Concerning energy efficiency.

Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/6 @ 8:00am

- HB 1736 - Public Hearing - Concerning tax relief for veterans and service members with disabilities to purchase adaptive agricultural equipment.

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/6 @ 8:00am

- HB 1348 - Exec Session - Helping Washington businesses succeed by modifying certain business and occupation tax provisions.

Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/6 @ 3:30pm

- SB 5130 - Public Hearing - Increasing transportation revenues to help fund state fish barrier removal.

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/7 @ 8:00am

- HB 1211 - Exec Session - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.
- HB 1257 - Exec Session - Concerning energy efficiency.

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/7 @ 8:00am

- HB 1696 - Public Hearing - Concerning wage and salary information.

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 2/7 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5597 - Public Hearing - Creating a work group on aerial pesticide applications in forestlands.

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<p>Capital gains tax/prop. tax Assisting Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief.</p> <p>HB 1172 (SB 5314)</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Santos (Prime), Chapman, Dolan, Valdez, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Imposes a tax, beginning January 1, 2020, on all individuals for the privilege of selling or exchanging long-term capital assets or receiving Washington capital gains.</p>	H Finance	Santos	Oppose
<p>Clean energy Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Tarleton (Prime), Callan, Chapman, Doglio, Dolan, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kloba, Macri, Morris, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Peterson, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sells, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Tharinger, Valdez, Walen, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Establishes the Washington clean energy transformation act. Addresses the elimination of coal-fired electricity and the transition of the state's electricity supply to one hundred percent carbon neutral by 2030. Provides that it is the policy of the state that all retail sales of electricity to the state's customers be greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030. Requires the department of commerce to convene an energy and climate policy advisory committee to develop recommendations to the legislature for the coordination of existing resources, or the establishment of new ones, to: (1) Examine the costs and benefits of energy-related policies, programs, functions, activities, and incentives; and (2) Conduct other energy-related studies and analyses as may be directed by the legislature. Requires the department of health to conduct a cumulative impact analysis to designate the communities highly impacted by fossil fuel pollution and climate change.</p>	H Env & Energy	Tarleton	Oppose
<p>Revenue Increasing revenues for the support of state government.</p> <p>HB 1343 (SB 5129)</p>	H Finance	Tarleton	Oppose

Sponsors: Tarleton (Prime), Dolan, Ormsby, Valdez, Wylie

Summary: Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of selling or exchanging long-term capital assets or receiving Washington capital gains. Allows a business and occupation tax deduction against a person's gross income of the business to the extent necessary to avoid taxing the same amounts under chapter 82.04 RCW and section 102 of this act. Authorizes the department of revenue to enter into reciprocal tax collection agreements with the taxing officials of any other state imposing a specified tax. Increases the business and occupation tax rate on certain services.

Employer-employee status

H Labor &
Workpl

Riccelli

Concerns

Concerning the employer-employee relationship.

[HB 1515](#)
(SB 5513)

Sponsors: Riccelli (Prime), Cody, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Macri, Ormsby, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pollet, Reeves, Robinson, Sells, Stonier, Tharinger, Valdez

Summary:

Excessive executive comp tax

H Finance

Doglio

Oppose

Funding the working families tax exemption by imposing a surcharge on publicly traded companies providing excessive executive compensation.

[HB 1681](#)

Sponsors: Doglio (Prime), Appleton, Cody, Entenman, Frame, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Pollet, Reeves, Robinson, Ryu

Summary:

Clean energy

Carlyle

Oppose

Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

[SSB 5116](#)
(HB 1211)

Sponsors: Carlyle (Prime), Billig, Darneille, Das, Frockt, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Miloscia, Nguyen, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Salda?a, Wellman, Wilson

Summary:

Revenue

S Ways & Means

Rolfes

Oppose

Increasing revenues for the support of state government.

