

## **2019 Washington State Legislative Session Report Far West Agribusiness Association February 8, 2019**

The 2019 Washington State Legislative Session is just two weeks away from the first cut off date. As part of the process to weed out bills, the February 22 cutoff is the date by which a bill must pass out of its house of origin policy committee in order to remain alive. There are exceptions, such as fiscal bills and matters necessary to implement the budget, and any bill can come back to life under certain circumstances.

The final open seat for this session's legislators has been filled. Democrat Liz Lovelette was appointed on February 5 to fill the seat left open by the resignation of Sen. Kevin Ranker in the 40th Legislative District. Lovelette has served on the Anacortes City Council since 2014.

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

### **Budget: Revenue Reform Task Force**

Sen. Hasegawa (D-Seattle) has proposed legislation ([SB 5541](#)) to create a revenue reform task force. As explained in this *Daily World* [article](#), the purpose of the task force would be to review Washington State's tax system and make recommendations on how to improve the current system. This bill had a January 30 public hearing, but has not been scheduled for executive session at this time.

### **Business and Labor: Employment, Billboards, Misclassification & Apprenticeships**

Washington State's unemployment rate is at a low 4.3%. This has led to some staffing shortages in the hospitality industry as reported in this *The Lens* [article](#). To combat this problem, [HB 1556](#) and [SB 5808](#) have been introduced to establish the "Opportunities for Employment in Hospitality Grant" with the intent of increasing the number of people employed in the hospitality industry. The House bill was voted out of committee on February 7 and the Senate bill has a public hearing on February 12.

Legislation ([HB 1466](#)) has been proposed to ban billboards for marijuana. As noted in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#), marijuana stores are not allowed to advertise on television and radio due to federal restrictions. This bill had a public hearing on February 5 and executive session is scheduled for February 7, but not action was taken. It has a February 11 executive session scheduled.

[HB 1601](#) would create the "Employee Fair Classification Act." Among other things, the Act would create new provisions prohibiting the misclassification of employees as independent contractors. The intent of the bill is to recover lost revenue for the state that occurs through employee misclassification. This bill had a February 4 public hearing.

Legislation ([SSB 5458](#)) to expand building trade apprenticeships was passed out of committee on February 5 and is now in Ways & Means. Specifically, this bill requires the Marysville School District to collaborate with Everett Community College, Arlington School District and other stakeholders to develop a regional apprenticeship pathways program. This program would prepare individuals for

apprenticeships in construction and building trades. Its companion, [HB 1418](#), had a public hearing on January 30.

## **K-12: Special Education Funding Reforms**

On February 5, legislation ([HB 1910](#)) aimed at reforming special education funding was introduced. This bill would remove the current 13.5% cap on the number of special education students funded by the state. As reported in this KING 5 [news story](#), the bill would require Washington State to pay school districts based on the average number of special education students who live and are enrolled in the district.

## **Housing & Homelessness: Encampments & Eviction Reforms**

On February 4 the Senate Transportation Committee held a work session looking into encampments alongside the state's freeways. As noted in this KOMO [news story](#), the work session included representatives from the City of Seattle and the Washington State Dept. of Transportation, and included discussion surrounding a 72-hour rule used in removing people from illegal encampments. You can view the presentation [here](#).

On February 5 executives from Amazon, Microsoft, Expedia and other top tech companies sent a letter to the Washington State Legislature and Governor Inslee (D). The letter expressed support for legislation requiring landlords to provide tenants with more time to pay rent or vacate their homes. As noted in this *Geekwire* [article](#), current law requires only three days notice to evict a tenant. [SB 5600](#) and [HB 1453](#) would require 14-days notice for evictions and 60-days notice for rent increases. HB 1453 had a February 5 public hearing and is scheduled for executive action on February 15.

## **Law & Justice: Abolishing the Death Penalty**

After multiple attempts to pass legislation abolishing the death penalty, Washington State's governor placed a moratorium on capital punishment in 2014. However, as reported in this KING 5 [news story](#), the Washington State Supreme Court ruled the moratorium unconstitutional. This session, legislation ([SB 5339](#)) abolishing the death penalty received a February 5 public hearing and was passed out of committee on February 7.

