

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The 2011 legislative session plowed into its second week with hundreds of new bill introductions. After a relatively slow first week, legislators clearly made up for lost time by introducing literally hundreds of bills each day. We now have well over 800 bills, memorials, and resolutions that have been introduced, which puts this legislature back on track to introduce roughly 2500 measures this year. It must have been just wishful thinking on my part to think that the State's budget difficulties would restrict the number of measures that legislators felt compelled to introduce.

In response to all of the new bills, committee Chairs increased the amount of committee time that was dedicated to public hearings on bills. Prior to that, most of the committing meeting schedule had focused on background information on state agencies and/or programs, and updates on various issues. Though the first committee cut-off deadline will not occur until February 23rd, bill sponsors know that public hearing time fills up pretty quickly, so there has already been a rush by newer legislators to get their measures heard. That activity will accelerate next week.

We continued to work hard this week on retaining an independent Conservation Commission. On Tuesday, Mark Clark, Roylene Rides-at-the-Door, John Larson, and Monte Marti, testified in front of the Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development Committee on... "How agencies work with landowners to achieve resource conservation objectives while maintaining agricultural practices". The main point that I believe the panel made very well was that the system for voluntary, incentive-based landowner support in Washington State that starts with that Districts, moves to the Commission, and includes the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, is one of the best systems in the country. Though we generally support the Department of Agriculture on many issues, we believe that this system would be negatively impacted if the Commission is merged into the Department.

Only after we are sure that the legislature will not eliminate the Conservation Commission will we be able to move on to operating and capital budget issues. Fortunately, most of the budget issues will be on "hold" until the quarterly revenue forecast is released on March 17th. The reason that this date is so important is that it is the revenue estimate that the entire biennial Operating Budget will be based on. Additionally, only after the amount of revenue is determined, will budget writers be able to determine what amount of bonding capacity remains under the state constitution, which will directly impact the size of the Capital Budget.

Washington State has a constitutional debt limit of 9% of the General Fund revenue that can be used for debt service. Only after budget writers know what the General Fund revenue will be are they able to calculate the amount of money that will be available for debt service. Once they know that number, they can go to the bond houses and find out how much the state can borrow for capital projects over the next two years. If revenues continue to go down, there will be no additional bonding capacity available. Accordingly, the 2011-13 Capital Budget will be pretty small compared to most recent capital budgets. If that is the case, it will be extremely difficult for us to obtain any money, even maintenance money, for the CREP program.

On the other hand, if there is some bonding capacity available, we may be able to convince legislators to spend some of that additional capital revenue on the CREP program. However, we simply will not have the information in front of us to make that decision until March 17th. Fortunately, we have scheduled the WACD "Legislative Day" for March 23rd. That should give us the maximum amount of impact on budget issues, since

it will be only five days after the forecast has been released, but well before the time when budgets are ultimately written.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
S1086	Making 2011 supplemental operating appropriations.	Hunter	Support	H, WAYS DPS
1087	Making 2011-2013 operating appropriations.	Hunter	Support	H, Ways & Means
1120	Delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program.	Sells	Support	H, Labor/Work Dev
1162	Streamlining natural resources management.	Orcutt	Oppose	H, SGTribalAff
1348	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Dunshee	Support	H, Cap Budget
5094	Making 2011-2013 operating appropriations.	Murray	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5127	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Kilmer	Concerns	S, Ways & Means

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

1014	Modifying the authority of a watershed management partnership.	Goodman	Monitor	H, Exec Action
1044	Establishing the office of open records.	Hurst	Support	H, SGTribalAff
1054	Declaring water conservation practices to be a beneficial use of water for the purposes of relinquishment.	Chandler	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
1070	Regarding the permitting of anaerobic digestion under chapter 70.94 RCW, the clean air act.	Bailey	Support	H, Environment
1117	Regarding the relinquishment of water rights.	Taylor	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
1139	Concerning providing agencies notice of a dispute under the public records act and an opportunity to cure error in the production of public records.	Armstrong	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff
1161	Regarding the payment of compensation to small forest landowners participating in the forest riparian easement program.	Orcutt	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1169	Regarding noxious weed lists.	Haigh	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1179	Clarifying that public employees may attend informational or educational meetings regarding legislative issues.	Hunt	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff
1192	Ensuring the viability of small forest landowners.	Blake	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
1296	Creating a water commission.	Hinkle	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1297	Concerning the relinquishment of a water right.	Chandler	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1299	Regarding conferences for public records requests disputes.	Takko	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff
1300	Regarding the recovery of the costs of production and copying of public records.	Moeller	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff
1313	Regulating soil science and wetland science professions.	Green	Support	H, Bus & Fin Svcs
1371	Addressing boards and commissions.	Darneille	Concerns	H, SGTribalAff
1389	Spec. purpose distr. records (Supplement not yet available.)		Support	H, SGTribalAff
2058	(Title not yet available.)		Support	
5049	Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee.	Kline	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5088	Regarding the recovery of the costs of production and copying of public records.	Haugen	Support	S, GovtOp & Elect
5089	Regarding conferences for public records requests disputes.	Hatfield	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5166	Allowing off-road vehicles on public highways in certain areas.	Schoesler	Support	S, Transportation
5209	Concerning the relinquishment of a water right.	Delvin	Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
5225	Regulating soil science and wetland science professions.	Murray	Support	S, Lab/Comm/CP
5230	Establishing the Puget Sound corps.	Ranker	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5266	Improving the permitting process at certain natural resources	Swecker	Monitor	S, NR/Marine

agencies.

5267	Providing fairness in government regulation of property.	Swecker	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5293	Columbia Basin project/water (Supplement not yet available.)		Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
5294	Spec. purpose distr. records (Supplement not yet available.)		Support	S, GovtOp & Elect

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

1095	Regarding payments in lieu of taxes for lands managed by the department of fish and wildlife.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1110	Requiring certain state agencies that manage natural resources to coordinate their land management with local governments.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1111	Addressing federal and state government coordination with local governments.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1152	Providing technical assistance to achieve voluntary compliance with water pollution control statutes.	Smith	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
1212	Authorizing the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts.	Lytton	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
1216	Concerning digital copy machines used by public agencies.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff
1240	Establishing a moratorium on the imposition of impact fees.	Orcutt	Monitor	H, Local Govt
5062	Concerning providing agencies notice of a dispute under the public records act and an opportunity to cure error in the production of public records.	Pridemore	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5072	Authorizing the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts.	Hatfield	Support	S, Ag&RuralEc Dev
5153	Expanding provisions relating to candidates appearing on the general election ballot.	Nelson	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5158	Regarding the forest practices permitting system.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5207	Adopting the international wildland urban interface code.	Pridemore	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5210	Creating a water commission.	Delvin	Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
5211	Concerning forest practices applications leading to conversion of land for development purposes.	Haugen	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5241	Modifying the authority of a watershed management partnership.	Roach	Monitor	S, Env/Water/Ener
5253	Concerning landscape conservation and local infrastructure.	White	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5343	Anaerobic digester emissions (Supplement not yet available.)		Monitor	S, Ag&RuralEc Dev

CALENDAR ITEMS

1/20/2011	1070	Anaerobic digestion	Environment	9:00 AM	HHR C
1/20/2011	1014	Watershed mgmt partnerships	Judiciary	10:00 AM	HHR A
1/20/2011	1044	Office of open records	State Government & Tribal Affairs	TVW 10:00 AM	HHR E
1/20/2011	1139	Public record disputes	State Government & Tribal Affairs	TVW 10:00 AM	HHR E
1/20/2011	5072	Dept. of agriculture/gifts	Agriculture & Rural Economic Development	10:00 AM	SHR 3
1/20/2011	5158	Forest practices permitting	Natural Resources & Marine Waters	1:30 PM	SHR 2
1/24/2011	5049	Sunshine committee	Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections	10:00 AM	SHR 2
1/24/2011	5062	Public record disputes	Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections	10:00 AM	SHR 2
1/24/2011	5088	Public records copying costs	Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections	10:00 AM	SHR 2
1/24/2011	5089	Pub records request disputes	Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections	10:00 AM	SHR 2
1/24/2011	5230	Puget Sound corps	Natural Resources & Marine Waters	1:30 PM	SHR 2
1/25/2011	1054	Water conservation practices	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR A