Sponsors: Rolfes (Prime), Hunt

[SB 5129](#)
(HB 1343)

Summary: Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of selling or exchanging long-term capital assets or receiving Washington capital gains. Allows a business and occupation tax deduction against a person's gross income of the business to the extent necessary to avoid taxing the same amounts under chapter 82.04 RCW and section 102 of this act. Authorizes the department of revenue to enter into reciprocal tax collection agreements with the taxing officials of any other state imposing a specified tax. Increases the business and occupation tax rate on certain services.

GMA/agricultural land

S LGOVDPS

Zeiger

Support

Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.

[SSB 5259](#)

Sponsors: Zeiger (Prime), Fortunato, Takko, Van De Wege, Warnick

Summary:

SB 5513 (HB 1515)	Employer-employee status	S Labor & Commerc	Keiser	Concerns
	Concerning the employer-employee relationship.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Keiser (Prime), Conway, Frockt, Salda?a, Wellman			
	<i>Summary:</i>			

SB 5550 (HB 1725)	Pesticide application safety	S Labor & Commer	Salda?a	Oppose
	Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Salda?a (Prime), Conway, Das, Hasegawa, Keiser, King, Rolfes, Van De Wege, Warnick			
	<i>Summary:</i>			

SB 5597	Aerial pesticide application	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes	Oppose
	Creating a work group on aerial pesticide applications in forestlands.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Conway, Hasegawa, McCoy, Salda?a			
	<i>Summary:</i>			

SB 5693	Agricultural supply chains	S Labor & Commerc	Salda?a	Oppose
	Creating transparency in agricultural supply chains.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Salda?a (Prime), Das, Hasegawa, Keiser			
	<i>Summary:</i>			

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
HB 1037	H Env & Energy	Walsh	Neutral	
	Concerning the use of chemicals to prevent the decline of aquaculture production.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Walsh (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Establishes the aquaculture fairness act. Requires the director of the department of ecology to approve a chemical that is authorized for use to control burrowing shrimp in the waters of western Washington.			
HB 1102	Capital budget 2019-2021	H Cap Budget	Tharinger	Neutral

(SB 5134) Concerning the capital budget.

Sponsors: Tharinger (Prime)

Summary: Funds capital projects.

Supp. operating budget 17-19

H Approps

Ormsby

Neutral

Making 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.

[HB 1108](#)

(SB 5154)

Sponsors: Ormsby (Prime)

Summary: Makes 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.

Operating budget 2019-2021

H Approps

Ormsby

Neutral

Making 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.

[HB 1109](#)

(SB 5153)

Sponsors: Ormsby (Prime)

Summary: Makes 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.

Fish barrier removal funding

S
Transportation

Rolfes

Neutral

Increasing transportation revenues to help fund state fish barrier removal.

[SB 5130](#)

(HB 1228)

Sponsors: Rolfes (Prime), Saldaña

Summary: Helps fund state fish barrier removal by implementing a graduated real estate excise tax and moving up to August 1, 2019, the increase in certain vehicle weight fees.

Capital budget 2019-2021

S Ways &
Means

Frockt

Neutral

Concerning the capital budget.

[SB 5134](#)

(HB 1102)

Sponsors: Frockt (Prime), Honeyford, Sheldon

Summary: Funds capital projects.

Operating budget 2019-2021

S Ways &
Means

Rolfes

Neutral

Making 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.

[SB 5153](#)

(HB 1109)

Sponsors: Rolfes (Prime), Braun

Summary: Makes 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.

Supp. operating budget 17-19

S Ways &
Means

Rolfes

Neutral

Making 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.

[SB 5154](#)

(HB 1108)

Sponsors: Rolfes (Prime), Braun

Summary: Makes 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.

Low Priority Bills

No bills.