## **Cyber/Technology: Right to Repair, Data Privacy & Security**

"Right to Repair" legislation ([HB 1342/SB 5799](#)) prohibits original manufacturers of digital electronic products sold in Washington State on or after January 1, 2020 from designing or manufacturing digital electronic products in such a way as to prevent repair functions by an independent repair provider. The House bill had a February 5 public hearing and executive action is scheduled on February 12 and February 15. The *Everett Herald* recently published this [editorial](#) supporting the bills.

Requested by the Attorney General, [SB 5064](#) and [SHB 1071](#) address personal information and the breach of security systems. The [proposed substitute](#) Senate version was passed out of committee on February 7 and is headed Transportation. The House version passed out of committee on February 6. Also addressing consumer data are [SB 5376](#) and [HB 1854](#) that would require companies in Washington State to implement data privacy systems similar to European Union standards. The House version is scheduled for a public hearing on February 12 with executive action scheduled for February 15. The Senate bill was heard on January 22 and awaits further action.

## **Environment: Plastics, Climate & Clean-Energy**

Legislation ([SSB 5323](#)) would ban stores in Washington State from providing customers with single-use plastic bags. The bill moved out of the Environment, Energy & Technology Committee and is now in

Senate Ways & Means. It has a February 12 public hearing. Its companion bill, [HB 1205](#), awaits executive action on February 11 or 12. As explained in this *Spokesman-Review* [article](#), there are 27 cities already regulating plastic bags in Washington State.

Climate bills continue to be a priority for lawmakers this session. The 100% clean energy bill ([SHB 1211](#)) passed out of policy committee on February 5 and is now scheduled for a February 12 public hearing in House Finance. The Senate version, [SSB 5116](#), has a February 12 public hearing in Senate Ways & Means. [SB 5426](#) would reduce emissions from hydrofluorocarbons. That bill received a February 5 public hearing and was passed out of committee on February 7. The companion, [SHB 1112](#), has a February 11 public hearing and February 13 executive session scheduled in House Appropriations.

Legislation ([HB 1113](#)) amending the greenhouse gas emissions limits to match the US commitment under the 2015 Paris climate agreement is now in House Appropriations. Republican-sponsored [HB 1226](#) would establish the "Carbon Free Washington Act" and encourage investment in transitioning to the clean energy future. This bill passed out of the Environment & Energy policy committee on February 5 and has a public hearing on February 12 in House Finance.

Low carbon fuel standard legislation ([SHB 1110](#)) has both a February 11 public hearing and February 13 executive session in House Transportation. The companion ([SB 5412](#)) is still in its policy committee. Energy efficiency legislation ([HB 1257](#)) awaits executive action. It is scheduled for executive sessions on February 11 and 12. The companion bill, [PSSB 5293](#), was passed out of the Senate policy committee on February 7.

### **Transportation: High Speed Rail**

On February 7 the Senate Transportation Committee held a work session on high-speed rail. This [presentation](#) given during the work session provided a timeline of studies on this topic. It notes that in June 2019, a business case analysis regarding high-speed rail will be presented to the legislature.

### **Healthcare & Behavioral Healthcare: Vaccine Exemptions, Psychiatric Teaching Hospital & Expanding Adolescent Access to Mental Health Care**

With over 50 confirmed cases of measles in Washington State, the governor declared a state of emergency. As reported in this Associated Press [article](#), over 40 of the confirmed cases are people who are not immunized. This fact has prompted legislators to take a closer look at the state's non-medical exemption for vaccinations. Introduced by Rep. Harris (R-Vancouver), [HB 1638](#) had a February 8 public hearing and is scheduled for executive action next week

Legislation ([HB 1593](#) and [SB 5516](#)) has been introduced that would create a study on developing a new psychiatric teaching hospital location in Seattle, which would be affiliated with the University of Washington (UW). As explained in this *Crosscut* [article](#), the bills would require UW to prepare a report by December 1 on how to develop a teaching hospital focused on behavioral health issues. The House version had a February 5 public hearing and is scheduled for executive action on February 8. The Senate version has a February 15 public hearing.

Also in mental health news, on February 6 there was a public hearing on [HB 1874](#) with the intent of expanding parental rights for accessing mental health care for adolescent children. As reported in this KUOW [article](#), the current law establishes 13 as the age of consent for mental health care. It gives children of this age the right to deny mental health care. The bill has a February 13 executive session scheduled.

### **Tribal: Native American Voting Rights Act**

On February 6, the Senate passed [SSB 5079](#) (34-13, 2 excused) that would enact the Native American Voting Rights Act. Among other things, the bill allows Indian tribes to request ballot drop boxes on reservations, permits the use of nontraditional residential addresses, and permits the use of tribal identification for electronic voter registration.

## **Far West Agribusiness Association**

### **Upcoming Legislative Events**

#### **Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/11 @ 10:00am**

- SB 5693 - Public Hearing - Creating transparency in agricultural supply chains.

#### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/11 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1257 - Exec Session - Concerning energy efficiency.

#### **Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/11 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1696 - Exec Session - Concerning wage and salary information.

#### **Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/11 @ 3:30pm**

- SHB 1112 - Public Hearing - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.

#### **Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/12 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1211 - Public Hearing - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. (If measure is referred to committee.)

#### **Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/12 @ 10:00am**

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

#### **Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/12 @ 10:00am**

- HB 1733 - Public Hearing - Retaining productive farmland.

#### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/12 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 1257 - Exec Session - Concerning energy efficiency.

#### **Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 2/12 @ 3:30pm**

- SSB 5116 - Public Hearing - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.
- SSB 5259 - Public Hearing - Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.

- SB 5550 - Public Hearing - Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group.

### Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/13 @ 3:30pm

- SHB 1112 - Exec Session - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.

### Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/14 @ 8:00am

- HB 1841 - Public Hearing - Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.
- HB 1842 - Public Hearing - Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.
- HB 1843 - Public Hearing - Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.

### Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/15 @ 10:00am

- HB 1875 - Public Hearing - Concerning wildlife damage to agricultural crops.

### High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<p><b>Capital gains tax/prop. tax</b> 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><a href="#">HB 1172</a> (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><b>Clean energy</b> Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.</p> <p><a href="#">SHB 1211</a> (SSB 5116)</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></p>	H ENVIDPS	Tarleton	Oppose
<p><b>Revenue</b> Increasing revenues for the support of state government.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1343</a> (SB 5129)</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Tarleton (Prime), Dolan, Ormsby, Valdez, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>	H Finance	Tarleton	Oppose

**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:* Establishes the employee fair classification act which addresses prevailing wages, wage deductions, the wage payment act, the minimum wage act, unemployment insurance, industrial insurance, and the employer-employee relationship. Creates the employee fair classification act account.

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**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:*

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**Clean energy** S Ways & Means Carlyle Oppose  
Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

[SSB 5116](#)  
(SHB 1211)

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

*Summary:* Establishes the Washington clean energy transformation act to support the clean energy economy and to transition to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

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**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.

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**GMA/agricultural land** S Ways & Means Zeiger Support  
Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.

[SSB 5259](#)

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

*Summary:*

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[SB 5513](#)  
(HB 1515)

**Employer-employee status** S Labor & Commerc Keiser Concerns

Concerning the employer-employee relationship.

*Sponsors:* Keiser (Prime), Conway, Frockt, Saldaña, Wellman

*Summary:* Establishes the employee fair classification act which addresses prevailing wages, wage deductions, the wage payment act, the minimum wage act, unemployment insurance, industrial insurance, and the employer-employee relationship. Creates the employee fair classification act account.

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<b>Pesticide application safety</b>	S Ways & Means	Saldaña	Oppose
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Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group.

*Sponsors:* Saldaña (Prime), Conway, Das, Hasegawa, Keiser, King, Rolfes, Van De Wege, Warnick

[SB 5550](#)  
(HB 1725)

*Summary:* Creates the pesticide application safety committee and requires it to: (1) Explore how the department of agriculture, the department of labor and industries, the department of health, and the Washington poison center collect and track data; and (2) Consider the feasibility and requirements of developing a shared database, including how the department of health could use existing tools, to better display multiagency data regarding pesticides. Creates an advisory work group to collect information and make recommendations to the full committee on topics requiring unique expertise and perspectives on issues within the jurisdiction of the committee. Expires July 1, 2025.

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<b>Aerial pesticide application</b>	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes	Oppose
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Creating a work group on aerial pesticide applications in forestlands.

[SB 5597](#)

*Sponsors:* Rolfes (Prime), Conway, Hasegawa, McCoy, Saldaña

*Summary:* Creates a work group on aerial application of pesticides on state and private forestlands to develop recommendations for improving the best management practices for aerial application of pesticides on the forestlands. Expires December 31, 2019.

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<b>Agricultural supply chains</b>	S Labor & Commerc	Saldaña	Oppose
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Creating transparency in agricultural supply chains.

[SB 5693](#)

*Sponsors:* Saldaña (Prime), Das, Hasegawa, Keiser

*Summary:*

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## Medium Priority Bills

### Bill Details

### Status

### Sponsor

### Position

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<b>Aquaculture chemicals</b>	H Env & Energy	Walsh	Neutral
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Concerning the use of chemicals to prevent the decline of aquaculture production.

[HB 1037](#)

*Sponsors:* Walsh (Prime)

*Summary:* 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.

<a href="#"><u>HB 1102</u></a> (SB 5134)	<p><b>Capital budget 2019-2021</b> Concerning the capital budget.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Tharinger (Prime)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Funds capital projects.</p>	H Cap Budget	Tharinger	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>HB 1108</u></a> (SB 5154)	<p><b>Supp. operating budget 17-19</b> Making 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ormsby (Prime)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Makes 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.</p>	H Approps	Ormsby	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>HB 1109</u></a> (SB 5153)	<p><b>Operating budget 2019-2021</b> Making 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Ormsby (Prime)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Makes 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.</p>	H Approps	Ormsby	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB 5130</u></a> (HB 1228)	<p><b>Fish barrier removal funding</b> Increasing transportation revenues to help fund state fish barrier removal.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Saldaña</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> 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.</p>	S Transportation	Rolfes	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB 5134</u></a> (HB 1102)	<p><b>Capital budget 2019-2021</b> Concerning the capital budget.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Frockt (Prime), Honeyford, Sheldon</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Funds capital projects.</p>	S Ways & Means	Frockt	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB 5153</u></a> (HB 1109)	<p><b>Operating budget 2019-2021</b> Making 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Braun</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Makes 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.</p>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB 5154</u></a> (HB 1108)	<p><b>Supp. operating budget 17-19</b> Making 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Braun</p>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Neutral

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

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## Low Priority Bills

No bills.

## Monitoring Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<p><b>Hydrofluorocarbon emissions</b> Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fitzgibbon (Prime), Bergquist, Doglio, Frame, Goodman, Jinkins, Kloba, Macri, Peterson, Pollet, Robinson, Stanford, Tharinger</p> <p><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.</p>	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1112</u></a> <b>(SSB 5426)</b></p>			
<p><b>Transportation budget 19-21</b> Making transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fey (Prime), Slatter, Valdez, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Makes transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.</p>	H Trans	Fey	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1160</u></a> <b>(SB 5214)</b></p>			
<p><b>Supp. transportation budget</b> Making 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fey (Prime), Slatter, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Makes 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.</p>	H Trans	Fey	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1161</u></a> <b>(SB 5213)</b></p>			
<p><b>Business entities/crime</b> Concerning crime committed by business entities.</p> <p><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</p>	H Passed 3rd	Pellicciotti	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1252</u></a></p>			

*Summary:* Establishes the corporate crime act. Modifies the state criminal code relating to crime committed by business entities.

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**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](#)  
(SSB 5293)

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**B&O tax provisions**

H Finance

Chapman

Neutral

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

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

*Summary:*

[SHB 1348](#)

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**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)

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**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, Van Werven

[HB 1420](#)

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

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**Wage and salary information**

H Labor &  
Workpl

Dolan

Neutral

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:*

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**Farm products/vehicle weight**

H Trans

Dye

Neutral

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:*

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**Productive farmland**

H RDev, Ag&NR

Gregerson

Neutral

Retaining productive farmland.

[HB 1733](#)

(SB 5543)

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

*Summary:*

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**Adaptive agricultural equip.**

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Dev

Kraft

Neutral

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:*

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**Excessive executive comp tax**

H Finance

Doglio

Neutral

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:*

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**Crew size on certain trains**

H Labor &  
Workpl

Riccelli

Neutral

Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[HB 1841](#)

(SB 5877)

*Sponsors:* Riccelli (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Blake, Boehnke, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cody, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Dolan, Entenman, Eslick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey,

Harris, Hoff, Hudgins, Jenkin, Jinkins, Kilduff, Lekanoff, Lovick, MacEwen, Macri, McCaslin, Morgan, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Pollet, Ramos, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Senn, Shewmake, Stanford, Stokesbary, Stonier, Tarleton, Valdez, Van Werven, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Wylie, Ybarra, Young

*Summary:*

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**Railroad employee work hours**

H Labor &  
Workpl

Gregerson

Neutral

Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.

[HB 1842](#)  
(SB 5878)

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

*Summary:*

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**Railroad workers**

H Labor &  
Workpl

Chapman

Neutral

Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.

[HB 1843](#)  
(SB 5879)

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

*Summary:*

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**Ag., food, nat. resource ed.**

H Education

Blake

Neutral

Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education.

[HB 1863](#)  
(SB 5804)

*Sponsors:* Blake (Prime), Corry, Dent, Dye, Eslick, Irwin, Klippert, Kretz, Orcutt, Shewmake

*Summary:*

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**Ag. crop damage by wildlife**

H RDev, Ag&NR

Eslick

Neutral

Concerning wildlife damage to agricultural crops.

[HB 1875](#)

*Sponsors:* Eslick (Prime), Dent

*Summary:*

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**Custom farming/tax exemption**

H Finance

Ybarra

Neutral

Making the custom farming and hauling farm products tax exemptions permanent.

[HB 1881](#)

*Sponsors:* Ybarra (Prime), Dent, Klippert, Orcutt, Van Werven

*Summary:*

[HB 1897](#)

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**Vehicle combinations**

H Trans

Doglio

Neutral

**(SB 5830)** Concerning vehicle combinations that may be operated on public highways.

*Sponsors:* Doglio (Prime), Fitzgibbon, Irwin, Lovick, Van Werven, Walsh

*Summary:*

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**Judicial assistants, etc.**

H Civil R & Judi

Morgan

Neutral

Concerning the hiring of bailiffs, judicial assistants, and other legal professionals by courts of record.

[HB 1977](#)

*Sponsors:* Morgan (Prime), Valdez

*Summary:*

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**Ag competitiveness/emissions**

H Env & Energy

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 1984](#)

*Sponsors:* Maycumber (Prime), Kretz, Walsh

*Summary:*

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**Ag/greenhouse emission rules**

H Env & Energy

Maycumber

Neutral

Providing regulatory relief from greenhouse gas emissions rules for producers of agricultural commodities and food products.

[HB 1985](#)

*Sponsors:* Maycumber (Prime), Kretz, Walsh

*Summary:*

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**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.

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**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.

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**Energy efficiency**

Carlyle

Neutral

Concerning energy efficiency.

