

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

The Washington State 105-day legislative session is at the halfway point. Legislators are working to move bills prior to the March 13 house of origin cutoff date. This is the last date to consider (pass) bills in the house of origin in order to keep them alive. Legislation passing off the floor will then go the opposite chamber for consideration. As always, there are exceptions to the cutoff, such as matters necessary to implement the budget. And, any bill can come back to life under certain circumstances.

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

### Budget and Revenue

We expect to see the first legislative proposed operating, capital and transportation budget proposals later this month. New revenue is very likely to be relied upon in both the Senate and House proposals. Following is a summary of the main revenue proposals that have been introduced to date.

- [SB 5961](#) is a capital gains tax, which would tax gains on long-term capital assets at 7.9% and funnel some revenue to fund a working families tax credit.
- [HB 1493/SB 5357](#) would authorize qualifying cities and counties to impose a new 0.25-percent real estate excise tax (REET 3) for affordable housing.
- [HB 1921](#) would impose a graduated real estate excise tax structure up to 3% for properties selling for more than \$7 million. Seventy-percent of the funds would be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund, and the remainder would be deposited into the general fund.
- [HB 1343/SB 5129](#) were filed at the request of the Office of Financial Management. These measures impose a 9% capital gains tax and increase the services B&O rate from 1.5% to 2.5%.
- [SB 5541](#) would create a revenue reform task force to review Washington State's tax system and make recommendations on how to improve the current system. The bill also includes a provision for the task force to consider the establishment of a publicly owned depository to 1) serve as a depository for state funds and federal transportation funds, and 2) manage and invest state funds to facilitate the financing and construction of new and existing public infrastructure.
- [HB 1542](#) increases the real estate excise tax on properties worth more than \$1 million to fund student loans offered at a 1% rate.
- [SB 5130](#) imposes a graduated real estate excise tax beginning on July 1, 2019 to fund fish barrier removal.

On March 14 the House Capital Budget committee will review the state's [fish barrier removal programs](#). The presentation can be viewed [here](#) when it becomes available.

### Business & Labor

On March 5 the Senate passed (30-18, 1 excused) [ESSB 5478](#) regarding non-compete agreements. As reported in this Associated Press [article](#), the bill would implement a partial block on non-compete contracts and would include an exception for high-paid positions.

The Washington Child Care Access Now Act legislation ([2SHB 1344](#)) creates a work group to study childcare access. The bill passed (72-24, 2 excused) the House on March 6. The intent of the work group is to establish a pathway for Washington State to affordable and accessible childcare for working families by 2025.

By a vote of 26-21 (2 excused) the Senate approved H-2A temporary agricultural program visa legislation ([E2SSB 5438](#)) on March 6. This legislation establishes the Office of Agricultural & Seasoned Workforce Services in order to 1) process and adjudicate applications and complaints, 2) conduct field checks, 3) offer training and outreach, and 4) collect fees.

The House unanimously passed (1 excused) [EHB 1056](#) that would create a joint legislative task force to identify the role of the workplace in assisting with reducing domestic violence. That same day, the House also unanimously passed (1 excused) [SHB 1931](#) concerning workplace violence in health care settings. Among other things, this legislation requires an annual review of incidents and requires violence prevention training.

## **Environment & Natural Resources**

Climate-related legislation continues to be a priority for many this session. Two new climate bills sponsored by Democrats were introduced this past week in the Senate. The "Washington Climate Change Mitigation Act" ([SB 5980](#)) is title only and relates to greenhouse gas emissions. [SB 5981](#) would implement a greenhouse gas emissions cap and trade program. This bill would allow for market trading of emission allowances through up to 4 auctions held annually.

The House Environment & Energy Committee is scheduled to consider passage of 100% clean energy legislation [E2SSB 5116](#). This bill had a public hearing on March 5. As noted in this Northwest Public Broadcasting [news story](#), the legislation would require utilities to stop buying electricity generated from coal by the end of 2025.

Legislation ([ESSB 5322](#)) ensuring compliance with the federal Clean Water Act prohibits certain discharges into Washington State waters. The bill was passed (30-17, 2 excused) by the Senate on March 4. This bill will have a March 14 public hearing in the House policy committee. And on March 13 there will be a work session titled "An overview of hydraulic fracturing" in the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee. [SB 5145](#) concerning the use of hydraulic fracturing in the exploration for and production of oil and natural gas has a public hearing that same day in the committee.