Monitoring Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>SHB 1112</u> <u>(SB 5426)</u> Hydrofluorocarbon emissions Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons. <i>Sponsors:</i> Fitzgibbon (Prime), Bergquist, Doglio, Frame, Goodman, Jinkins, Kloba, Macri, Peterson, Pollet, Robinson, Stanford, Tharinger <i>Summary:</i> Transitions to the use of less damaging hydrofluorocarbons or suitable substitutes in various applications in the state, in a manner similar to the regulations that were adopted by the environmental protection agency, and that have been or will be adopted in several other states around the country. Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of commerce and the utilities and transportation commission, to complete a report addressing how to: (1) Increase the use of refrigerants with a low global warming potential in mobile sources, utility equipment, and consumer appliances; and (2) Reduce other uses of hydrofluorocarbons. Requires the department of enterprise services to establish purchasing and procurement policies that provide a preference for products that: (1) Are not restricted; (2) Do not contain hydrofluorocarbons or contain hydrofluorocarbons with a comparatively low global warming potential; (3) Are not designed to function only in conjunction with hydrofluorocarbons characterized by a comparatively high global warming potential; and (4) Were not manufactured using hydrofluorocarbons or were manufactured using hydrofluorocarbons with a low global warming potential.	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
<u>HB 1160</u> <u>(SB 5214)</u> Transportation budget 19-21 Making transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium. <i>Sponsors:</i> Fey (Prime), Slatter, Valdez, Wylie <i>Summary:</i> Makes transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.	H Trans	Fey	Neutral
<u>HB 1161</u> <u>(SB 5213)</u> Supp. transportation budget Making 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations. <i>Sponsors:</i> Fey (Prime), Slatter, Wylie <i>Summary:</i> Makes 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.	H Trans	Fey	Neutral
<u>HB 1252</u> Business entities/crime Concerning crime committed by business entities. <i>Sponsors:</i> Pellicciotti (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Chapman, Doglio, Dolan, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kilduff, Klippert, Leavitt, Lovick, Macri, Orwall, Peterson, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger, Valdez, Wylie <i>Summary:</i> Establishes the corporate crime act. Modifies the state criminal code relating to crime	H Public Safety	Pellicciotti	Neutral

committed by business entities.

Energy efficiency

H Env & Energy

Doglio

Neutral

Concerning energy efficiency.

Sponsors: Doglio (Prime), Appleton, Dolan, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kloba, Lekanoff, Macri, Mead, Morris, Peterson, Pollet, Riccelli, Slatter, Stanford, Tarleton, Tharinger

Summary: Increases energy efficiency and the use of renewable fuels that reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in the state and provides a public utility tax credit against the taxes owing by utilities for the incentives provided for the implementation by eligible building owners of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Establish by rule a state energy performance standard for covered commercial buildings; and (2) Establish a state energy performance standard early adoption incentive program. Requires each qualifying utility to administer incentive payments for the state energy performance standard early adoption incentive program. Allows a light and power business or a gas distribution business a public utility tax credit against certain taxes due. Requires each gas company to identify and acquire all conservation measures that are available and cost-effective. Requires the utilities and transportation commission to establish a schedule of annual minimum renewable natural gas acquisition targets for each gas company as a percentage of the company's total quantity sales to retail customers. Permits a city, town, or county to adopt additional residential energy code requirements as developed by the state building code council. Requires the state building code council to adopt certain optional efficiency appendices and include them in the state energy code for residential buildings.

[HB 1257](#)
(SB 5293)

B&O tax provisions

H RDev, Ag&NR

Chapman

Neutral

Helping Washington businesses succeed by modifying certain business and occupation tax provisions.

Sponsors: Chapman (Prime), Maycumber, Morris, Springer, Steele, Tharinger

Summary: Changes the business and occupation tax structure of manufacturers to encourage economic growth and lower the unemployment rate, especially in rural areas. Delays, from July 1, 2024, until July 1, 2056, the expiration date for the timber products business and occupation tax rate of the state forest practices habitat conservation plan.

[HB 1348](#)

H-2A agricultural program

H Labor &
Workpl

Dolan

Neutral

Concerning the H-2A temporary agricultural program.

Sponsors: Dolan (Prime), Appleton, Doglio, Frame, Gregerson, Ormsby, Sells, Valdez

Summary: Declares it to be in the public interest to clarify the state's role in the H-2A temporary agricultural program to provide: (1) Adequate protection for foreign and domestic workers; and (2) Education and outreach opportunities to help growers maintain the stable workforce they need. Creates the office of H-2A compliance and farm labor within the employment security department. Requires an employer to submit an H-2A application to the department and pay a fee for each H-2A application submitted to the department. Requires the commissioner of the employment security department to appoint an advisory committee to review issues and topics of interest related to this act. Creates the H-2A enforcement account.

[HB 1398](#)
(SB 5438)

Manufacturing B&O tax rate

H Finance

MacEwen

Neutral

Reducing the current standard business and occupation tax rates for manufacturers to the current aerospace preferential business and occupation tax rates.

Sponsors: MacEwen (Prime), Barkis, Irwin, Jenkin, Maycumber, Orcutt, Schmick, Smith, Stokesbary,

[HB 1420](#)

Van Werven

Summary: Reduces the current standard business and occupation tax rates for manufacturers to the current aerospace preferential business and occupation tax rates.

Wage and salary information	H Labor & Workpl	Dolan	Neutral
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Concerning wage and salary information.

[HB 1696](#)

Sponsors: Dolan (Prime), Appleton, Chapman, Davis, Doglio, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Kilduff, Leavitt, Macri, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Robinson, Senn, Stanford, Valdez, Wylie

Summary:

Farm products/vehicle weight	H Trans	Dye	Neutral
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Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits by two thousand pounds.

[HB 1712](#)

Sponsors: Dye (Prime), Blake, Caldier, Chambers, Chapman, Dent, Eslick, Gregerson, Kraft, Schmick, Van Werven

Summary:

Productive farmland	H RDev, Ag&NR	Gregerson	Neutral
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Retaining productive farmland.

[HB 1733](#)

(SB 5543)

Sponsors: Gregerson (Prime), Blake, Dent, Dye, Tarleton

Summary:

Adaptive agricultural equip.	H Hous, Com Dev	Kraft	Neutral
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Concerning tax relief for veterans and service members with disabilities to purchase adaptive agricultural equipment.

[HB 1736](#)

Sponsors: Kraft (Prime), Dent, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Leavitt, Lovick, Peterson, Stanford, Van Werven, Walsh, Young

Summary:

Excessive executive comp tax	H Finance	Doglio	Neutral
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Funding the working families tax exemption by imposing a surcharge on publicly traded companies providing excessive executive compensation.

[HB 1778](#)

Sponsors: Doglio (Prime), Entenman, Frame, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Pollet, Robinson

Summary:

Crew size on certain trains	H Labor & Workpla	Riccelli	Neutral
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Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[HB 1841](#)

Sponsors: Riccelli (Prime), Blake, Boehnke, Chambers, Chandler, Cody, Dent, Dolan, Eslick, Fey,

Fitzgibbon, Frame, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Harris, Hoff, Hudgins, Jenkin, Jinkins, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, McCaslin, Morgan, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Ramos, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Stokesbary, Stonier, Tarleton, Valdez, Van Werven, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, Young

Summary:

Railroad employee work hours

H Labor &
Workpla

Gregerson

Neutral

Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.

[HB 1842](#)

Sponsors: Gregerson (Prime), Blake, Boehnke, Chambers, Chandler, Cody, Dent, Dolan, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Graham, Griffey, Harris, Hoff, Hudgins, Jenkin, Jinkins, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, McCaslin, Morgan, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Ramos, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Stokesbary, Stonier, Tarleton, Valdez, Van Werven, Vick, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, Young

Summary:

Railroad workers

H Labor &
Workpla

Chapman

Neutral

Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.

[HB 1843](#)

Sponsors: Chapman (Prime), Blake, Boehnke, Chandler, Cody, Dent, Dolan, Eslick, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Harris, Hudgins, Jenkin, Jinkins, Lovick, Macri, McCaslin, Morgan, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Ramos, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Stokesbary, Stonier, Tarleton, Valdez, Van Werven, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, Young

Summary:

Supp. transportation budget

S
Transportation

Hobbs

Neutral

Making 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.

[SB 5213](#)
(HB 1161)

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime)

Summary: Makes 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.