1/25/2011	1117	Water right relinquishment	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR A
1/25/2011	1212	Dept. of agriculture/gifts	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR A
1/25/2011	1296	Water commission/creation	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR A
1/25/2011	1297	Water right beneficial use	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR A
1/25/2011	5153	Candidates on ballot	Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections	1:30 PM	SHR 2
1/25/2011	5225	Soil and wetland scientists	Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection	1:30 PM	SHR 4
1/26/2011	1095	DFW-managed lands/payments	Agriculture & Natural Resources	1:30 PM	HHR A
1/26/2011	5166	Off-road vehicles on highway	Transportation	3:30 PM	SHR 1
1/27/2011	1179	Public employees/meetings	State Government & Tribal Affairs	10:00 AM	HHR E
1/27/2011	5211	Forest practice applications	Natural Resources & Marine Waters	1:30 PM	SHR 2
1/28/2011	1152	Water pollution statutes	Agriculture & Natural Resources	8:00 AM	HHR A
1/28/2011	1169	Noxious weed lists	Agriculture & Natural Resources	8:00 AM	HHR A
1/28/2011	1313	Soil and wetland scientists	Business & Financial Services	1:30 PM	HHR B

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1014 **GOODMAN**
WATERSHED MGMT PARTNERSHIPS
Representatives Goodman, Springer, Sullivan, and Eddy

Addresses a watershed management partnership's authority with regard to Lake Tapps' water supply.

Companion Bill: 5241 Watershed mgmt partnerships S, Env/Water/Ener
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1014.pdf>

1044 **HURST**
OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS
Representatives Hurst, Armstrong, Takko, Ross, Hinkle, Pearson, Warnick, Haler,
Johnson, Smith, Harris, and Fagan Requested by
Attorney General and State Auditor

Creates an independent office of open records within the office of administrative hearings.

Companion Bill: 5237 Office of open records S, GovtOp & Elect
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1044.pdf>

1054 **CHANDLER**
WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES
Representatives Chandler, Taylor, Nealey, and Warnick

Clarifies that water conservation practices by all water users are encouraged and are considered a beneficial use of the water for purposes of relinquishment.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1054.pdf>

1070 **BAILEY**
ANAEROBIC DIGESTION
Representatives Bailey, Blake, Smith, Chandler, and Hope

Creates a limited permitting exemption under the clean air act for anaerobic digestion in order to minimize any regulatory burdens inhibiting the furtherance of the state public interest.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1070.pdf>

S1086 **HUNTER**
OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2009-11
Representatives Hunter, Alexander, and Darneille Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2011 supplemental operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5095 Operating sup budget 2009-11

S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1086-s.pdf>

1087

OPERATING BUDGET 2011-2013

Representatives Hunter, Alexander, and Darneille

HUNTER

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2011-2013 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5094 Operating budget 2011-2013

S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1087.pdf>

1095

DFW-MANAGED LANDS/PAYMENTS

Representatives Taylor, Kretz, Short, and McCune

TAYLOR

Authorizes a county legislative authority, if deemed by the authority as beneficial for the economic development of the county, to elect to either reduce payments or excuse from payments certain department-owned game land.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to make payments under RCW 77.12.203 (in-lieu payments authorized) for lands transferred to the department from other state agencies.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1095.pdf>

1110

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Representatives Taylor, Shea, Kretz, Short, Rolfes, and McCune

TAYLOR

Requires the department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission to coordinate with all applicable affected local government officials during the development, revision, and implementation of any public land use plan under the control or authority of the department or the commission, as applicable.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1110.pdf>

1111

FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL GOVTS

Representatives Taylor, Shea, Kretz, Short, McCune, and Condotta

TAYLOR

Authorizes a local government or special purpose district, if the ordinances, regulations, plans, or policies of a local government or special purpose district are less restrictive than applicable federal or state laws or requirements, to demand that the federal or state government coordinate with the local government or special purpose district before the federal or state government implements, enforces, expands, or extends the federal or state law or requirement within the jurisdictional boundary of the local government or special purpose district.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1111.pdf>

1117

WATER RIGHT RELINQUISHMENT

Representatives Taylor, Warnick, Chandler, Kretz, and McCune

TAYLOR

Abolishes relinquishment of water rights by removing all references to relinquishment in the RCW.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1117.pdf>

1120

FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE PROG.

Representative Sells

SELLS

Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Delays implementation of the family leave insurance program.

Companion Bill: 5091 Family leave insurance prog. S, LCCPDPS
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1120.pdf>

1139 **PUBLIC RECORD DISPUTES** **ARMSTRONG**
Representatives Armstrong, Taylor, Eddy, Fagan, Hunt, Ross, and Kenney
Requested by
Attorney General

Provides an agency with the opportunity to correct an error and provide a public record that may have been previously withheld or not located to reduce the loss of public funds through the assessment of penalties.

Companion Bill: 5062 Public record disputes S, GovtOp & Elect
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1139.pdf>

1152 **WATER POLLUTION STATUTES** **SMITH**
Representatives Smith, Schmick, Blake, Warnick, Takko, Ross, Pearson, Short, Van De Wege, Orcutt, Bailey, Kristiansen, and McCune

Requires the department of ecology, after determining that a violation of a water pollution control statute has occurred or is about to occur, to attempt to achieve voluntary compliance before any notice of violation or penalty may be assessed.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1152.pdf>

1161 **SMALL FOREST LANDOWNERS** **ORCUTT**
Representatives Orcutt, Blake, Rivers, Kretz, and Short

Allows the small forest landowner office to begin the process of calculating the compensation that may be offered to a small forest landowner who is participating in the forest riparian easement program shortly after receipt of the landowner's application. Ensures that family forest landowners are compensated under the program before all other qualifying landowners.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1161.pdf>

1162 **NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT** **ORCUTT**
Representatives Orcutt, Blake, Rivers, Klippert, Kretz, Johnson, Taylor, Haler, McCune, Short, and Harris

Streamlines natural resources management.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1162.pdf>

1169 **NOXIOUS WEED LISTS** **HAIGH**
Representatives Haigh, Chandler, Blake, Kristiansen, Taylor, Rivers, Finn, and Shea

Modifies provisions relating to noxious weed lists.

Companion Bill: 5087 Noxious weed lists S, Ag&RuralEc Dev
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1169.pdf>

1179 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/MEETINGS** **HUNT**
Representatives Hunt, Hudgins, Appleton, Lias, Miloscia, McCoy, Reykdal, Goodman, Darneille, Van De Wege, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Billig, Orwall, Green, Kenney, Dickerson, Santos, Frockt, Tharinger, and Moscoso

Clarifies that state employees may attend informational or educational meetings regarding legislative issues with a legislator or other

elected official.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1179.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1179.pdf)

1192

SMALL FOREST LANDOWNERS

BLAKE

Representative Blake

Declares that it is now timely to craft amendments to certain statutes and rules to help maintain and improve the economic viability of family forest owners managing forest land across the state and provide incentives to keep their land in long-term forestry.
Revises provisions relating to small forest landowners, small parcels, and alternative management plans.
Prohibits certain small forest landowners from participating in the forestry riparian easement program.
Requires the forest practices board to initiate and complete a process to revise certain forest practices rules.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1192.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1192.pdf)

1212

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE/GIFTS

LYTTON

Representatives Lytton, Smith, Blake, and Warnick

Requested by

Department of Agriculture

Authorizes the director of the department of agriculture to accept, expend, and retain certain gifts, grants, bequests, and contributions.

Companion Bill: 5072 Dept. of agriculture/gifts S, Ag&RuralEc Dev

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1212.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1212.pdf)

1216

DIGITAL COPY MACHINES

HUDGINS

Representatives Hudgins and Morris

Establishes rules for public agencies to follow when disposing of digital copy machines to protect consumer information and prevent identity theft.
Requires the department of general administration to include in any digital copy machine contract a provision notifying the purchaser or lessor of their obligation to properly handle and dispose of any records stored on a digital copy machine before returning, selling, or disposing of the digital copy machine.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1216.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1216.pdf)

1240

IMPACT FEES MORATORIUM

ORCUTT

Representatives Orcutt, Rivers, Angel, Haler, Johnson, McCune, Kretz, Taylor, Harris, and Condotta

Establishes a moratorium on the imposition of impact fees.
Expires June 30, 2013.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1240.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1240.pdf)

1296

WATER COMMISSION/CREATION

HINKLE

Representatives Hinkle, Blake, Buys, Kretz, Warnick, Chandler, Klippert, Orcutt, Schmick, Armstrong, Haler, Walsh, Nealey, Fagan, Condotta, Taylor, Short, Johnson, McCune, and Harris

Creates the Washington water commission.
Transfers certain powers, duties, and functions of the department of ecology pertaining to water resources to the Washington water commission.

Companion Bill: 5210 Water commission/creation S, Env/Water/Ener

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1296.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1296.pdf)

1297

WATER RIGHT BENEFICIAL USE

CHANDLER

Representatives Chandler, Blake, Warnick, Schmick, Hinkle, Armstrong, Klippert, Haler, Walsh, Nealey, Fagan, Condotta, Kretz, Taylor, Short, Johnson, McCune, and Harris

Modifies water right relinquishment provisions by extending the time period permitted to put water to beneficial use.

Companion Bill: 5209 Water right beneficial use S, Env/Water/Ener

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1297.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1297.pdf)

1299

PUB RECORDS REQUEST DISPUTES

TAKKO

Representatives Takko, Armstrong, Hunt, Nealey, Haigh, Angel, and Rolfes

Authorizes a requester and an agency, before filing any court action alleging a violation of the public records act, to confer in person or by telephone regarding any dispute.

Companion Bill: 5089 Pub records request disputes S, GovtOp & Elect

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1299.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1299.pdf)

1300

PUBLIC RECORDS COPYING COSTS

MOELLER

Representatives Moeller, Armstrong, Takko, Nealey, Haigh, Hunt, Angel, Fitzgibbon, and Darneille

Authorizes a public agency to require a requester to pay personnel costs for a public records request during the month to complete search and copying tasks if the production of records for the requester in a calendar month exceeds five person hours.

Companion Bill: 5088 Public records copying costs S, GovtOp & Elect

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1300.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1300.pdf)

1313

SOIL AND WETLAND SCIENTISTS

GREEN

Representatives Green, Sells, Reykdal, Morris, and Kirby

Regulates soil science and wetland science professions by establishing minimum standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility and by establishing professional education and experience requirements for those persons representing to the public that they are soil scientists or wetland scientists certified by the state.

Creates a board for soil scientists and wetland scientists.

Companion Bill: 5225 Soil and wetland scientists S, Lab/Comm/CP

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1313.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1313.pdf)

1348

STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS

DUNSHEE

Representatives Dunshee, Warnick, and Ormsby

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds of the state to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the capital and operating appropriations acts for the 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal bienniums.

Companion Bill: 5127 State gen. obligation bonds S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1348.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1348.pdf)

1371

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

DARNEILLE

Representatives Darneille and Hunt

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Eliminates certain boards and commissions.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1371.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1371.pdf)

1389 **SPEC. PURPOSE DISTR. RECORDS**

(Supplement not yet available.)

Companion Bill: 5294 Spec. purpose distr. records S, GovtOp & Elect

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1389.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1389.pdf)

2058 **(NO TITLE AVAILABLE)**

(Supplement not yet available.)

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2058.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2058.pdf)

5049 **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** **KLINE**
Senators Kline, Roach, and Keiser

Implements recommendations of the sunshine committee relating to background information records and public inspection and copying.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5049.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5049.pdf)

5062 **PUBLIC RECORD DISPUTES** **PRIDEMORE**
Senators Pridemore, Swecker, Hatfield, Becker, Kastama, White, Tom, Parlette, Shin,
Chase, Pflug, and Holmquist Newbry Requested by
Attorney General

Provides an agency with the opportunity to correct an error and provide a public record that may have been previously withheld or not located to reduce the loss of public funds through the assessment of penalties.

Companion Bill: 1139 Public record disputes H, SGTribalAff

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5062.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5062.pdf)

5072 **DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE/GIFTS** **HATFIELD**
Senators Hatfield, Shin, and Haugen Requested by
Department of Agriculture

Authorizes the director of the department of agriculture to accept, expend, and retain certain gifts, grants, bequests, and contributions.

Companion Bill: 1212 Dept. of agriculture/gifts H, Ag & Nat Res

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5088 **PUBLIC RECORDS COPYING COSTS** **HAUGEN**
Senators Haugen, Swecker, Hobbs, Hatfield, Harper, Shin, Rockefeller, Parlette, and
Tom

Authorizes a public agency to require a requester to pay personnel costs for a public records request during the month to complete search and copying tasks if the production of records for the requester in a calendar month exceeds five person hours.

Companion Bill: 1300 Public records copying costs H, SGTribalAff

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5089

PUB RECORDS REQUEST DISPUTES

HATFIELD

Senators Hatfield, Swecker, Harper, Nelson, Parlette, and Chase

Authorizes a requester and an agency, before filing any court action alleging a violation of the public records act, to confer in person or by telephone regarding any dispute.

Companion Bill: 1299 Pub records request disputes H, SGTribalAff

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5094

OPERATING BUDGET 2011-2013

MURRAY

Senators Murray, Zarelli, Kilmer, and Parlette

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2011-2013 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 1087 Operating budget 2011-2013 H, Ways & Means

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5127

STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS

KILMER

Senators Kilmer, Parlette, Murray, and Zarelli

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds of the state to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the capital and operating appropriations acts for the 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal bienniums.

Companion Bill: 1348 State gen. obligation bonds H, Cap Budget

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5153

CANDIDATES ON BALLOT

NELSON

Senator Nelson

Prohibits a primary from being held for any single position in any partisan primary if, after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, there are no more than two candidates filed for the position.

Requires the county auditor to notify the affected candidates.

Companion Bill: 1142 Candidates on ballot H, SGTribalAff

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5158

FOREST PRACTICES PERMITTING

ERICKSEN

Senators Ericksen and Sheldon

Increases the amount of time an application to conduct a forest practice is effective.
Authorizes renewal of an application for an additional five years under certain circumstances.

Companion Bill: 1157 Forest practices permitting H, Ag & Nat Res

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5166

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON HIGHWAY

SCHOESLER

Senators Schoesler, King, Hatfield, Morton, Honeyford, Hewitt, and Roach

Allows off-road vehicles on certain public highways.

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5207

WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE

PRIDEMORE

Senators Pridemore, Nelson, Chase, and Kline

Includes the international wildland urban interface code in the state building code.

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5209

WATER RIGHT BENEFICIAL USE

DELVIN

Senators Delvin, Hatfield, Schoesler, Hewitt, Honeyford, Holmquist Newbry, Haugen, Hobbs, Morton, and King

Modifies water right relinquishment provisions by extending the time period permitted to put water to beneficial use.

Companion Bill: 1297 Water right beneficial use H, Ag & Nat Res

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5210

WATER COMMISSION/CREATION

DELVIN

Senators Delvin, Hobbs, Honeyford, Morton, Holmquist Newbry, Zarelli, Haugen, King, Hewitt, Schoesler, Hatfield, and Shin

Creates the Washington water commission.

Transfers certain powers, duties, and functions of the department of ecology pertaining to water resources to the Washington water commission.

Companion Bill: 1296 Water commission/creation H, Ag & Nat Res

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5211

FOREST PRACTICE APPLICATIONS

HAUGEN

Senators Haugen, Swecker, Morton, Ranker, and Hargrove

Modifies forest practices provisions regarding how the forest practices board must define Class II and Class IV forest practices by rule; and a local government's requirement to provide an economic impact statement involving a forest practice on certain lands.

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5225

SOIL AND WETLAND SCIENTISTS

MURRAY

Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, and Ranker

Regulates soil science and wetland science professions by establishing minimum standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility and by establishing professional education and experience requirements for those persons representing to the public that they are soil scientists or wetland scientists certified by the state.

Creates a board for soil scientists and wetland scientists.

Companion Bill: 1313 Soil and wetland scientists H, Bus & Fin Svcs

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5230

PUGET SOUND CORPS

RANKER

Senators Ranker, Swecker, Litzow, Rockefeller, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Kline, Conway, Fraser, Nelson, Hobbs, Shin, and Harper

Requested by
Commissioner of Public Lands and
Department of Ecology

Maintains the Washington conservation corps statewide and establishes the Puget Sound corps as a distinct program within the Washington conservation corps.

Streamlines how government administers and manages the state's conservation corps to more efficiently expend the state's resources toward priority outcomes, including the recovery of the Puget Sound ecosystem to health by 2020.

Increases opportunities for meaningful work experiences.
Authorizes public-private partnerships as a key element of corps activities.

Companion Bill: 1294 Puget Sound corps H, Environment
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5 2 4 1 WATERSHED MGMT PARTNERSHIPS **ROACH**
Senators Roach and Tom

Addresses a watershed management partnership's authority with regard to Lake Tapps' water supply.

Companion Bill: 1014 Watershed mgmt partnerships H, Exec Action
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5 2 5 3 LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION **WHITE**
Senators White, Swecker, Nelson, Litzow, and Harper

Addresses landscape conservation and local infrastructure relating to: (1) Designation of agricultural and forest lands and rural zoned lands as sending areas;
(2) Transfer of development rights to receiving areas;
(3) Allocation among local governments of transferable development rights;
(4) Development plan for infrastructure;
(5) Quantitative and qualitative performance measures;
(6) Local infrastructure project areas and project financing;
(7) Participating taxing districts;
(8) Property tax revenues to pay or finance costs of public improvements; and
(9) Comprehensive plan optional elements.

Companion Bill: 1469
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5 2 6 6 STATE AGENCY PERMITTING **SWECKER**
Senator Swecker

Establishes a permitting work group to prepare a coordinated, multiagency strategy for permitting within the department of ecology, the department of fish and wildlife, and the department of natural resources.
Requires the departments of ecology, natural resources, and fish and wildlife to establish a tiered permitting system separately covering new construction and maintenance.
Provides an expiration of December 31, 2012, for the work group.

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5 2 6 7 GOVT. REGULATION OF PROPERTY **SWECKER**
Senator Swecker

Establishes the property fairness act.
Provides fairness in government regulation of property.

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5 2 9 3 COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT/WATER

(Supplement not yet available.)

Companion Bill: 1391 Columbia Basin project/water H, Ag & Nat Res

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SPEC. PURPOSE DISTR. RECORDS

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Companion Bill: 1389 Spec. purpose distr. records H, SGTribalAff

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ANAEROBIC DIGESTER EMISSIONS

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