

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The 2011 Legislature moved past one major cutoff deadline on Monday, and will move past another one on Friday. The first major cutoff is known as the "House of Origin – Policy Committee" cutoff. It occurred at 5 PM on Monday, February 21st. Any bill that is not necessary to implement the budget is "dead" for this session unless it has been voted out of the original committee it was referred to prior to this cutoff deadline.

Approximately 70% of the bills that have been introduced were "killed" by this cutoff deadline. Since there are approximately 1900 bills that had been introduced, this means that roughly 1300 of them are now "dead". The next major cutoff deadline, the "House of Origin – Fiscal Committee" cutoff will occur at 5 PM on Friday, February 25th. This cutoff will "kill" another 100 – 200 bills. Any measure that has survived both of these cutoff deadlines will have until March 7th to be passed by its "Chamber of Origin".

Though we cannot claim ultimate victory on stopping the proposal to merge the Conservation Commission into the Department of Agriculture until after the 2011 Legislature finally adjourns, we are now pretty close to "killing" that ill-conceived idea. Though neither the House or Senate measure reorganizing the State's natural resource agencies are technically subject to any deadline, (because they will be found to be necessary to implement the budget), actions in both Chambers this week indicate that this merger will not occur.

First, the Senate Natural Resources & Marine Waters Committee stripped the merger provisions out of SB 5669 before it passed that bill to the Senate Ways & Means Committee. This action indicates that the policy committee with jurisdiction over the natural resource reorganizations does not believe the merger should occur. In the House, the message was even clearer. House State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee Chair Sam Hunt made good on his promise to not even bring HB 1850 up for a vote in his Committee, and again emphasized that the House will only entertain natural resource reorganizations that have already been passed by the Senate. Taken together, these actions indicate that all of the hard work by everyone to support an independent Commission is likely to be successful this year.

With as much budget pressure as there has been on agricultural research this session, it shouldn't be a surprise that a combination of the *Seattle Times* and a Democratic state representative have come up with the idea to tie ag research to funding from the present wholesale agricultural B&O exemption. In an editorial in the *Seattle Times* published on Wednesday, February 23rd, the *Times* Editorial Board stated:

Carlyle looked at one decades-old tax exemption that allows large farms to avoid paying business-and-occupation tax on wholesale transactions. His idea is to ensure that agribusinesses with gross receipts above \$2 million a year lose that break, which he figures would generate about \$44 million a biennium. What if that money were redirected to innovation and research at Washington State University?

It is unfortunate, but the agricultural B&O exemption could be included in the package of exemptions included in a possible referendum and/or initiative proposed by the Washington State Labor Council to fund some of the social programs that are likely to get cut in the biennial budget. Obviously, that possibility will be strongly opposed by Washington's agricultural industry.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
ES1086	Making 2009-2011 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunter	Concerns	C, 5 L 11
1087	Making 2011-2013 operating appropriations.	Hunter	Support	H, Ways & Means
1313	Regulating soil science and wetland science professions.	Green	Support	H, Gen Gov Apps
1348	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Dunshee	Support	H, Cap Budget
S1467	Modifying the definition of a well for the purposes of chapter 18.104 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Buys	Support	H, 2nd Reading
1497	Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
S1886	Implementing recommendations of the Ruckelshaus Center process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Support	H, Rules R
5088	Regarding the recovery of the costs of production and copying of public records.	Haugen	Support	S, GovtOp & Elect
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
5225	Regulating soil science and wetland science professions.	Murray	Support	S, Rules 2
5467	Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget.	Kilmer	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5536	Regarding the management of water resources.	Rockefeller	Concerns	S, Ways & Means
S5669	Regarding the consolidation of certain natural resources agencies and programs.	Ranker	Oppose	S, Ways & Means
S5713	Implementing recommendations of the Ruckelshaus Center process.	Haugen	Support	S, Ways & Means
S5723	Establishing a process for addressing water quality issues associated with livestock operations.	Schoesler	Monitor	S, Rules 2

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

1014	Modifying the authority of a watershed management partnership.	Goodman	Monitor	S, Env/Water/Ener
S1169	Regarding noxious weed lists. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Haigh	Monitor	H, Rules R
1179	Clarifying that public employees may attend informational or educational meetings regarding legislative issues.	Hunt	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1192	Ensuring the viability of small forest landowners.	Blake	Support	H, Rules R
S1296	Creating a water commission. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hinkle	Monitor	H, Ways & Means
S1371	Addressing boards and commissions.	Darneille	Concerns	H, Ways & Means
S1509	Concerning the forestry riparian easement program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1720	Reorganizing and streamlining central service functions, powers, and duties of state government. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunt	Monitor	H, Ways & Means
S1899	Changing penalty amounts for public records violations.	Miloscia	Monitor	H, Rules R
2058	(Title not yet available.)		Support	
S5049	Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kline	Monitor	S, Rules 2G
5166	Allowing off-road vehicles on public highways in certain areas.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules 2G
ES5230	Establishing the Puget Sound corps. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Ranker	Monitor	H, Environment
S5266	Facilitating improvement of the state's permitting process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Swecker	Monitor	S, Rules 2

5293	Regarding the use of water delivered from the federal Columbia basin project.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules 2G
S5294	Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Swecker	Support	S, Rules 2
S5485	Maximizing the use of our state's natural resources. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hargrove	Monitor	S, Rules 2
S5538	Concerning members of certain nonprofit conservation corps programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	White	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
S5553	Requiring public agencies, special purpose districts, and municipalities to post certain information on their web sites.	Roach	Monitor	S, Rules 2
5604	Concerning creating clean water jobs through storm water pollution funding.	Nelson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

1212	Authorizing the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts.	Lytton	Support	S, Ag&RuralEc Dev
1622	Authorizing rural conservation development demonstration projects.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Rules R
S5072	Authorizing the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hatfield	Support	S, 2nd Reading
S5211	Concerning forest practices applications leading to conversion of land for development purposes. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Haugen	Monitor	S, Rules 2
5241	Modifying the authority of a watershed management partnership.	Roach	Monitor	S, Rules 2G
S5253	Concerning tax increment financing for landscape conservation and local infrastructure. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	White	Monitor	S, Rules 2G
S5343	Concerning air emissions from anaerobic digesters.	Haugen	Monitor	S, Rules 2G
5693	Defining "copy" for purposes of the public records act.	Swecker	Monitor	S, Rules 2

DEAD BILLS

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
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
1117	Regarding the relinquishment of water rights.	Taylor	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
1120	Delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program.	Sells	Support	H, Labor/Work Dev
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
1152	Providing technical assistance to achieve voluntary compliance with water pollution control statutes.	Smith	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1161	Regarding the payment of compensation to small forest landowners participating in the forest riparian easement program.	Orcutt	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1162	Streamlining natural resources management.	Orcutt	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff

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
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
1389	Regarding hours of availability of special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	Haler	Support	H, SGTribalAff
1460	Reorganizing natural resource agencies.	Hunt	Oppose	H, SGTribalAff
1610	Regarding the management of water resources.	Blake	Concerns	H, Ag & Nat Res
1850	Regarding the consolidation of certain natural resources agencies and programs.	Dunshee	Oppose	H, SGTribalAff
1871	Regarding implementation of recommendations of the William D. Ruckelshaus Center.	Takko	Support	H, Local Govt
1906	Protecting salmon and steelhead spawning beds.	Cody	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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
5089	Regarding conferences for public records requests disputes.	Hatfield	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
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
5209	Concerning the relinquishment of a water right.	Delvin	Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
5210	Creating a water commission.	Delvin	Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
5267	Providing fairness in government regulation of property.	Swecker	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5376	Regarding the disposal of lands by natural resource agencies.	Morton	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5424	Concerning integrated resource plans.	Rockefeller	Monitor	S, Env/Water/Ener
5425	Authorizing rural conservation development demonstration projects.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Ag&RuralEc Dev
5469	Addressing boards and commissions.	Pridemore	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5481	Establishing the natural resources partnership office.	Pflug	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5551	Concerning the forestry riparian easement program.	Ranker	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5643	Modifying the definition of "well" in RCW 18.104.020.	Stevens	Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
5684	Regarding water well construction requirements.	Rockefeller	Monitor	S, Env/Water/Ener
5712	Consolidating the Puget Sound partnership into the Washington state conservation commission.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, NR/Marine

CALENDAR ITEMS

2/24/2011	S1371	Boards and commissions	Ways & Means	9:00 AM	HHR A
2/24/2011	S1371	Boards and commissions	Ways & Means	1:30 PM	HHR A
2/24/2011	S5536	Water resources management	Ways & Means	TVW 1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/24/2011	S5713	Ruckelshaus Center process	Ways & Means	TVW 1:30 PM	SHR 4

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

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WATERSHED MGMT PARTNERSHIPS

GOODMAN

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, Rules 2G
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1014.pdf>

ES1086 OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2009-11

House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Alexander, and Darneille)

HUNTER
Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2009-2011 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.e.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>

S1169 NOXIOUS WEED LISTS

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Chandler, Blake, Kristiansen, Taylor, Rivers, Finn, and Shea)

HAIGH

Requires the state noxious weed control board to adopt guidelines, by rule, for placing plants on the state noxious weed list. Allows a county noxious weed control board, or other branch of county or city government, to conduct education, outreach, or other assistance regarding plant species not included on the state noxious weed list if the county or city determines that the plant species causes localized risk or concern.

Companion Bill: 5087 Noxious weed lists S, Rules 2
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1169-s.pdf>

1179 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/MEETINGS

Representatives Hunt, Hudgins, Appleton, Liias, Miloscia, McCoy, Reykdal, Goodman, Darneille, Van De Wege, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Billig, Orwall, Green, Kenney, Dickerson, Santos, Frockt, Tharinger, and Moscoso

HUNT

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>

S1192 SMALL FOREST LANDOWNERS

Representative Blake

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.

Companion Bill: 5783 Small forest landowners S, NR/Marine
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1192-s.pdf>

1212 DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE/GIFTS
Representatives Lytton, Smith, Blake, and Warnick

LYTTON
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, 2nd Reading
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1212.pdf>

S1296 WATER COMMISSION/CREATION

HINKLE

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by 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-s.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, Rules 2
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/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>

S1371 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

DARNEILLE

Representatives Darneille and Hunt

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Eliminates certain boards and commissions.

Companion Bill: 5469 Boards and commissions S, GovtOp & Elect
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1371-s.pdf>

S 1467

DEFINITION OF A WELL

BUYS

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buys, Blake, Chandler, Pearson, Fagan, Overstreet, Harris, Wilcox, Johnson, Haler, Warnick, McCune, and Kelley)

Revises the definition of "well" for purposes of water well construction.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1467-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1467-s.pdf)

1497

CAPITAL BUDGET 2011-2013

DUNSHEE

Representatives Dunshee and Warnick

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Adopts the 2011-2013 capital budget.

Companion Bill: 5467 Capital budget 2011-2013 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1497.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1497.pdf)

S 1509

FORESTRY RIPARIAN EASEMENT

BLAKE

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Dunshee, and Ryu)

Requested by
Commissioner of Public Lands

Revises forestry riparian easement program provisions relating to: (1) Qualifying timber; (2) Forestry riparian easement applications; (3) Compensation for timber; and (4) Qualification as a small forest landowner.

Requires a selling landowner, under certain circumstances, to reimburse the state for money received for a forestry riparian easement. Directs the chair of the forest practices board to invite relevant stakeholders to participate in a process that investigates a potential long-term funding source for the program. This requirement expires July 31, 2012.

Companion Bill: 5551 Forestry riparian easement S, NR/Marine

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1509-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1509-s.pdf)

1622

RURAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMNT

DUNSHEE

Representatives Dunshee and Hope

Creates a mechanism on a demonstration basis to allow certain counties to authorize a sustainable development alternative for residential development in rural areas as an alternative to limited areas of more intense rural development, fully contained communities and existing, traditional subdivision techniques in order to facilitate management of residential growth in rural areas, to promote preservation of open space, and to minimize and/or reduce the conversion of designated resource lands.

Explores the use of rural receiving areas to support strategies for transfer of development rights and to provide certain counties with options for authorizing sustainable residential development in the rural areas.

Companion Bill: 5425 Rural residential developmnt S, Ag&RuralEc Dev

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1622.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1622.pdf)

S 1720

STATE GOVERNMENT

HUNT

House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt and McCoy)

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Creates the department of enterprise services to provide centralized leadership in efficiently and cost-effectively managing resources necessary to support the delivery of state government services.

Abolishes the department of general administration and the public printer and transfers their powers, duties, and functions to the department of enterprise services.

Transfers certain powers, duties, and functions of the department of information services, the department of personnel, and the office of financial management to the department of enterprise services.

Transfers certain powers, duties, and functions of the department of personnel to the office of financial management.
Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of information services pertaining to high-speed internet activities to the department of commerce.
Requires the code reviser to prepare legislation for the 2012 regular session that changes all statutory references to the director or department of any agency transferred or consolidated under the act.

Companion Bill: 5503 State government S, GovtOp & Elect
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1720-s.pdf>

S 1886 **RUCKELSHAUS CENTER PROCESS** **TAKKO**
House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Angel, Bailey, and Tharinger)

Implements William D. Ruckelshaus Center recommendations by establishing the voluntary stewardship program to protect and enhance critical areas on lands used for agricultural activities through voluntary actions by agricultural operators.

Companion Bill: 5713 Ruckelshaus Center process S, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1886-s.pdf>

S 1899 **PUBLIC RECORDS VIOLATIONS** **MILOSCIA**
Representatives Miloscia, Overstreet, Hurst, Taylor, Hunt, Armstrong, McCoy, and Condotta

Increases penalties for certain violations of the public records act.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1899-s.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>

S 5049 **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** **KLINE**
Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by 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-s.pdf>

S 5072 **DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE/GIFTS** **HATFIELD**
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by 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. Requires the transfer of surplus funds of a candidate or political committee to the department of agriculture's food assistance program for distribution to food banks.

Companion Bill: 1212 Dept. of agriculture/gifts S, Ag&RuralEc Dev
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5072-s.pdf>

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
Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5088.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5088.pdf)

5094 **OPERATING BUDGET 2011-2013**
Senators Murray, Zarelli, Kilmer, and Parlette

MURRAY
Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2011-2013 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 1087 Operating budget 2011-2013 H, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5094.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5094.pdf)

5127 **STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS**
Senators Kilmer, Parlette, Murray, and Zarelli

KILMER
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
Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5127.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5127.pdf)

5166 **OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON HIGHWAY**
Senators Schoesler, King, Hatfield, Morton, Honeyford, Hewitt, and Roach

SCHOESLER

Allows off-road vehicles on certain public highways.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5166.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5166.pdf)

S5211 **FOREST PRACTICE APPLICATIONS**
Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by
Senators Haugen, Swecker, Morton, Ranker, and Hargrove)

HAUGEN

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.

Companion Bill: 1582 Forest practice applications H, 2nd Reading
Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5211-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5211-s.pdf)

5225 **SOIL AND WETLAND SCIENTISTS**
Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, and Ranker

MURRAY

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, Gen Gov Apps
Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5225.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5225.pdf)

ES5230**PUGET SOUND CORPS****RANKER**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by 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, collaborates with the veterans conservation corps, 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, Rules R

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5241**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 S, Env/Water/Ener

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S5253**LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION****WHITE**

Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators White, Swecker, Nelson, Litzow, and Harper)

Addresses tax increment financing for 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 Landscape conservation H, Ways & Means

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S5266**STATE AGENCY PERMITTING****SWECKER**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senator Swecker)

Requires the department of ecology, the department of fish and wildlife, and the department of natural resources to make examples of complete, high quality permit applications and the resulting issued permits readily available to the public on its web site, as well as the web site of the office of regulatory assistance.

Establishes a permitting work group to monitor and provide policy guidance to the departments as they implement the requirements of the act.

Provides a December 31, 2012, expiration of the work group.

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5293**COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECT/WATER****SCHOESLER**

Senators Schoesler, Swecker, Holmquist Newbry, and Honeyford

Modifies provisions relating to the use of water delivered from the federal Columbia basin project.

Companion Bill: 1391 Columbia Basin project/water H, Rules R
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S 5 2 9 4 **PUBLIC RECORDS INSPECTION** **SWECKER**
Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Schoesler, Holmquist Newbry, Delvin, and Honeyford)

Requires certain cities, towns, and special purpose districts to post on the agency headquarters location or web site directions on how to contact agency personnel to inspect or copy public records.

Companion Bill: 1389 Spec. purpose distr. records H, SGTribalAff
Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5294-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5294-s.pdf)

S 5 3 4 3 **ANAEROBIC DIGESTER EMISSIONS** **HAUGEN**
Senators Haugen, Delvin, Hatfield, Honeyford, Becker, Shin, and Schoesler

Modifies the clean air act relating to notification of construction of new contaminant sources and exemptions for generators operating at an electric generating project.

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5 4 6 7 **CAPITAL BUDGET 2011-2013** **KILMER**
Senators Kilmer, Parlette, and Murray
Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Adopts the 2011-2013 capital budget.

Companion Bill: 1497 Capital budget 2011-2013 H, Cap Budget
Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5467.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5467.pdf)

S 5 4 8 5 **STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES** **HARGROVE**
Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Ranker)

Requires the department of general administration, in consultation with the state building code council, to conduct a review of other states' existing codes, international standards, and literature on life-cycle assessment, embodied energy, and embodied carbon in building materials.

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S 5 5 3 6 **WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT** **ROCKEFELLER**
Senators Rockefeller, Honeyford, Ranker, Nelson, Shin, and Kline
Requested by
Department of Ecology

Promotes active water management that protects and restores sustainable water supplies for our communities, farms, and ecosystems. Promotes water supply assessments as a foundational and science-based extension of current watershed planning and implementation efforts to project future water supply needs and availability. Reforms current statutory provisions to promote administrative efficiencies and active water management. Directs the department of ecology to recommend ways to make the state's water resource management program financially self-sufficient. Eliminates the water rights tracking system account.

Companion Bill: 1610 Water resources management H, Ag & Nat Res

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S 5538

CONSERVATION CORPS/NONPROFIT

WHITE

Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senator White)

Exempts participants in certain conservation corps programs from provisions related to rates of compensation while performing environmental and trail maintenance work.

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S 5553

PUBLIC AGENCY WEB SITE INFO

ROACH

Senators Roach, Pridemore, and Chase

Requires public agencies, special purpose districts, and municipalities to post information on regular, special, or emergency meetings on their web sites.

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5604

CLEAN WATER JOBS

NELSON

Senators Nelson, Murray, Rockefeller, Kline, Keiser, Conway, Fraser, Regala, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and Chase

Establishes the clean water jobs act of 2011.

Imposes a storm water pollution fee on the first possession of petroleum products, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers for the purpose of offsetting the burden of funding projects and activities that redress state water pollution caused by the presence of such substances in storm water runoff.

Creates the storm water pollution account.

Companion Bill: 1735 Clean water jobs H, Ways & Means

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S 5669

NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCIES

RANKER

Senators Ranker, Swecker, Regala, Rockefeller, Nelson, White, Pflug, and Shin

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Creates the department of conservation and recreation as an executive branch agency.

Creates the parks and recreation advisory commission within the department.

Transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the department of fish and wildlife, the law enforcement and heritage program at the department of natural resources, the parks and recreation commission, and the recreation and conservation office to the department of conservation and recreation.

Transfers the pollution liability insurance agency to the department of ecology.

Transfers the reclaimed water program from the department of health to the department of ecology.

Transfers the site use permit program from the department of ecology to the department of health.

Abolishes the state conservation commission and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the department of agriculture.

Abolishes the department of archaeology and historic preservation and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the office of archaeology and historic preservation within the department of natural resources.

Requires the code reviser to: (1) Note, wherever the director or department of fish and wildlife or the director or office of recreation and conservation is used or referred to in statute, that the name of the department or office has changed; and

(2) Prepare legislation for the 2012 regular legislative session that changes all statutory references to the director or office of recreation and conservation and to the director or department of fish and wildlife to the department of conservation and recreation.

Companion Bill: 1850 Natural resources agencies H, SGTribalAff

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5693

"COPY"/PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

SWECKER

Senators Swecker and Pridemore

Defines the term "copy" for purposes of the public records act.

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S 5713

RUCKELSHAUS CENTER PROCESS

HAUGEN

Senators Haugen, Delvin, Hatfield, Shin, and Parlette

Implements William D. Ruckelshaus Center recommendations by establishing the agriculture and critical areas voluntary stewardship program to protect and enhance critical areas on lands used for agricultural activities through voluntary actions by agricultural operators.

Companion Bill: 1886 Ruckelshaus Center process H, Rules R

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S 5723

LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS/WATER

SCHOESLER

Senators Schoesler, Ericksen, Haugen, Hatfield, Delvin, and Shin

Transfers the powers and duties for conducting initial investigations of water quality issues arising from livestock operations from the department of ecology to the department of agriculture.

Requires a structure to be established, if an impact on water quality is found, to provide an orderly process to address these impacts through the use of technical assistance and programs available from conservation districts and associated federal agencies.

Authorizes the director of the department of agriculture to enter livestock operations for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to pollution of waters of the state.

Requires the department of agriculture, the department of ecology, and the conservation commission to approach the federal environmental protection agency to secure new funding or seek redirection of existing funds for the administration of the act.

Provides a contingent effective date.

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