Transportation budget 19-21

S
Transportation

Hobbs

Neutral

Making transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.

[SB 5214](#)
(HB 1160)

Sponsors: Hobbs (Prime), Palumbo

Summary: Makes transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.

Energy efficiency

S Environment,
E

Carlyle

Neutral

Concerning energy efficiency.

[SB 5293](#)
(HB 1257)

Sponsors: Carlyle (Prime), Billig, Das, Frockt, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Nguyen, Palumbo, Pedersen, Wellman

Summary: Increases energy efficiency and the use of renewable fuels that reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in the state and provides a public utility tax credit against the taxes owing

by utilities for the incentives provided for the implementation by eligible building owners of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Establish by rule a state energy performance standard for covered commercial buildings; and (2) Establish a state energy performance standard early adoption incentive program. Requires each qualifying utility to administer incentive payments for the state energy performance standard early adoption incentive program. Allows a light and power business or a gas distribution business a public utility tax credit against certain taxes due. Requires each gas company to identify and acquire all conservation measures that are available and cost-effective. Requires the utilities and transportation commission to establish a schedule of annual minimum renewable natural gas acquisition targets for each gas company as a percentage of the company's total quantity sales to retail customers. Permits a city, town, or county to adopt additional residential energy code requirements as developed by the state building code council. Requires the state building code council to adopt certain optional efficiency appendices and include them in the state energy code for residential buildings.

Hydrofluorocarbon emissions

S Environment,
E

Mullet

Neutral

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.

Sponsors: Mullet (Prime), Dhingra, Nguyen, Palumbo, Rivers, Rolfes

Summary: Phases out the use of hydrofluorocarbons in various applications in the state, in a manner similar to the regulations that were adopted by the environmental protection agency, and that have been or will be adopted in several other states around the country. Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of commerce and the utilities and transportation commission, to complete a study addressing how to: (1) Increase the use of refrigerants with a low global warming potential in mobile sources, utility equipment, and consumer appliances; and (2) Reduce other uses of hydrofluorocarbons. Requires the department of enterprise services to establish purchasing and procurement policies that provide a preference for products that: (1) Are not restricted; (2) Do not contain hydrofluorocarbons; (3) Are not designed to function only in conjunction with hydrofluorocarbons; and (4) Were not manufactured using hydrofluorocarbons.

[SB 5426](#)
(SHB 1112)

Productive farmland

S
Ag/Water/Natur

Takko

Neutral

Retaining productive farmland.

Sponsors: Takko (Prime)

Summary:

[SB 5543](#)
(HB 1733)

Crude oil volatility/rail

S Environment,
E

Billig

Neutral

Concerning the volatility of crude oil received in the state by rail.

Sponsors: Billig (Prime), Carlyle, Conway, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, Nguyen, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Saldaña, Van De Wege

Summary:

[SB 5579](#)
(HB 1785)

State tax laws

S Ways & Means

Rolfes

Neutral

Improving the effectiveness and adequacy of state tax laws by clarifying and simplifying nexus provisions, by decreasing compliance and administrative burdens for taxpayers and the department of revenue, by facilitating the collection of new tax revenue resulting from the United States supreme court's decision in South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc., by providing more consistent tax obligations for both domestic and foreign sellers, and by simplifying the expiration of sales tax sourcing mitigation

[SB 5581](#)

payments to local governments on September 30, 2019.

Sponsors: Rolfes (Prime), Braun, Carlyle, Keiser, Salda?a

Summary:

B&O manufacturing tax rate

S Ways & Means

Ericksen

Neutral

Lowering the ceiling of the business and occupation manufacturing tax rate to 0.2904 percent.

SB 5608

Sponsors: Ericksen (Prime), Bailey, Becker, Brown, Fortunato, Honeyford, Padden, Rivers, Short, Wilson, Zeiger

Summary:

Worker protections

S Labor &
Commer

Salda?a

Neutral

Creating the universal worker protections act.

SB 5690

Sponsors: Salda?a (Prime), Conway, Keiser, Nguyen

Summary:
