

2019 Washington State Legislative Session Report Far West Agribusiness Association February 22, 2019

As we near the end of February, bills in the Washington State Legislature must quickly make progress or die. Today, February 22, is the date by which a bill must pass out of its house of origin policy committee in order to remain alive. Looking ahead, the next major cutoff date is March 1, which is the last date to pass bills out of fiscal committees in the house of origin. As always, 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.

Rep. Jenkin (R-Prosser) has returned to Olympia after an absence due to health issues early this session that kept him from his duties. As noted in this KONA News [article](#), Jenkin had surgery and was back at work much sooner than originally anticipated.

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

Budget & Revenue

As a reminder, approximately one week after the March 20 revenue forecast, the House will release its proposed 2019-21 biennium budget proposals. The Senate will then follow suit. After that, negotiations will begin between the two chambers leading up to a final budget deal that will be adopted by both chambers. This work is scheduled to be completed by April 28, the 105th and final day of the session.

On February 19, 7 Democrat Senators sponsored new capital gains tax legislation ([SB 5961](#)), which would funnel some revenue to fund a working families tax credit. Legislation ([HB 1588](#)) barring the adoption of an income tax in Washington State was introduced in January by Rep. Vick (R-Vancouver), but has not received consideration.

Business & Labor: Wages, Corporation Act, Domestic Violence, Agriculture

Legislation ([SSB 5035](#)) at the request of the Attorney General's Office intends to close a wage theft loophole. It is waiting to be called to the Senate floor for a vote. Its companion bill, [SHB 1072](#), was voted out of the policy committee on February 18. Also addressing wages, freshman Rep. Rude (R-Walla Walla) has announced his plans to introduce regional minimum wage legislation. As reported in this MyNorthwest [article](#), the legislation would establish minimum wages based on regions in the state, similar to how Oregon's minimum wage is executed.

Introduced at the request of the Washington State Bar Association, [SSB 5003](#) concerns Washington State's Business Corporation Act. The Senate unanimously passed (4 excused) the bill on February 20.

With a vote of 94-1 (3 excused), the House passed [HB 1533](#) that would make information about domestic violence resources available in the workplace. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Mosbrucker (R-Yakima). As noted in this Gorge Radio [blog](#), Mosbrucker has also introduced [HB 1056](#) to create a task force that would

identify the role of the workplace to help curb domestic violence. This bill is waiting to be called to the House floor for a vote.

Introduced on February 8, [HB 1985](#) would provide producers of agricultural commodities or food products regulatory relief from greenhouse gas emissions rules. As reported in this Associated Press [article](#), the bill's intent is to put agricultural commodity and food product producers on a level playing field with those in other states.

Environment: Super Pollutants, 100% Clean, Energy Efficiency, Fuels

Legislation ([SHB 1112](#)) continues to move with the intent to phase out super pollutants, known as hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), primarily used in commercial and industrial refrigerants. Proponents of this legislation note that super pollutants are much more damaging to the climate. The bill would phase out HFCs in Washington State and transition to alternatives. It passed out of committee on February 20 and its companion, [SSB 5426](#), had a February 18 public hearing in Ways & Means.

"100% clean electricity" legislation ([SHB 1211](#)) would transition Washington State to a clean energy future by removing carbon emissions from the generation of electricity. If passed, the bill would require utilities to gradually transition away from fossil fuel-generated electricity. It includes a coal elimination deadline of 2025 and final clean grid deadline of 2045. It had an executive session on February 21 and passed out of committee with amendment. Its companion, [2SSB 5116](#), was passed out of Ways & Means on February 18.

Energy efficiency legislation ([SHB 1257](#)) is designed to reduce emissions from buildings by retrofitting old buildings and updating standards for new ones. It has a public hearing in House Finance on February 25. Its companion, [SSB 5293](#), had a February 18 public hearing in Ways & Means.

Referred to Appropriations on February 19, [SHB 1110](#) addresses reduced greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. This bill had a February 21 public hearing. Rep. Goodman spoke about this bill in his recent newsletter stating that "[t]ransportation represents 45% of our emissions." He noted that a clean fuel standard would improve air quality and create an increase in demand for biofuels in the state that would in turn provide economic benefits.

Transportation: Electric Vehicles, Reforms, Traffic Cameras

Electric vehicle legislation ([SSB 5336](#)) passed out of its policy committee on February 20. This legislation would increase the use of electric vehicles by providing incentives. Also concerning electric vehicles is [HB 2042](#) that would advance green transportation adoption. This bill has a February 25 public hearing. Among other things, the legislation includes reforms to move away from fossil fuels and toward other greener technology like electric cars and busses. It also encourages carpooling/vanpooling and focuses on moving people from their transit stops to their final destinations.

Legislators are considering [HB 1793](#) and [SB 5789](#) regarding traffic camera expansion. As explained in this MyNorthwest [article](#), the legislation would expand traffic camera use to issue tickets for a wider range of infractions. The House and Senate versions of the bill had public hearings on February 18.

Health Care: Access, Standardized Plans, Universal Healthcare, Opioid Tax

[SSB 5526](#) intends to increase the availability of quality affordable health coverage in the individual market. This bill would require the Washington Health Benefit Exchange to develop standardized health plans. It goes on to require the Health Care Authority to contract with health carriers that offer standardized plans. The bill was passed out of its policy committee on February 19. Its companion, [SHB](#)

[1523](#), was referred to its fiscal committee on February 19. Also relating to health care coverage, [SB 5840](#) requiring residents of Washington State to carry minimum essential health care coverage has a February 22 executive session. [SSB 5822](#) would provide a pathway to establish a universal health care system in Washington State and passed out of its policy committee on February 19. As explained in this *Kitsap Daily News* [article](#), the bill would create a work group on establishing a universal health care system in the state.

Introduced on February 18, [SB 5940](#) would increase the tax that pharmacies would pay on opioid medications. As reported in this Associated Press [article](#), the bill would increase the fee pharmacies pay on opioid medications from 0.138% to 37%.

Behavioral Health: Increasing Provider Capacity, Expanding Access, Dept. of Behavioral Health Facilities

Also addressing opioids, [SHB 1729](#) establishes a streamlined process with the intent of increasing the capacity of certain mental health providers to offer substance abuse disorder treatment. It passed out of policy committee on February 20. Its companion bill, [SB 5715](#), passed out of committee with amendment on February 21.

Introduced at the request of the governor, [HB 1393](#) would expand access to mental health care. This bill passed out of its policy committee on February 19. The bill sets a deadline of January 2020 for the full integration of Washington State's behavioral and physical health care systems. Its companion, [SSB 5432](#), has a February 26 public hearing in Ways & Means.

Introduced on February 14, bipartisan-sponsored [HB 2054](#) would establish an agency to operate Washington State's behavioral health facilities. It has a February 22 public hearing. Specifically, this legislation would create the Department of Behavioral Health Facilities as an executive branch agency vested with all powers and duties related to the operation of state hospitals and residential rehabilitation facilities.

Law & Justice: Juvenile Justice Reforms, Statute of Limitations, Rape Kit Backlog

Legislation ([SHB 1434](#) and [SSB 5290](#)) designed to phase out the jailing of runaways is receiving serious consideration this session. As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), King County is working with the state to reach an agreement that would immediately end the detention of runaway foster kids. Also addressing the jailing of youth is [SSB 5735](#), which would reduce the number of children charged with crimes by raising the age at which a child is presumed to be incapable of committing a crime from 11 to 14. This bill was passed out of policy committee on February 19. As reported in this Associated Press [article](#), a representative of the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys stated his concerns the bill would likely create more trials.

On February 20, the Senate unanimously passed (1 excused) [SB 5649](#) that would adjust the statute of limitations for sexual assault. Among other things, it limits or extends the statute of limitations for several sex offenses and eliminates the evidentiary requirement that the victim clearly expressed his or her lack of consent by words or conduct in order to prove rape in the third degree. Legislation ([SHB 1166](#)) that would reduce the backlog of untested rape kits in Washington State is likely to have a hearing in fiscal committee next week, as reported in this MyNorthwest [article](#).

Housing & Homelessness

One-in-five people booked into jail are homeless, as reported in this *Crosscut* [article](#). Solving the housing crisis in Washington State is a priority for both Democrats and Republicans for the 2019 session. [HB](#)

[1591](#) would decriminalize homelessness. It received considering during executive session on February 20, but no action was taken. It is now scheduled for a February 22 executive session. As explained in this *The Daily* [article](#), the legislation would allow homeless people to live in vehicles or other public spaces without obstruction.

Higher Education: Homeless Students, College Promise Scholarship

Also concerning homelessness is [SSB 5800](#) that addresses homelessness in students enrolled in Washington State 4-year colleges, community colleges and universities. It was passed out of policy committee on February 19. Its companion, [HB 1572](#), has been referred to Appropriations. This legislation creates a pilot program at select schools to provide assistance (access to laundry, storage, reduced meal prices, etc.) to homeless students and students who were in foster care.

As reported in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#), 22,600 students eligible for the State Need Grant received no aid because funds were depleted. Legislation ([SSB 5393](#)/[SHB 1340](#)) has been introduced this session that creates the College Promise Scholarship to provide prorated aid to students from families between 51% and 71% of the median family income for Washington State. Both versions of the bill are in fiscal committees.

K-12 Education & Local Levies

As part of the 2017 education funding reforms, school districts were limited by how much they could raise through local levies. Legislation ([SSB 5313](#)) allowing districts to raise either \$3500 per pupil or 20% of the district's state and federal revenue was introduced at the request of the Office of Financial Management. The bill is in Ways & Means and has a February 25 public hearing. As reported in this KNKX [article](#), Republican Sen. Braun (R-Centralia) expressed concerns with the bill that it would create inequities among the state's 295 school districts..

Cyber: Data Management & Protection Act

Legislation ([SSB 5377](#)) would create the Data Management & Protection Act. Among other things, it would prohibit the sale of personal data to third parties by state agencies, except as authorized by law. The bill passed out of policy committee on February 20.

Tribal: Records

On February 20, the Senate unanimously passed (4 excused) [SB 5083](#), which allows records, documents, proceedings and published laws of federally recognized Indian tribes to be admitted as evidence in Washington State courts.

Elections: Presidential Primary Data

Legislation ([ESB 5273](#)) to move Washington State's presidential primary two months earlier in the year passed out of the Senate and is seeing movement in the House. On February 19 the bill passed out of policy committee. As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), the intent of the bill is to give Washington State's presidential primary more meaning.

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Upcoming Legislative Events

Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/22 @ 10:00am

- HB 1977 - Exec Session - Concerning the hiring of bailiffs, judicial assistants, and other legal professionals by courts of record.

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

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

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/25 @ 8:00am

- SHB 1257 - Public Hearing - Concerning energy efficiency.
- SSB 5581 - Exec Session - 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.

Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 2/25 @ 8:30am

- HB 1252 - Public Hearing - Concerning crime committed by business entities.

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/26 @ 8:00am

- HB 1881 - Public Hearing - Making the custom farming and hauling farm products tax exemptions permanent.

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
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. HB 1172 (SB 5314)	H Finance	Santos	Oppose
<i>Sponsors:</i> Santos (Prime), Chapman, Dolan, Valdez, Wylie			
<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.			
Clean energy Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. 2SHB 1211 (2SSB 5116)		Tarleton	Oppose
<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			

Summary:

Revenue	H Finance	Tarleton	Oppose
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Increasing revenues for the support of state government.

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

[HB 1343](#)
(SB 5129)

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	Riccelli	Concerns
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Concerning the employer-employee relationship.

[SHB 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
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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: Imposes a surcharge, in addition to business and occupation taxes and public utility taxes, as appropriate, on corporations with excessive chief executive officer pay to provide funding for the working families' tax exemption in RCW 82.08.0206 (section 5 of this act). Creates the working families tax exemption account.

Clean energy	S Rules 2	Carlyle	Oppose
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Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

[2SSB 5116](#)
(2SHB 1211)

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

Summary:

Revenue	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Oppose
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Increasing revenues for the support of state government.

[SB 5129](#)
(HB 1343)

Sponsors: Rolfes (Prime), Hunt

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

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.

[SSB 5259](#)

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.

[SB 5513](#)
(SHB 1515)

Pesticide application safety

S Ways &
Means

Saldaña

Oppose

Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group.

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

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.

[SB 5550](#)
(SHB 1725)

Aerial herbicide application

Rolfes

Oppose

Creating a work group on aerial herbicide applications in forestlands.

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

Summary:

[SSB 5597](#)

SSB 5693	Agricultural supply chains Creating transparency in agricultural supply chains.	S LBRCDPS	Salda?a	Oppose
	<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	Aquaculture chemicals Concerning the use of chemicals to prevent the decline of aquaculture production.	H Env & Energy	Walsh	Neutral
	<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 (SB 5134)	Capital budget 2019-2021 Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Tharinger (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Funds capital projects.			
HB 1108 (SB 5154)	Supp. operating budget 17-19 Making 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Ormsby (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Makes 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.			
HB 1109 (SB 5153)	Operating budget 2019-2021 Making 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Ormsby (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Makes 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.			
SB 5130 (HB 1228)	Fish barrier removal funding Increasing transportation revenues to help fund state fish barrier removal.	S Transportation	Rolfes	Neutral
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Salda?a			
	<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.			

SB 5134 (HB 1102)	Capital budget 2019-2021	S Ways & Means	Frockt	Neutral
	Concerning the capital budget.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Frockt (Prime), Honeyford, Sheldon			
	<i>Summary:</i> Funds capital projects.			
SB 5153 (HB 1109)	Operating budget 2019-2021	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Neutral
	Making 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Braun			
	<i>Summary:</i> Makes 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.			
SB 5154 (HB 1108)	Supp. operating budget 17-19	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Neutral
	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.			

Low Priority Bills

No bills.

Monitoring Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
2SHB 1112 (SSB 5426)	Hydrofluorocarbon emissions	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>		
HB 1160 (SB 5214)	Transportation budget 19-21	H Trans	Fey
	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.		
HB 1161	Supp. transportation budget	H Trans	Fey
	Neutral		

(SB 5213) Making 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.

Sponsors: Fey (Prime), Slatter, Wylie

Summary: Makes 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.

Business entities/crime S Law & Justice Pellicciotti Neutral
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.

Energy efficiency H Finance Doglio Neutral
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:

B&O tax provisions H Finance Chapman Neutral
Helping Washington businesses succeed by modifying certain business and occupation tax provisions.

SHB 1348

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

Summary:

H-2A agricultural program H Labor & Workpl Dolan Neutral
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.

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.

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.

Wage and salary information

H Approps

Dolan

Neutral

Concerning wage and salary information.

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

[HB 1696](#)

Summary: Prohibits an employer from: (1) Seeking the wage or salary history of an applicant for employment from the applicant or a current or former employer; or (2) Requiring that an applicant's prior wage or salary history meet certain criteria. Requires an employer, upon request of an applicant for employment, to provide the wage scale or salary range for the job title for the position for which the applicant is applying. Requires the director of the department of labor and industries, upon complaint by an employee, to: (1) Investigate to determine whether an employer has violated this act; and (2) If it is determined that an employer has violated this act, order the employer to pay actual and statutory damages, and interest of one percent per month, to the complainant.

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.

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

[HB 1712](#)

Summary: Authorizes vehicles or combinations of vehicles that are carrying farm products to exceed certain weight limits by up to two thousand pounds when operating on a highway that is not part of the federal-aid interstate system. Prohibits the vehicle or combination of vehicles from exceeding posted weight limits for a bridge.

Productive farmland

H RDev,
Ag&NR

Gregerson

Neutral

Retaining productive farmland.

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

[HB 1733](#)

(SSB 5543)

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.

Adaptive agricultural equip.

H Finance

Kraft

Neutral

Concerning tax relief for veterans and service members with disabilities to purchase adaptive agricultural equipment.

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

[SHB 1736](#)

Summary:

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: Imposes a surcharge, in addition to business and occupation taxes and public utility taxes, as appropriate, on corporations with excessive chief executive officer pay to provide funding for the working families' tax exemption in RCW 82.08.0206 (section 5 of this act). Creates the working families tax exemption account.

[HB 1841](#)
(SB 5877)

Crew size on certain trains

H Rules R

Riccelli

Neutral

Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

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:

[HB 1842](#)
(SB 5878)

Railroad employee work hours

H Rules R

Gregerson

Neutral

Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.

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:

[HB 1843](#)
(SB 5879)

Railroad workers

H Rules R

Chapman

Neutral

Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.

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:

[HB 1863](#)
(SB 5804)

Ag., food, nat. resource ed.

H Education

Blake

Neutral

Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education.

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

Summary:

[HB 1875](#)

Ag. crop damage by wildlife

H RDev,
Ag&NR

Eslick

Neutral

Concerning wildlife damage to agricultural crops.

Sponsors: Eslick (Prime), Dent

Summary:

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:

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:

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:

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:

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:

Sustainable farms and fields

H RDev,
Ag&NR

Walsh

Neutral

Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.

[HB 2095](#)

(SSB 5947)

Sponsors: Walsh (Prime), Chapman, Corry, Dye, Eslick, Fitzgibbon, Peterson, Shea, Shewmake, Springer

Summary:

<u>SB 5213</u> (HB 1161)	Supp. transportation budget	S Transportation	Hobbs	Neutral
	Making 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Hobbs (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i> Makes 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.			
<u>SB 5214</u> (HB 1160)	Transportation budget 19-21	S Transportation	Hobbs	Neutral
	Making transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Hobbs (Prime), Palumbo			
	<i>Summary:</i> Makes transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.			
<u>SSB 5293</u> (SHB 1257)	Energy efficiency	S Ways & Means	Carlyle	Neutral
	Concerning energy efficiency.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Billig, Das, Frockt, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Nguyen, Palumbo, Pedersen, Wellman			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
<u>SSB 5426</u> (2SHB 1112)	Hydrofluorocarbon emissions	S Ways & Means	Mullet	Neutral
	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Mullet (Prime), Dhingra, Nguyen, Palumbo, Rivers, Rolfes			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
<u>SSB 5543</u> (HB 1733)	Productive farmland		Takko	Neutral
	Retaining productive farmland.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Takko (Prime)			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
<u>SSB 5579</u> (HB 1785)	Crude oil volatility/rail	S Rules 2	Billig	Neutral
	Concerning the volatility of crude oil received in the state by rail.			
	<i>Sponsors:</i> Billig (Prime), Carlyle, Conway, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Nguyen, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Saldaña, Van De Wege			
	<i>Summary:</i>			
<u>SSB 5581</u> (HB 1890)	State tax laws	H Finance	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.

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

Worker protections

S Labor &
Commer

Salda?a

Neutral

Creating the universal worker protections act.

[SB 5690](#)

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

Summary: Establishes the universal worker protections act and addresses the following: The employee fair classification act; prevailing wages; wage deductions; the wage payment act; the minimum wage act; unemployment insurance; industrial insurance; and workers' boards and portable benefits for workers.

Ag., food, nat. resource ed.

S EL/K-12

Warnick

Neutral

Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education.

[SB 5804](#)
(HB 1863)

Sponsors: Warnick (Prime), Becker, Braun, Brown, Honeyford, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Takko, Walsh, Wilson, Zeiger

Summary:

Crew size on certain trains

S Labor &
Commer

Kuderer

Neutral

Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[SB 5877](#)
(HB 1841)

Sponsors: 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

Summary:

Railroad employee work hours

S Labor &
Commer

Conway

Neutral

Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.

[SB 5878](#)
(HB 1842)

Sponsors: Conway (Prime), Carlyle, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Nguyen, Palumbo, Salda?a, Takko, Van De Wege, Wilson, Zeiger

Summary:

Railroad workers

S Labor &
Commer

Kuderer

Neutral

Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.

[SB 5879](#)

(HB 1843)

Sponsors: Kuderer (Prime), Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Lias, Nguyen, Palumbo, Salda?a, Takko, Van De Wege, Wilson, Zeiger

Summary:

Juvenile sentencing

S Rules 2

Kuderer

Neutral

Concerning juvenile sentencing.

[SB 5880](#)

Sponsors: Kuderer (Prime), Darneille, Nguyen, Salda?a

Summary:

Farm products/vehicle weight

S
Transportation

King

Neutral

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

[SB 5883](#)

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

Summary:

Sustainable farms and fields

McCoy

Neutral

Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.

[SSB 5947](#)

(HB 2095)

Sponsors: McCoy (Prime), King, Palumbo, Salomon, Schoesler, Warnick

Summary:
