

## 2019 Washington State Legislative Session Report Far West Agribusiness Association February 15, 2019

A record-breaking snowstorm shut down the state capitol and forced the Legislature to cancel all hearings. As explained in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#), nearly two feet of snowfall in the state capitol resulted in lawmakers cancelling all scheduled hearings on February 11. The snow day hit less than two weeks before the session's first major cutoff. Business returned to normal on Tuesday the 12th. Committee hearings resumed and lawmakers worked into the night trying to catch up after the lost day.

The cancelled hearings posed problems for committee chairs as they scrambled to reschedule bills for public hearings and executive action. The cutoff date for bills to clear their house of origin policy committee is Friday, February 22. With a few exceptions, bills must pass out of their respective house of origin policy committees in order to remain alive. The exceptions are fiscal bills (tax and spending), and bills deemed necessary to implement the budget (also tax and spending bills referenced in the budget). And, finally, because the Legislature writes its own rules any bill can come back to life at any time under certain circumstances. So far, House members have introduced 1069 bills and Senate members have introduced 935 bills. That's a total of 2004 bills in the first 30 days of session. A seasoned veteran lobbyist said, "it's like trying to outrun an avalanche."

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

### **Business & Labor: Wages**

[SSB 5035](#) is a bill revising provisions to the state's prevailing wage laws that was voted out of committee on February 12. Three key revisions are: first, an extension from a 30 to 60 day time period for filing a prevailing wage complaint; second, a controversial provision that would increase the minimum penalty for a violation to \$5500 or an amount equal to 50% of the violation (whichever is greater); and, third, a requirement that contractors retain payroll records for three years and submit certified payroll records at least once per month.

[HB 1696](#) is a bill prohibiting an employer from seeking an applicant's wage or salary history. Further, the measure requires an employer to provide a wage scale or salary range for the job title to an employee upon hire and annually upon request. Following public testimony, the measure passed out of committee on February 12.

### **Natural Resources & Environment: Orcas, Plastics and Hydraulic Fracturing**

Senator McCoy (D-Tulalip) wrote this [op-ed](#) supporting federal legislation reauthorizing a public lands funding program. In the op-ed, McCoy also endorsed and supported legislation proposed by Governor Inslee to protect southern orca whales. Governor Inslee's request legislation, [HB 1580](#), is designed to keep vessel traffic away from the whales. The bill was heard in the House Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources and awaits executive action. The companion bill, [SB 5577](#), had a public hearing and is scheduled for executive session on February 21. [SSB 5578](#) would protect orcas by improving the safety of oil transportation. That bill has a February 18 executive session date. Its

companion, [HB 1578](#), has February 18 public hearing and February 21 executive session dates. Among other things, this bill specifies tug escort requirements for oil tankers of a certain size.

Legislation regarding plastics had activity this week. [HB 1205](#) banning plastic bags was passed out of committee on February 12. The companion, [SSB 5323](#), had a public hearing the same day. [SSB 5397](#) ([HB 1204](#)) regarding plastic packaging has passed out of the policy committee and is in Ways & Means. Among other things, this bill requires producers of plastic packaging to participate in a product stewardship organization in order to sell or distribute their products in Washington State. Regarding single use plastics, [HB 1632](#) will be considered during a February 21 executive session. Among other things, this bill restricts the sale or provision of plastic food products and requires food service businesses to only provide plastic utensils, straws and condiment packaging upon request. [HB 1569](#) regarding marketing and degradability of products was voted out of committee with an [amendment](#).

On February 13, the Senate voted on [SB 5145](#) prohibiting the use of hydraulic fracturing for exploring and producing oil and natural gas in Washington State. It was passed out of that chamber with a 29-18 (2 excused) vote. As noted in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#), Senate Republicans were opposed to the bill.

### **Transportation: Fuel Greenhouse Gas Reduction & Stormwater**

[SHB 1110](#) addresses reduced greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. The bill had a February 13 public hearing and was passed out of committee on February 14 with a 16-14 (1 excused) vote. The purpose of the bill is to support the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies through a program designed to reduce the carbon intensity of fuel used in Washington State. On February 14, the Senate Transportation Committee held a work session about stormwater, culverts and related permits using this [presentation](#). During the work session it was noted that there are 992 barriers subject to the federal injunction as of June 2018.

### **Law & Justice: Gun Laws & Marijuana Convictions**

This week, the Washington State Attorney General [AG] issued a warning to county sheriffs in an [open letter](#) stating they would be liable if sheriffs chose not to enforce gun laws approved via Initiative 1639 by voters in November. As reported by the Associated Press in this [article](#), some sheriffs have questioned the constitutionality of the new laws and suggested they would not be enforcing them. The *Daily World* produced this [article](#) summarizing sheriffs' responses to the AG letter including their position that they intend to do background checks, as the law requires.

Legislation ([SB 5605](#)) allowing the erasure of over 226,000 misdemeanor marijuana convictions received a February 12 public hearing and was voted out of committee and referred to Ways & Means. As reported in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), these types of convictions disproportionately affect minority communities. The House vehicle, [HB 1500](#), was voted out of committee with [amendments](#) on February 14.

There are several pieces of legislation relating to juvenile justice reform. [SHB 1646](#) concerns confinement in juvenile rehabilitation facilities and passed out of policy committee with a hearing scheduled in Appropriations. It allows youth convicted in adult court of certain crimes committed while under 18 years of age to stay in a juvenile rehabilitation facility until age 25 (rather than 21 years old). And valid court order elimination legislation ([SHB 1434](#)) would phase out the use of juvenile detention for status offenders (such as truancy, at risk youth and children in need of services). It has been referred to Rules. Its companion, [SSB 5290](#), had a February 13 public hearing in the fiscal committee.

### **Health Care: Emerging Therapies & Utilization Management in Prescription Drug Benefits**

Bipartisan-sponsored legislation ([HB 1869](#)) establishing the Emerging Therapies Workgroup had a February 12 public hearing and is scheduled for action in executive session. The work group would be tasked with developing a comprehensive analysis of emerging therapies defined as health care treatments that cost over \$100,000 annually. This analysis would include the impact on patients. Also with a February 12 public hearing is bipartisan-sponsored [HB 1879](#) regarding utilization management in prescription drug benefits. This bill, among other things, would require clinical review criteria used to establish a prescription drug utilization management protocol to be based on certain clinical practice guidelines.

### **Behavioral Health: Children's Mental Health & Expanding Access**

Legislation ([HB 1876](#)) regarding children's mental health continues to await executive action in the policy committee. This bill includes recommendations from the Children's Mental Health Workgroup including requiring the development of statewide plans to implement coordinated specialty care and a multi-tiered system of school supports. Its companion, [SB 5903](#), was introduced on February 13.

[HB 1393](#) seeks to expand access to mental health care and is awaiting action following the public hearing. This bill sets a deadline of January 2020 for the full integration of Washington State's behavioral and physical health care systems. Its companion, [SB 5432](#), received consideration in executive session on February 14 and was voted out of committee with [amendments](#). [HB 1513](#) provides multiple provisions to encourage diverting individuals to treatment rather than into the criminal justice system. It is scheduled for consideration in executive session on February 15. Its companion, [SB 5444](#), has an executive session on February 15. By the request of the governor, [HB 1593](#) would increase the number of behavioral health workers by establishing a behavioral health and integration campus at the University of Washington School of Medicine. It is scheduled for executive session next week. The Senate vehicle, [SB 5516](#), has a February 15 public hearing.

### **Housing: Evictions, Tenant Protections & Low-Income Ownership**

Legislation regarding evictions is being proposed as one of the solutions for solving the housing crisis in Washington State. As noted in this *Seattle Met* [article](#), one-in-11 black adults in King County were evicted between 2013 and 2017. [HB 1453](#) concerning residential tenant protections has a February 15 public hearing. Among other things, it affords tenants a longer time period to comply with the duty to pay rent prior to commencement of an unlawful detainer action and authorizes the use of judicial discretion in unlawful detainer proceedings. Also with the intent of helping ease the housing crisis, [SHB 1834](#) relating to provisions for low-income homeownership opportunities was passed out of committee on February 12. Among other things, this bill requires at least 13% of Housing Trust Fund grants and loans in any funding cycle to be used for the benefit of homeownership projects for households at or below 80% of the area median family income. Its companion, [SB 5746](#), had a January 30 public hearing.

### **Tribal: Gaming Casinos & Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**

Introduced on February 8, [HB 1975](#) would legalize sports betting in Washington State's tribal gaming casinos. The bill would include online gaming within those facilities. As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), a member of the Washington State Gambling Commission stated passage of the legislation would "open the door to what the tribes can negotiate with the governor."

### **Cyber: Microsoft 2019 Legislative Priorities**

As noted in this *Geekwire* [article](#), Microsoft is supporting legislation introduced in Washington State focused on privacy and infrastructure improvements. This [blog](#) published on February 11 by Microsoft outlines the corporation's 2019 legislative priorities. Some of the company's priorities include

investments in affordable housing, closing the broadband rural gap, and protection of data and personal privacy.

Another consumer data transparency bill was introduced as [HB 2046](#). The bill would require the possessor of the consumer data to notify each affected consumer of the data collected, the purpose of the collection, data disclosure details, data destruction plans, data sale information and other details.

### **Higher Education: Funding Requests & Sexual Assault Task Force**

Presidents from six of Washington State's public universities authored this [op-ed](#) outlining the need for higher education funding by the 2019 Legislature. They note that in the next five years, Washington State will have over 740,000 job openings. It goes on to state that Washington ranks 42nd in the nation for degree attainment and is "putting students at risk of falling behind."

A bill ([HB 1998](#)) aimed at combating sexual assault on college campuses was introduced on February 11. It will receive a February 19 public hearing and is scheduled for executive session next week. As explained in this *MyNorthwest* [article](#), the bill would establish a task force made up of House and Senate members, sexual assault survivors, and university and community college representatives.

## **Far West Agribusiness Association**

### **Upcoming Legislative Events**

#### **Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/15 @ 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 - 2/15 @ 10:00am**

- HB 1875 - Public Hearing - Concerning wildlife damage to agricultural crops.
- HB 1733 - Exec Session - Retaining productive farmland.

#### **Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 2/15 @ 1:05pm**

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

#### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/18 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1984 - Public Hearing - 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 1985 - Public Hearing - Providing regulatory relief from greenhouse gas emissions rules for producers of agricultural commodities and food products.

#### **Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/18 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1841 - Exec Session - Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

- HB 1842 - Exec Session - Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.
- HB 1843 - Exec Session - Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/18 @ 3:30pm**

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

**Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 2/18 @ 3:30pm**

- SSB 5426 - Public Hearing - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.
- SSB 5293 - Public Hearing - Concerning energy efficiency.
- SSB 5116 - Exec Session - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

**Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/19 @ 8:00am**

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

**Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 2/19 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 5543 - Public Hearing - Retaining productive farmland.

**Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/20 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 5804 - Public Hearing - Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education.

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/20 @ 3:30pm**

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

**Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/20 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 1897 - Public Hearing - Concerning vehicle combinations that may be operated on public highways.

**Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/20 @ 3:30pm**

- SB 5883 - Public Hearing - Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits by two thousand pounds.

**Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/21 @ 8:00am**

- SB 5877 - Public Hearing - Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.
- SB 5878 - Public Hearing - Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.
- SB 5879 - Public Hearing - Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.
- SB 5693 - Exec Session - Creating transparency in agricultural supply chains.

**Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/21 @ 8:00am**

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

### **Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 2/21 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 5543 - Exec Session - Retaining productive farmland.
- SB 5597 - Exec Session - Creating a work group on aerial pesticide applications in forestlands.

### **Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/21 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 1712 - Public Hearing - Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits by two thousand pounds.

### **Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/22 @ 10:00am**

- HB 1875 - Exec Session - 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 Finance	Tarleton	Oppose
<p><b>Revenue</b> Increasing revenues for the support of state government.</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
<p><a href="#">HB 1515</a></p> <p><b>Employer-employee status</b></p>	H Labor &	Riccelli	Concerns

(SB 5513)

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Concerning the employer-employee relationship.

*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.

**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**

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.

**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 Ways & Means

Zeiger

Support

Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.

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

[SSB 5259](#)

*Summary:* Provides that, encouraging the conservation of productive agricultural lands requires local governments to have a regulatory strategy that allows agricultural landowners to successfully engage in agriculture. Permits counties and cities to use other measures, with regard to agricultural lands that include: Consolidating multiple permit requirements; reducing the amount of time required for permit review; expanding opportunities for county or city employees to provide technical assistance to landowners; and increasing coordination among counties, cities, and other agencies to avoid duplication of work during permit review. Authorizes the department of commerce to provide

financial assistance and incentives to counties and cities to promote innovative zoning techniques and other measures. Changes the date to July 1, 2020, in which the county legislative authority must adopt certain ordinances or resolutions that allow it to participate in the voluntary stewardship program. Changes the date to July 31, 2021, in which the state conservation commission must determine, for participating watersheds, whether adequate funding to implement the voluntary stewardship program was provided during the preceding biennium.

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<b>Employer-employee status</b>	S Labor & Commerc	Keiser	Concerns
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Concerning the employer-employee relationship.

[SB 5513](#)  
**(HB 1515)**

*Sponsors:* Keiser (Prime), Conway, Frockt, Salda?a, 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	Salda?a	Oppose
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Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group.

*Sponsors:* Salda?a (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, Salda?a

*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	Salda?a	Oppose
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Creating transparency in agricultural supply chains.

[SB 5693](#)

*Sponsors:* Salda?a (Prime), Das, Hasegawa, Keiser

*Summary:*

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## Medium Priority Bills

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

**Position**

	<p><b>Aquaculture chemicals</b></p> <p>Concerning the use of chemicals to prevent the decline of aquaculture production.</p>	<p>H Env &amp; Energy</p>	<p>Walsh</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1037</u></a></p>	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Walsh (Prime)</p> <p><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.</p>			
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1102</u></a> (SB 5134)</p>	<p><b>Capital budget 2019-2021</b></p> <p>Concerning the capital budget.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Tharinger (Prime)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Funds capital projects.</p>	<p>H Cap Budget</p>	<p>Tharinger</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1108</u></a> (SB 5154)</p>	<p><b>Supp. operating budget 17-19</b></p> <p>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>	<p>H Approps</p>	<p>Ormsby</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1109</u></a> (SB 5153)</p>	<p><b>Operating budget 2019-2021</b></p> <p>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>	<p>H Approps</p>	<p>Ormsby</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 5130</u></a> (HB 1228)</p>	<p><b>Fish barrier removal funding</b></p> <p>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>	<p>S Transportation</p>	<p>Rolfes</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 5134</u></a> (HB 1102)</p>	<p><b>Capital budget 2019-2021</b></p> <p>Concerning the capital budget.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Frockt (Prime), Honeyford, Sheldon</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Funds capital projects.</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Frockt</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 5153</u></a> (HB 1109)</p>	<p><b>Operating budget 2019-2021</b></p> <p>Making 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Rolfes</p>	<p>Neutral</p>

*Sponsors:* Rolfes (Prime), Braun

*Summary:* Makes 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.

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<b>Supp. operating budget 17-19</b>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB 5154</u></a> (HB 1108)	Making 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.		
<i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Braun			
<i>Summary:</i> Makes 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.			

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## Low Priority Bills

No bills.

## Monitoring Bills

<b><u>Bill Details</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
<b>Hydrofluorocarbon emissions</b>	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
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.			
<b>Transportation budget 19-21</b>	H Trans	Fey	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>HB 1160</u></a> (SB 5214)	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.			
<b>Supp. transportation budget</b>	H Trans	Fey	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>HB 1161</u></a> (SB 5213)	Making 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.		

*Sponsors:* Fey (Prime), Slatter, Wylie

*Summary:* Makes 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.

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<b>Business entities/crime</b>	S Law & Justice	Pellicciotti	Neutral
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Concerning crime committed by business entities.

[HB 1252](#)

*Sponsors:* 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

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

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<b>Energy efficiency</b>		Doglio	Neutral
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Concerning energy efficiency.

[SHB 1257](#)  
(SSB 5293)

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

*Summary:*

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<b>B&amp;O tax provisions</b>	H Finance	Chapman	Neutral
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Helping Washington businesses succeed by modifying certain business and occupation tax provisions.

[SHB 1348](#)

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

*Summary:*

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<b>H-2A agricultural program</b>	H Labor & Workpl	Dolan	Neutral
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Concerning the H-2A temporary agricultural program.

[HB 1398](#)  
(SSB 5438)

*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.

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<b>Manufacturing B&amp;O tax rate</b>	H Finance	MacEwen	Neutral
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Reducing the current standard business and occupation tax rates for manufacturers to the current aerospace preferential business and occupation tax rates.

[HB 1420](#)

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

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

	<p><b>Wage and salary information</b> Concerning wage and salary information.</p>	H Approps	Dolan	Neutral
<p><a href="#">HB 1696</a></p>	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Dolan (Prime), Appleton, Chapman, Davis, Doglio, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Kilduff, Leavitt, Macri, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Robinson, Senn, Stanford, Valdez, Wylie</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<p><a href="#">HB 1712</a></p>	<p><b>Farm products/vehicle weight</b> Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits by two thousand pounds.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Dye (Prime), Blake, Caldier, Chambers, Chapman, Dent, Eslick, Gregerson, Kraft, Schmick, Van Werven</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>	H Trans	Dye	Neutral
<p><a href="#">HB 1733</a> <b>(SB 5543)</b></p>	<p><b>Productive farmland</b> Retaining productive farmland.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Gregerson (Prime), Blake, Dent, Dye, Tarleton</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>	H RDev, Ag&NR	Gregerson	Neutral
<p><a href="#">HB 1736</a></p>	<p><b>Adaptive agricultural equip.</b> Concerning tax relief for veterans and service members with disabilities to purchase adaptive agricultural equipment.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Kraft (Prime), Dent, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Leavitt, Lovick, Peterson, Stanford, Van Werven, Walsh, Young</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>	H Hous, Com Dev	Kraft	Neutral
<p><a href="#">HB 1778</a></p>	<p><b>Excessive executive comp tax</b> Funding the working families tax exemption by imposing a surcharge on publicly traded companies providing excessive executive compensation.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Doglio (Prime), Entenman, Frame, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Pollet, Robinson</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>	H Finance	Doglio	Neutral
<p><a href="#">HB 1841</a> <b>(SB 5877)</b></p>	<p><b>Crew size on certain trains</b> Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.</p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> 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</p>	H Labor & Workpl	Riccelli	Neutral

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:

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**Vehicle combinations**

H Trans

Doglio

Neutral

Concerning vehicle combinations that may be operated on public highways.

[HB 1897](#)  
(SB 5830)

*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), Pellicciotti, 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), Eslick, 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), Eslick, 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** S Ways & Means Carlyle Neutral  
Concerning energy efficiency.

[SSB 5293](#)  
(SHB 1257)

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

*Summary:*

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**Hydrofluorocarbon emissions** S Ways & Means Mullet Neutral  
Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.

[SSB 5426](#)  
(SHB 1112)

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

*Summary:*

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**Productive farmland**

S  
Ag/Water/Natur

Takko

Neutral

Retaining productive farmland.

*Sponsors:* Takko (Prime)

[SB 5543](#)  
(HB 1733)

*Summary:* 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.

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**Crude oil volatility/rail**

S Rules 2

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, Salda?a, Van De Wege

[SSB 5579](#)  
(HB 1785)

*Summary:*

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**State tax laws**

S 2nd Reading

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 payments to local governments on September 30, 2019.

[SSB 5581](#)  
(HB 1890)

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

*Summary:*

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**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.

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

[SB 5608](#)

*Summary:* Lowers the business and occupation tax rate ceiling to increase the sustainability of manufacturing.

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**Worker protections**

S Labor &  
Commer

Salda?a

Neutral

Creating the universal worker protections act.

[SB 5690](#)

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

*Summary:*

<p><b><a href="#">SB 5804</a></b> <b>(HB 1863)</b></p>	<p><b>Ag., food, nat. resource ed.</b> Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education.</p>	<p>S EL/K-12</p>	<p>Warnick</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Warnick (Prime), Becker, Braun, Brown, Honeyford, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Takko, Walsh, Wilson, Zeiger</p>			
	<p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<p><b><a href="#">SB 5877</a></b> <b>(HB 1841)</b></p>	<p><b>Crew size on certain trains</b> Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.</p>	<p>S Labor &amp; Commer</p>	<p>Kuderer</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Kuderer (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Liias, McCoy, Nguyen, Palumbo, Rivers, Salda?a, Takko, Van De Wege, Walsh, Wilson, Zeiger</p>			
	<p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<p><b><a href="#">SB 5878</a></b> <b>(HB 1842)</b></p>	<p><b>Railroad employee work hours</b> Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.</p>	<p>S Labor &amp; Commer</p>	<p>Conway</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Conway (Prime), Carlyle, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Nguyen, Palumbo, Salda?a, Takko, Van De Wege, Wilson, Zeiger</p>			
	<p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<p><b><a href="#">SB 5879</a></b> <b>(HB 1843)</b></p>	<p><b>Railroad workers</b> Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.</p>	<p>S Labor &amp; Commer</p>	<p>Kuderer</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Kuderer (Prime), Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Liias, Nguyen, Palumbo, Salda?a, Takko, Van De Wege, Wilson, Zeiger</p>			
	<p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<p><b><a href="#">SB 5880</a></b></p>	<p><b>Juvenile sentencing</b> Concerning juvenile sentencing.</p>	<p>S Human Svcs, Re</p>	<p>Kuderer</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Kuderer (Prime), Darneille, Nguyen, Salda?a</p>			
	<p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<p><b><a href="#">SB 5883</a></b></p>	<p><b>Farm products/vehicle weight</b> Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits by two thousand pounds.</p>	<p>S Transportation</p>	<p>King</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> King (Prime), Hobbs, Keiser, Rivers, Takko, Wellman</p>			
	<p><i>Summary:</i></p>			

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