On March 6 the House passed (64-32, 2 excused) [E2SHB 1543](#) regarding sustainable recycling. Among other things, this legislation establishes a Recycling Development Center with the Department of Ecology. The intent is to further develop markets and processing for recycled commodities and products.

As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), there is a proposed 1,700 acre solar project in Washington State. On March 6 Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz (D) expressed strong support for solar energy projects in Washington State and discussed a first-ever solar-lease program for the state.

## **Transportation**

Transportation funding legislation [SB 5971](#) would implement a \$10-to-\$15 per ton tax on carbon emissions, implement impact fees and increase the gas tax by 6-cents per gallon, as noted in this *Seattle*

*Times* [article](#). On March 6, this ten-year \$15 billion proposal was passed (8-7) out of the Senate Transportation Committee. Revenue from the tax is earmarked for highway and ferry building projects. It would also be used to fund the fix of fish-blocking culverts under roads. During that same executive session, related transportation legislation [SB 5970](#) (authorizing bonds) and [SSB 5972](#) (additive funding and appropriations) were also passed out of the committee.

Oil rail safety legislation [ESSB 5579](#) was passed (27-20, 2 excused) by the Senate on March 4. Specifically, this bill prohibits a facility from unloading or loading crude oil with a vapor pressure greater than 9 pounds per square inch (psi). It also prohibits a facility from storing crude oil with a vapor pressure greater than 9 psi. As explained in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#), the 9-psi standard was set after a Canadian derailment accident as that was the only tank of crude oil that did not explode.

Focused on the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, legislation ([SSB 5710](#)) creating the "Active Transportation Safety Advisory Council" was unanimously (1 excused) passed out of the Senate on March 5.

## Health Care

Legislation ([ESB 5887](#)) concerning requirements by health carriers for prior authorization standards was passed (45-2, 2 excused) on March 6. This bill prohibits a health carrier from requiring certain treatment visits to meet medical necessity standards, so long as the patient's treating provider determines the visit is medically necessary.

Spurred by an ongoing measles outbreak in Washington State, legislation ([EHB 1638](#)) limiting the exemptions parents can use to not vaccinate their children was passed by the House (57-40, 1 excused) on March 5. As noted in this Associated Press [article](#), a Senate version of the bill ([SB 5841](#)) removes philosophical exemptions for all vaccinations whereas the House version removes the exemption solely for the measles, mumps and rubella vaccination. As reported in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), over 800 unvaccinated students possibly exposed to measles have been quarantined for up to 3 weeks.

The House unanimously passed the following two bills on March 5. Introduced at the request of the governor, continuity of care legislation ([2SHB 1394](#)) is a comprehensive behavioral health bill. Some of its components include establishing intensive behavioral health treatment facilities and a pilot program for mental health drop-in centers, and requires the Health Care Authority (HCA) to submit reports starting December 1, 2020. And [2SHB 1528](#) directs the HCA to maintain a registry of certified recovery residences that meet specific standards and also establish a revolving fund for loans to operators of recovery residences seeking certification. This bill has a March 14 public hearing in its Senate policy committee.

## Law & Justice

Wrongful death legislation ([SSB 5163](#)) was passed (30-17, 2 excused) by the Senate on March 5. As reported in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#), the bill changes a law dating back to 1909. It allows family members who do not live in the state and are not financially dependent on the victim to file a wrongful death claim in Washington State.

[ESB 5429](#) would establish community juvenile accountability program guidelines for referred and diverted youth. This bill had a public hearing on March 7 in its House policy committee and is scheduled for an executive session on March 15.

## K-12 Education

On March 4, the House passed (84-13, 1 excused) [HB 1089](#) removing the requirement of passing certain standardized tests in order to graduate from high school. As explained in this KCP Radio [article](#), the legislation would be retroactive going back to graduates from the class of 2015 moving forward.

Legislation ([2SHB 1424](#)) to expand access to Washington State's Career Technical Education (CTE) was unanimously passed (1 excused) on March 5 by the House.

## Higher Education

On March 15, the House College & Workforce Development Committee will hold a work session on "Emerging Issues in Higher Education." The presentation can be viewed [here](#) when it becomes available.

[2SSB 5774](#) is designed to relieve student debt by enacting the Student Loan Relief and Reform Act. It also creates an income share agreement pilot program and establishes a student loan refinancing program. This bill was passed (40-8, 1 excused) with bipartisan support on March 6. As noted in this [blog](#), 800,000 Washingtonians have a combined student loan debt of \$2.4 billion.

Passed by the House with unanimous (1 excused) support on March 5, [ESHB 1998](#) creates a task force on sexual violence at higher education institutions.

## Housing

As noted in this *The Columbian* [article](#), legislation addressing housing and homelessness continues to see movement this session.

## Cyber

With the intent of strengthening consumer privacy rights relating to digital services, [2SSB 5376](#) would create the Washington Privacy Act. This bill was passed with strong support (46-1, 2 excused) by the Senate on March 6. As noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), the bill is modeled after a European Union law and would allow consumers to know what information about them is collected.

Introduced at the request of the governor, [2SSB 5511](#) supports the expansion of broadband services in Washington State. This bill was passed (47-0, 2 excused) by the Senate on March 6. As noted in this MyNorthwest [article](#), those living in low-income communities are 5-to-7 times more likely than other residents to have inadequate internet access.

## Elections

Legislation ([ESB 5273](#)) moving the Washington State Presidential Primary earlier in the year is headed to the governor to be signed into law. As reported in this *Seattle Times* [article](#), the new primary date would be within one month of the first one held in the nation. This bill was passed (54-42, 2 excused) by the House on March 4.

## Far West Agribusiness Association

### Upcoming Legislative Events

**Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/12 @ 8:00am**

- E2SSB 5116 - Exec Session - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

### Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/14 @ 8:00am

- E2SSB 5116 - Exec Session - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

### Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 3/14 @ 10:00am

- E2SHB 1112 - Public Hearing - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.

### Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 3/14 @ 10:00am

- HB 1252 - Exec Session - Concerning crime committed by business entities.

### Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 3/14 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1881 - Exec Session - 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> |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <p><b>Capital gains tax/prop. tax</b><br/>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><br/>(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><br/>Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.</p> <p><a href="#">2SHB 1211</a><br/>(E2SSB 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 Approps     | Tarleton       | Oppose          |
| <p><b>Revenue</b><br/>Increasing revenues for the support of state government.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1343</a><br/>(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</p> | H Finance     | Tarleton       | Oppose          |

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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**Employer-employee status** H Rules R Riccelli Concerns  
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:*

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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:* 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.

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**Crew size on certain trains** H 2nd Reading Riccelli Oppose  
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:* Establishes minimum crew size requirements for freight and passenger trains and trains carrying hazardous materials. Creates exceptions to the requirements and increases monetary penalties for violations.

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**Railroad employee work hours** H Rules R Gregerson Oppose  
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:* Requires railroad carriers to observe rules limiting the hours of service for individuals performing yardmaster duties. Prohibits railroad carriers from communicating with an individual who performs yardmaster duties in a way that disrupts the individual's rest during an off-duty period.

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[HB 1843](#)  
(SB 5879)

**Railroad workers** H Rules R Chapman Oppose  
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:* Prohibits railroad carriers from disciplining employees due to layoff due to illness or injury. Requires Class I railroad carriers and certain Class II and III railroad carriers to establish a fatigue layoff program. Establishes family and medical leave provisions for railroad carriers.

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**Ag. crop damage by wildlife**

H Approps

Eslick

Support

Concerning wildlife damage to agricultural crops.

*Sponsors:* Eslick (Prime), Dent

[SHB 1875](#)

*Summary:* Expands the scope of crops eligible for compensation as a result of wildlife damage from commercial crops to agricultural crops in general. Increases the maximum amount that the Washington department of fish and wildlife may pay per fiscal year for damage caused to agricultural crops by wild deer or elk. Increases the maximum compensation payable for each claim of damage to agricultural crops or other property caused by wild deer or elk. Adds a definition of property that is eligible for compensation, to include irrigation equipment, fencing, and managed pasture. Requires the department of fish and wildlife to cover the cost of property damage assessments.

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**Custom farming/tax exemption**

H Finance

Ybarra

Support

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

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

[HB 1881](#)

*Summary:* Makes the custom farming services business and occupation tax exemption permanent. Makes the hauling farm products for relatives public utility tax exemption permanent.

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**Clean energy**

H Env &  
Energy

Carlyle

Oppose

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

[E2SSB 5116](#)  
(2SHB 1211)

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

*Summary:*

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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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| <a href="#">SSB 5259</a>             | <b>GMA/agricultural land</b>  | S Ways & Means   | Zeiger  | Support  |
|                                      | Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.  |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Sponsors:</i> Zeiger (Prime), Fortunato, Takko, Van De Wege, Warnick   |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Summary:</i> 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. |                  |         |          |
| <a href="#">SB 5513 (SHB 1515)</a>   | <b>Employer-employee status</b>   | S Labor & Commer | Keiser  | Concerns |
|                                      | Concerning the employer-employee relationship.  |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Sponsors:</i> Keiser (Prime), Conway, Frockt, Salda?a, Wellman   |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Summary:</i> 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.   |                  |         |          |
| <a href="#">SSB 5550 (2SHB 1725)</a> | <b>Pesticide application safety</b>   | S 2nd Reading    | Salda?a | Oppose   |
|                                      | Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group.  |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Sponsors:</i> Salda?a (Prime), Conway, Das, Hasegawa, Keiser, King, Rolfes, Van De Wege, Warnick   |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Summary:</i>   |                  |         |          |
| <a href="#">SSB 5597</a>             | <b>Aerial herbicide application</b>   | H RDev, Ag&NR    | Rolfes  | Oppose   |
|                                      | Creating a work group on aerial herbicide applications in forestlands.  |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Conway, Hasegawa, McCoy, Salda?a   |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Summary:</i>   |                  |         |          |
| <a href="#">SSB 5693</a>             | <b>Agricultural supply chains</b>   | S Rules 2        | Salda?a | Oppose   |
|                                      | Creating transparency in agricultural supply chains.  |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Sponsors:</i> Salda?a (Prime), Das, Hasegawa, Keiser   |                  |         |          |
|                                      | <i>Summary:</i>   |                  |         |          |

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|   | <b>Crew size on certain trains</b><br>Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.   | S Labor &<br>Commer | Kuderer   | Oppose   |
| <a href="#">SB 5877</a><br><b>(HB 1841)</b> | <i>Sponsors:</i> Kuderer (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Lias, McCoy, Nguyen, Palumbo, Rivers, Salda?a, Takko, Van De Wege, Walsh, Wilson, Zeiger<br><br><i>Summary:</i> Establishes minimum crew size requirements for freight and passenger trains and trains carrying hazardous materials. Creates exceptions to the requirements and increases monetary penalties for violations.  |                     |           |          |
|   | <b>Railroad employee work hours</b><br>Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.  | S Labor &<br>Commer | Conway    | Oppose   |
| <a href="#">SB 5878</a><br><b>(HB 1842)</b> | <i>Sponsors:</i> Conway (Prime), Carlyle, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, McCoy, Nguyen, Palumbo, Salda?a, Takko, Van De Wege, Wilson, Zeiger<br><br><i>Summary:</i> Requires railroad carriers to observe rules limiting the hours of service for individuals performing yardmaster duties. Prohibits railroad carriers from communicating with an individual who performs yardmaster duties in a way that disrupts the individual's rest during an off-duty period. |                     |           |          |
|   | <b>Railroad workers</b><br>Safeguarding the public safety by protecting railroad workers.   | S Labor &<br>Commer | Kuderer   | Oppose   |
| <a href="#">SB 5879</a><br><b>(HB 1843)</b> | <i>Sponsors:</i> Kuderer (Prime), Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Das, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Lias, Nguyen, Palumbo, Salda?a, Takko, Van De Wege, Wilson, Zeiger<br><br><i>Summary:</i> Prohibits railroad carriers from disciplining employees due to layoff due to illness or injury. Requires Class I railroad carriers and certain Class II and III railroad carriers to establish a fatigue layoff program. Establishes family and medical leave provisions for railroad carriers.         |                     |           |          |
| <a href="#">SB 5980</a>                     | <b>Greenhouse gas emissions TO</b><br>Relating to greenhouse gas emissions.<br><br><i>Sponsors:</i> Honeyford (Prime), Carlyle, Kuderer, Palumbo<br><br><i>Summary:</i>   | S Environment,<br>E | Honeyford | Concerns |

## Medium Priority Bills

| <u>Bill Details</u>  | <u>Status</u>     | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">HB 1037</a><br>Concerning the use of chemicals to prevent the decline of aquaculture production.<br><br><i>Sponsors:</i> Walsh (Prime) | H Env &<br>Energy | Walsh          | Neutral         |

*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.

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

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(HB 1108)

Means

Making 2017-2019 biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.

*Sponsors:* Rolfes (Prime), Braun

*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> |
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| <a href="#">E2SHB 1112</a><br>(2SSB 5426)<br><b>Hydrofluorocarbon emissions</b><br>Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Fitzgibbon (Prime), Bergquist, Doglio, Frame, Goodman, Jinkins, Kloba, Macri, Peterson, Pollet, Robinson, Stanford, Tharinger<br><i>Summary:</i>   | S Environment,<br>E | Fitzgibbon     | Neutral         |
| <a href="#">HB 1160</a><br>(SB 5214)<br><b>Transportation budget 19-21</b><br>Making transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Fey (Prime), Slatter, Valdez, Wylie<br><i>Summary:</i> Makes transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.  | H Trans             | Fey            | Neutral         |
| <a href="#">HB 1161</a><br>(SB 5213)<br><b>Supp. transportation budget</b><br>Making 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Fey (Prime), Slatter, Wylie<br><i>Summary:</i> Makes 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.  | H Trans             | Fey            | Neutral         |
| <a href="#">HB 1252</a><br><b>Business entities/crime</b><br>Concerning crime committed by business entities.<br><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<br><i>Summary:</i> Establishes the corporate crime act. Modifies the state criminal code relating to crime committed by business entities. | S Law & Justice     | Pellicciotti   | Neutral         |
| <a href="#">2SHB 1257</a><br>(2SSB 5293)<br><b>Energy efficiency</b><br>Concerning energy efficiency.  | H Approps           | Doglio         | Neutral         |

*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&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:*

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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

[HB 1398](#)  
[\(E2SSB 5438\)](#)

*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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**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.

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**Wage and salary information**

H 2nd Reading

Dolan

Neutral

Concerning wage and salary information.

[SHB 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:* 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.

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| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1733</u></a><br>(SSB 5543) | <b>Productive farmland</b><br>Retaining productive farmland.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Gregerson (Prime), Blake, Dent, Dye, Tarleton<br><i>Summary:</i>  | H Approps   | Gregerson | Neutral |
| <a href="#"><u>SHB 1736</u></a>               | <b>Adaptive agricultural equip.</b><br>Concerning tax relief for veterans and service members with disabilities to purchase adaptive agricultural equipment.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Kraft (Prime), Dent, Kilduff, Kirby, Klippert, Leavitt, Lovick, Peterson, Stanford, Van Werven, Walsh, Young<br><i>Summary:</i>   | H Finance   | Kraft     | Neutral |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1778</u></a>                | <b>Excessive executive comp tax</b><br>Funding the working families tax exemption by imposing a surcharge on publicly traded companies providing excessive executive compensation.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Doglio (Prime), Entenman, Frame, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Pollet, Robinson<br><i>Summary:</i> 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. | H Finance   | Doglio    | Neutral |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1863</u></a><br>(SB 5804)   | <b>Ag., food, nat. resource ed.</b><br>Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Blake (Prime), Corry, Dent, Dye, Eslick, Irwin, Klippert, Kretz, Orcutt, Shewmake<br><i>Summary:</i> Establishes a career-connected learning opportunity in the agriculture, food, and natural resource career cluster area as a career and technical education program in the office of the superintendent of public instruction.  | H Education | Blake     | Neutral |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1897</u></a><br>(SB 5830)   | <b>Vehicle combinations</b><br>Concerning vehicle combinations that may be operated on public highways.<br><i>Sponsors:</i> Doglio (Prime), Fitzgibbon, Irwin, Lovick, Van Werven, Walsh<br><i>Summary:</i> Requires the Washington state department of transportation to implement a pilot project to allow combinations of three vehicles to operate on designated public highways of the state through June 30, 2024. Limits the overall length of longer-combination vehicles participating in the pilot project to one hundred five feet.   | H Trans     | Doglio    | Neutral |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 1977</u></a>                | <b>Judicial assistants, etc.</b><br>Concerning the hiring of bailiffs, judicial assistants, and other legal professionals by courts of record.   | H Rules R   | Morgan    | Neutral |

*Sponsors:* Morgan (Prime), Pellicciotti, Valdez

*Summary:*

[HB 1984](#)

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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.

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

*Summary:*

[HB 1985](#)

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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.

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

*Summary:*

[HB 2095](#)  
(2SSB 5947)

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**Sustainable farms and fields**

H RDev,  
Ag&NR

Walsh

Neutral

Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.

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

*Summary:*

[HB 2136](#)

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**Farm internship program**

H RDev,  
Ag&NR

Orcutt

Neutral

Concerning the farm internship program.

*Sponsors:* Orcutt (Prime), Blake, Shewmake

*Summary:*

[SB 5213](#)  
(HB 1161)

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**Supp. transportation budget**

S  
Transportation

Hobbs

Neutral

Making 2017-2019 supplemental transportation appropriations.

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime)

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

[SB 5214](#)  
(HB 1160)

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**Transportation budget 19-21**

S  
Transportation

Hobbs

Neutral

Making transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime), Palumbo

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

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| <a href="#"><u>2SSB 5293</u></a><br><b>(2SHB 1257)</b> | <b>Energy efficiency</b><br>Concerning energy efficiency.   | S 2nd Reading | Carlyle | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Carlyle (Prime), Billig, Das, Frockt, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, McCoy, Nguyen, Palumbo, Pedersen, Wellman |               |         |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i>   |               |         |         |

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| <a href="#"><u>2SSB 5426</u></a><br><b>(E2SHB 1112)</b> | <b>Hydrofluorocarbon emissions</b><br>Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons. | S Rules 2 | Mullet | Neutral |
|   | <i>Sponsors:</i> Mullet (Prime), Dhingra, Nguyen, Palumbo, Rivers, Rolfes                        |           |        |         |
|   | <i>Summary:</i>  |           |        |         |

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| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5543</u></a><br><b>(SHB 1733)</b> | <b>Productive farmland</b><br>Retaining productive farmland. | S Ways & Means | Takko | Neutral |
|  | <i>Sponsors:</i> Takko (Prime)                               |                |       |         |
|  | <i>Summary:</i>  |                |       |         |

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| <a href="#"><u>ESSB 5579</u></a><br><b>(HB 1785)</b> | <b>Crude oil volatility/rail</b><br>Concerning the volatility of crude oil received in the state by rail.   | H Env & Energy | 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 |                |        |         |
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| <a href="#"><u>SSB 5581</u></a><br><b>(HB 1890)</b> | <b>State tax laws</b><br>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. | H 2nd Reading | Rolfes | Neutral |
|   | <i>Sponsors:</i> Rolfes (Prime), Braun, Carlyle, Keiser, Salda?a   |               |        |         |
|   | <i>Summary:</i>  |               |        |         |

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| <a href="#"><u>SB 5608</u></a> | <b>B&amp;O manufacturing tax rate</b><br>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                  |                |          |         |

*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:* 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.

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**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:* Establishes a career-connected learning opportunity in the agriculture, food, and natural resource career cluster area as a career and technical education program in the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

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**Juvenile sentencing**

S Rules 2

Kuderer

Neutral

Concerning juvenile sentencing.

[SB 5880](#)

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

*Summary:*

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**Farm products/vehicle weight**

S Passed 3rd

King

Neutral

Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits.

[SSB 5883](#)

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

*Summary:*

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**Sustainable farms and fields**

S Passed 3rd

McCoy

Neutral

Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.

[2SSB 5947](#)  
**(HB 2095)**

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

*Summary:*

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**Transportation funding bonds**

S Rules 2

Hobbs

Neutral

Authorizing bonds for transportation funding.

[SB 5970](#)

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime), Cleveland, Das, Fortunato, King, Lias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Palumbo, Randall, Salda?a, Sheldon, Takko, Wagoner, Wilson, Zeiger

Summary:

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**Transportation funding**

S Ways &  
Means

Hobbs

Neutral

Concerning transportation funding.

[SSB 5971](#)

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime), Cleveland, Conway, Lias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Palumbo, Randall, Saldaña, Sheldon, Takko

Summary:

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**Additive trans funding**

S Rules 2

Hobbs

Neutral

Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations.

[SSB 5972](#)

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime), Cleveland, Conway, Das, Fortunato, King, Lias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Padden, Palumbo, Randall, Saldaña, Sheldon, Takko, Wagoner, Wilson, Zeiger

Summary:

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**Agricultural tariffs**

S Ways &  
Means

Takko

Neutral

Requesting the federal government to address tariffs on agricultural commodities.

[SJM 8011](#)

*Sponsors:* Takko (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frock, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, McCoy, Mullet, Nguyen, Palumbo, Pedersen, Randall, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Van De Wege, Wellman, Wilson

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