[SSB 5293](#)  
**(HB 1257)**

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

*Summary:*

<a href="#"><b>SSB 5426</b></a> <b>(SHB 1112)</b>	<b>Hydrofluorocarbon emissions</b> Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.	S RecComm	Mullet	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Mullet (Prime), Dhingra, Nguyen, Palumbo, Rivers, Rolfes			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
<a href="#"><b>SB 5543</b></a> <b>(HB 1733)</b>	<b>Productive farmland</b> Retaining productive farmland.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Takko	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Takko (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Requires the state conservation commission to develop a form and process for an agricultural land assessment to be completed by a state agency before the acquisition of an interest in real property when the interest includes agricultural land. Requires state agencies, including state departments, boards, councils, commissions, state universities, colleges, and community colleges, to complete an agricultural land assessment in the form and process described and adopted by the state conservation commission before acquisition of an interest in real property.			
<a href="#"><b>SSB 5579</b></a> <b>(HB 1785)</b>	<b>Crude oil volatility/rail</b> Concerning the volatility of crude oil received in the state by rail.	S ENETDPS	Billig	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Billig (Prime), Carlyle, Conway, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, Nguyen, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Salda?a, Van De Wege			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
<a href="#"><b>SB 5581</b></a> <b>(HB 1890)</b>	<b>State tax laws</b> 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.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Braun, Carlyle, Keiser, Salda?a			
	<i>Summary:</i> Makes revisions to tax statutes with regard to the following: Clarification and simplification of nexus provisions; marketplace facilitators; the repeal and modification of conflicting and unnecessary statutes; the assurance of continuing compliance with the streamlined sales and use tax agreement and addressing potential federal preemption; the elimination of unfair tax advantages for foreign marketplace sellers and peer-to-peer car rental marketplace facilitators; and sourcing mitigation for local governments.			
<a href="#"><b>SB 5608</b></a>	<b>B&amp;O manufacturing tax rate</b> Lowering the ceiling of the business and occupation manufacturing tax rate to 0.2904 percent.	S Ways & Means	Ericksen	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Ericksen (Prime), Bailey, Becker, Brown, Fortunato, Honeyford, Padden, Rivers, Short, Wilson, Zeiger			
	<i>Summary:</i> Lowers the business and occupation tax rate ceiling to increase the sustainability of manufacturing.			

<a href="#"><u>SB 5690</u></a>	<p><b>Worker protections</b></p> <p>Creating the universal worker protections act.</p>	S Labor & Commer	Salda?a	Neutral
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Salda?a (Prime), Conway, Keiser, Nguyen</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<a href="#"><u>SB 5804</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1863)</u></a>	<p><b>Ag., food, nat. resource ed.</b></p> <p>Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education.</p>	S EL/K-12	Warnick	Neutral
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Warnick (Prime), Becker, Braun, Brown, Honeyford, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Takko, Walsh, Wilson, Zeiger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<a href="#"><u>SB 5877</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1841)</u></a>	<p><b>Crew size on certain trains</b></p> <p>Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.</p>	S Labor & Commerc	Kuderer	Neutral
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Kuderer (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Lias, Nguyen, Rivers, Takko, Walsh, Wilson, Zeiger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<a href="#"><u>SB 5878</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1842)</u></a>	<p><b>Railroad employee work hours</b></p> <p>Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.</p>	S Labor & Commerc	Conway	Neutral
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Conway (Prime), Carlyle, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, Nguyen, Takko, Wilson, Zeiger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<a href="#"><u>SB 5879</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1843)</u></a>	<p><b>Railroad workers</b></p> <p>Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.</p>	S Labor & Commerc	Kuderer	Neutral
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Kuderer (Prime), Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Lias, Nguyen, Takko, Wilson, Zeiger</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<a href="#"><u>SB 5880</u></a>	<p><b>Juvenile sentencing</b></p> <p>Concerning juvenile sentencing.</p>	S Human Svcs, Ree	Kuderer	Neutral
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Kuderer (Prime), Darneille</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>			

**Farm products/vehicle weight**

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Transportation

King

Neutral

[SB 5883](#)

Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits by two thousand pounds.

*Sponsors:* King (Prime), Hobbs, Keiser, Rivers, Takko, Wellman

*Summary:*

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