

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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As the legislature moved into the second week of the 2015 Session, any hope that legislators would be introducing fewer bills this year because of the budget situation they face was pretty much crushed. As of today there are 519 Senate bills and 563 House bills introduced, for a total of 1,082 pieces of possible new legislation. If this pace continues, there will be over 2,000 bills introduced this year, with an additional 1,000 next year.

In anticipation of this flood of new bills, House and Senate policy committees also accelerated their activity level this week by moving from "overview & update" sessions to actually holding public hearing on bills. A few of the more non-controversial bills have actually been passed to their respective Rules Committees. Though both Chambers have some Floor time scheduled for next week, it is unlikely that legislators will be spending much time on the Floor for another couple of weeks, and the focus of legislative activity will continue to be the Policy Committees.

One of the most anticipated hearings of the 2015 Session will occur next Tuesday in the House Environment Committee, when HB 1314, (Gov. Inslee's Cap & Trade bill), receives a public hearing. Anticipating a large and boisterous turnout, Committee Chair Joe Fitzgibbons has had this hearing moved to a larger hearing room, with overflow space in other conference rooms. Though the Governor will be given about half an hour to explain his proposal, and alternating "pro" and "con" panels will be very entertaining, it is generally believed that this measure will not move a whole lot farther than out of the House Environment Committee.

Another anticipated hearing will occur next Monday when the Senate Ways & Means Committee hears a measure that has the nickname of "Big Water". The idea of this legislation is to implement a statewide property tax assessment of some kind that would then be used by the Department of Ecology to implement water storage projects in Eastern Washington, flood control measures in the Chehalis Basin, and storm water retrofits needed in Puget Sound communities.

Since there are a lot of segments of the State that would not benefit from this kind of massive infrastructure effort, (but would pay the property tax assessment along with everyone else), a common criticism that has come up is that this concept is that it is simply a way for the residents in the Yakima Basin to fix their drought issues, and citizens in the Chehalis Basin to fix their flooding issues, by using "Other People's Money". With a transportation revenue package and a possible tax increase to fund the McCleary decision K-12 fix "on the table", I think it is highly unlikely that this measure will move very far forward this Session.

Finally, HB 1264, (a measure that would increase the per-parcel "Rates & Charges" from \$10 per-parcel in King County to \$15, from \$5 to \$10 in Pierce County, and from \$5 per-parcel to \$10 per-parcel in Snohomish and Spokane Counties --- if those counties adopted a Rates & Charges program instead of their usual "assessments"), will receive a public hearing in front of the House Local Government Committee next Tuesday. It will be interesting to see what the testimony on this measure ends up being from the Washington Association of Counties.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

1101 Concerning conservation districts.

Sponsor

Wilcox

Position

Oppose

Status

H, Local Govt

1104	Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production.	Schmick	Monitor	H, Public Safety
1105	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.	Hunter	Monitor	H, Approps
1106	Making 2015-2017 operating appropriations.	Hunter	Monitor	H, Approps
1115	Concerning the capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
1116	Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
1189	Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	S. Hunt	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1237	Providing landowners with necessary tools for the protection of their property from forest fires.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1264	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Wilcox	Support	H, Local Govt
5322	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Hatfield	Support	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

1032	Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage habitat projects that provide a public benefit.	Blake	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1187	Concerning best practices for water banks.	Chandler	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1214	Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1215	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1216	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1224	Accelerating the rate of wolf recovery in Washington.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1225	Increasing the social acceptance of endangered species recovery by providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1399	Annually adjusting the limit on distribution of hazardous substance tax revenues to the state and local toxics control accounts to correct for inflation.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
1425	Ensuring that entities performing government functions and advisory committees are subject to the open public meetings act and public records act.	Pollet	Monitor	H, State Governme
1508	Providing permissive authority for counties to assume authority over local forest fire management.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1509	Giving priority selection to forest fire suppression resource contractors that are located geographically close to fire suppression activities.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
5060	Improving relationships between agricultural producers and state regulatory staff.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
5062	Concerning water quality enforcement procedure.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
5168	Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
5169	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
5170	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
5204	Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits.	Parlette	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
5320	Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc

funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW.

5347	Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc
5348	Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services.	Miloscia	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
5445	Extending the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.	Liias	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
5446	Requiring incentives for electric vehicle readiness in buildings.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

1079	Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services.	Kochmar	Monitor	H, State Governme
1197	Concerning water-sewer districts.	Takko	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1202	Providing that an administrative rule or policy of the department of ecology may be abrogated by act of the governor or either house of the legislature.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
1203	Limiting the enforcement of administrative rules and policies.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
1204	Limiting the enforcement of policies of the department of ecology.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
1392	Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
5013	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD

CALENDAR ITEMS

1/22/2015	5204	Hydraulic project permit fees	Natural Resources & Parks	TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 3
1/27/2015	5013	Designated agricultural land	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development		8:00 AM	SHR 3
1/27/2015	5168	Ag lands/shoreline mgmt act	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development		8:00 AM	SHR 3
1/27/2015	5169	Ag land conversion/GMA	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development		8:00 AM	SHR 3
1/27/2015	5170	Ag land conversion/GMA, SMA	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development		8:00 AM	SHR 3
1/27/2015	5347	Flood plains/ag land, etc.	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development		8:00 AM	SHR 3
1/27/2015	1032	Habitat projects	Agriculture & Natural Resources		10:00 AM	HHR B
1/27/2015	1189	City, district publ. records	Technology & Economic Development		10:00 AM	HHR C
1/27/2015	1215	Ag land conversion/GMA	Technology & Economic Development		10:00 AM	HHR C
1/27/2015	1264	Conservation district rates	Technology & Economic Development		10:00 AM	HHR C
1/28/2015	1189	City, district publ. records	Local Government		8:00 AM	HHR D
1/29/2015	5348	Joint utilization contracts	Commerce & Gaming		9:00 AM	HHR C
1/29/2015	1189	City, district publ. records	Local Government		1:30 PM	HHR D

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1032

HABITAT PROJECTS

BLAKE

Representatives Blake and Hurst

Encourages habitat projects that provide a public benefit by providing an exemption for the application fee for a hydraulic project

permit or permit modification.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1032.pdf>

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JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS

KOCHMAR

Representatives Kochmar, Takko, Pike, Springer, Fitzgibbon, and S. Hunt

Authorizes any two or more public agencies to enter into a contract providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services if certain conditions are met.

Companion Bill: 5348 Joint utilization contracts S, GovtOp&StSec

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1079.pdf>

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CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

WILCOX

Representatives Wilcox, Blake, Lytton, and MacEwen

Modifies conservation district provisions relating to special assessment and rates and charges in consideration of the natural resource needs within the district and the capacity of the district to provide either services or improvements, or both.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1101.pdf>

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INTERFERENCE W/AG PRODUCTION

SCHMICK

Representatives Schmick and Wilcox

Creates the crime of interference with agricultural production.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1104.pdf>

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OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2015

HUNTER

Representatives Hunter, Ormsby, and Sullivan

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Makes 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5076 Operating sup budget 2015 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1105.pdf>

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OPERATING BUDGET 2015-2017

HUNTER

Representatives Hunter, Ormsby, and Sullivan

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Makes 2015-2017 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5077 Operating budget 2015-2017 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1106.pdf>

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CAPITAL BUDGET 2015-2017

DUNSHEE

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, Morris, and Reykdal

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the capital budget.

Companion Bill: 5097 Capital budget 2015-2017 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1115.pdf>

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CAPITAL SUP BUDGET 2015

DUNSHEE

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, and Morris

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

Companion Bill: 5096 Capital sup budget 2015 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1116.pdf>

1187

WATER BANKING BEST PRACTICES

CHANDLER

Representatives Chandler, Blake, Buys, Stanford, Hayes, and Parker

Establishes the water banking best practices act.

Companion Bill: 5014 Water banking best practices S, Ag/Water/RurEc

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1187.pdf>

1189

CITY, DISTRICT PUBL. RECORDS

S. HUNT

Representatives S. Hunt, Holy, Bergquist, Johnson, Appleton, and Buys

Requires cities, towns, and special purpose districts that customarily do not maintain regular office hours to post, on the agency headquarters location and their web site, directions on how to contact agency personnel to inspect or copy public records.

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1197

WATER-SEWER DISTRICTS

TAKKO

Representatives Takko and Kochmar

Modifies water-sewer district provisions.

Companion Bill: 5350 Water-sewer districts S, GovtOp&StSec

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1202

ECOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Shea, Taylor, Short, Holy, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

Provides that, if the governor by executive order or either house of the legislature by resolution declares an administrative rule or policy of the department of ecology to be abrogated, the rule or policy is null and void and of no force or effect.

Companion Bill: 5367 Ecology administrative rules S, Energy, Enviro

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1203

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & POLICY

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Shea, Short, Taylor, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Vick, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

Prohibits a rule or policy of any state agency from being enforced unless and until the rule or policy has been adopted pursuant to the administrative procedure act, codified in the Washington Administrative Code, and ratified by act of the legislature.

Companion Bill: 5368 Administrative rules & policy S, GovtOp&StSec

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1204

ECOLOGY POLICIES ENFORCEMENT

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Shea, Taylor, Short, Holy, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Condotta, and Young

Prohibits any policy of the department of ecology from being enforced unless and until it has been adopted pursuant to the administrative procedure act, codified in the Washington Administrative Code, and ratified by act of the legislature.

Companion Bill: 5366 Ecology policies enforcement S, Energy, Enviro

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1204.pdf>

1214

AG LANDS/SHORELINE MGMT ACT

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 5168 Ag lands/shoreline mgmt act S, Ag/Water/RurEc

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1214.pdf>

1215

AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Young, and McCaslin

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 5169 Ag land conversion/GMA S, Ag/Water/RurEcD

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1215.pdf>

1216

AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA, SMA

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Haler, Young, and McCaslin

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.
Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 5170 Ag land conversion/GMA, SMA S, Ag/Water/RurEcD

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1216.pdf>

1224

WOLF RECOVERY, RATE OF

KRETZ

Representatives Kretz and Short

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a pilot project to explore active wolf recovery options as an alternative to passive population dispersal.
Exempts the intrastate translocation of wolves by the department of fish and wildlife from environmental impact statement requirements when conducted for the purposes of recovering wolf populations.
Expires June 30, 2019.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1224.pdf>

1225

SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM.

KRETZ

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Short, Wilcox, Scott, and Buys

Requires the fish and wildlife commission, if it has listed a species statewide as endangered, threatened, or sensitive in this state, to consider any petitions for removing a species from classification or changing the classification of the species, on a regional basis.

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LANDOWNERS AND FOREST FIRES

KRETZ

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Dent, Lytton, Manweller, Pettigrew, Short, Scott, Buys, and Condotta

Authorizes certain landowners, landowners' agents, and other persons to access land owned or managed by the department of natural resources or the department of fish and wildlife to construct a fire line or take other preventive measures intended to stop or slow the spread of a fire onto property owned by, or under the responsibility of, the actor.

Provides that, for the purposes of this act: (1) Accessing department of natural resources-managed land for the purposes of fire suppression is considered authorized access; and

(2) Cutting and/or removing timber for the purposes of fire suppression is considered an authorized activity.

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CONSERVATION DISTRICT RATES

WILCOX

Representatives Wilcox, Blake, MacEwen, Gregerson, Lytton, and Zeiger

Modifies provisions relating to rates and charges of conservation districts.

Companion Bill: 5322 Conservation district rates S, Ag/Water/RurEcD

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REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD

STANFORD

Representatives Stanford, Tharinger, Dunshee, and McBride

Requested by

Recreation and Conservation Office

Addresses the administration of grant programs by the recreation and conservation funding board.

Companion Bill: 5320 Rec and conserv. funding brd S, Natural Resourc

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1392.pdf>

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TOXICS CONTROL ACCOUNTS

HUDGINS

Representatives Hudgins, DeBolt, Dunshee, Tharinger, Short, Smith, and McBride

Requested by

Department of Ecology

Adjusts the limit annually on distribution of hazardous substance tax revenues to the state toxics control account and the local toxics control account to correct for inflation.

Companion Bill: 5345 Toxics control accounts S, Ways & Means

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES, ETC.

POLLET

Representatives Pollet, Kretz, S. Hunt, Appleton, Bergquist, Holy, Tarleton, Hargrove, and Kochmar

Subjects to the open public meetings act and the public records act, certain advisory boards, committees, and other entities performing government functions.

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1508

LOCAL FOREST FIRES/CNTY MGMT

KRETZ

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Short, Reykdal, and Condotta

Authorizes a county to create a local forest fire protection division that is responsible for preventing and responding to forest fires in the county.

Authorizes two or more counties to organize into a single local forest fire protection division.

Requires notification to the department of natural resources of the creation of a local forest fire protection division within thirty days of its creation.

Requires the department of natural resources to, upon the request of a county's local forest fire protection division, assist the county in any fire response necessary to protect public safety.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1508.pdf>

1509

FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION

KRETZ

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Reykdal, and Condotta

Requires the department of natural resources, in implementing the authority to direct the work of forest fire suppression, to give first priority to fire suppression resource contractors that are located geographically closer to the actual fire suppression activities.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1509.pdf>

5013

DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL LAND

HONEYFORD

Senator Honeyford

Clarifies provisions regarding the protection of designated agricultural land for future agricultural use.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5013.pdf>

5060

AG PRODUCERS & AGENCY STAFF

HONEYFORD

Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, and Warnick

Initiates a public process employing the state conservation commission to test processes to clearly define agency roles, improve mutual understanding, and build improved working relationships between agricultural producers and personnel of the departments of ecology, agriculture, and fish and wildlife.

Expires July 1, 2020.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5060.pdf>

5062

WATER QUALITY ENFORCEMENT

HONEYFORD

Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, and Warnick

Extends the reporting deadline to the department of ecology for certain water pollution determinations.

Prohibits the department of ecology from issuing an order or directive unless the department demonstrates through site-specific testing or observation that the person receiving the order or directive is in fact causing pollution of the particular waters of the state identified in the order or directive.

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5168

AG LANDS/SHORELINE MGMT ACT

WARNICK

Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hatfield, Schoesler, and Benton

Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 1214 Ag lands/shoreline mgmt act

H, Local Govt

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5169 AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA **WARNICK**
Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hatfield, and Schoesler

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 1215 Ag land conversion/GMA H, Local Govt

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5170 AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA, SMA **WARNICK**
Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hobbs, Schoesler, and Hatfield

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

Companion Bill: 1216 Ag land conversion/GMA, SMA H, Local Govt

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5204 HYDRAULIC PROJECT PERMIT FEES **PARLETTE**
Senators Parlette, Pearson, and Warnick

Exempts from hydraulic project permit fees, emergency permits where the hydraulic project is necessitated by a fire, earthquake, storm, flood, or similar natural disaster or phenomena for which the governor has declared a state of emergency.
Expires June 30, 2017.

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5320 REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD **HONEYFORD**
Senators Honeyford, Keiser, Ranker, Warnick, and Parlette
Requested by
Recreation and Conservation Office

Addresses the administration of grant programs by the recreation and conservation funding board.

Companion Bill: 1392 Rec and conserv. funding brd H, Cap Budget

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5322 CONSERVATION DISTRICT RATES **HATFIELD**
Senators Hatfield, Hobbs, and Honeyford

Modifies provisions relating to rates and charges of conservation districts.

Companion Bill: 1264 Conservation district rates H, Local Govt

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5347 FLOOD PLAINS/AG LAND, ETC. **HOBBS**
Senators Hobbs, Hatfield, Warnick, Honeyford, and Pearson

Requires the state conservation commission and the departments of agriculture, natural resources, fish and wildlife, and ecology to jointly identify and implement two demonstration projects that test the effectiveness and costs of river management.

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5348

JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS

MILOSCIA

Senators Miloscia and Chase

Authorizes any two or more public agencies to enter into a contract providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services if certain conditions are met.

Companion Bill: 1079 Joint utilization contracts H, State Governme

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5445

ALT. FUEL VEHICLE TAX EXEM

LIIAS

Senators Liias, Litzow, and Jayapal

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Delays, until July 1, 2025, the expiration of the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.

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5446

ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS

HOBBS

Senators Hobbs, Liias, Mullet, Litzow, Pedersen, Fain, Frockt, McAuliffe, Benton, Chase, and Jayapal

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Encourages the transition to electric vehicle use by developing an infrastructure of convenient electric vehicle charging opportunities.

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