

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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With the first major cutoff deadline set for next Friday, February 20th, legislative action heated up in the policy committees this week as frantic bill sponsors attempted to keep their legislation out of the large pile of bills introduced this year that will "die" next Friday. After next week, the legislature's focus will shift to the fiscal committees, followed by Floor action the following week.

Undoubtedly the most controversial piece of legislation that moved this week was HB 1314, a measure implementing Gov. Inslee's Cap & Trade carbon pollution marketing program. After a contentious Executive Session of the House Environment Committee that was filled with emotional amendments, HB 1314 was ultimately passed by a straight party-line vote. Though this bill may move a little bit further in the House this Session, it is unlikely it will even be brought up for a vote on the House Floor. If the House does somehow pass it, HB 1314 is DOA in the Senate.

It doesn't seem like a session goes by anymore without some level of interest in livestock manure. This year is no different. On Wednesday, February 11th, the Department of Agriculture hosted a manure meeting in the legislative building that included stakeholders, members of the legislature, and staff from the Departments of Ecology and Health, as well as the Conservation Commission.

Instead of the manure applicator licensure program which was proposed by Gov. Inslee last winter, the state agencies are now moving towards a two-pronged attack on agricultural water quality. The first prong would attempt to establish something like the Samish Initiative in Whatcom County. Though the Samish Initiative cannot be considered an unmitigated success at this time, (since there are still shellfish closures there), it is by far the best example of a local community, (actually helped by the state agencies), taking control of its own problem and managing it. If Whatcom County can implement something like the effort that has been undertaken in the Samish, water quality in Whatcom County should improve.

The second prong would establish a voluntary certification program that would certify that dairy producers had obtained manure management education, and most importantly, had applied their manure consistent with agronomic rates. Though voluntary, this second concept would likely have very large participation numbers, due to the fact that a recent federal court decision in Eastern Washington has ruled that any dairy manure applications in excess of agronomic rates is the equivalent of a toxic spill.

Unfortunately, even though there was significant support from the dairy industry, and all of the state agencies at the meeting, for such a voluntary program, it was almost derailed when the dairy industry once again attempted to use the term "fertilizer" instead of "manure". This move frustrated the segments of agriculture that utilize commercial fertilizer, and don't want to have anything to do with the dairy industry and their manure issues. Late today the dairy industry issued an apology to all of the various groups for what they considered to be a "mistake" that was caused by the Department distributing an old draft of this proposal.

Next week the Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development Committee will hold a work session on the deliberations of the Department of Ecology's "Agriculture & Water Quality Advisory Committee". Somewhat surprisingly, this Advisory Committee, (which includes Dave Vogel as the representative for WACD), has made some pretty significant progress on not only defining the contentious "potential to pollute" phrase, but also in developing an outreach effort by the Department of Ecology that is likely to engender more collaboration in agricultural watersheds than the confrontational mood that exist today.

Finally, much of our efforts this week focused on getting SB 5322, (the measure increasing the "cap" on Rates & Charges in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Spokane counties), moved from the Senate Rules Committee to the Senate Floor. Having already passed out of the Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development Committee last week, SB 5322 will not "die" after next Friday's cutoff deadline. However, we have been working very diligently with the advocates for this legislation on trying to make sure Senate Leadership is not "putting a foot" on this bill, and getting a member of the Senate Rules Committee to "pull" it up for consideration. Hopefully, we will be able to get SB 5322 to the Senate Floor in a timely manner so that it can be passed over to the House prior to the House of Origin cutoff deadline.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
1101	Concerning conservation districts.	Wilcox	Oppose	H, Local Govt
1104	Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production.	Schmick	Monitor	H, Public Safety
S1105	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunter	Monitor	H, Passed FP
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, 2nd Reading
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
1684	Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests.	Takko	Support	H, State Governme
1691	Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Van De Wege	Monitor	H, State Governme
S5322	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hatfield	Support	S, Rules 2

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

1008	Authorizing the state auditor to conduct audits of state government and local agencies' data storage and management practices thereby protecting privacy and securing personal information from computer hacking or misuse of data.	Smith	Monitor	H, Gen Govt & Inf
1032	Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage habitat projects that provide a public benefit.	Blake	Monitor	H, Passed 3rd
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	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

	to enact changes to the status of a species.			
S1399	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, Approps
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
1676	Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations.	Short	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1697	Extending the expiration date of tax preferences for commute trip reduction programs.	Springer	Support	H, Trans
1940	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies.	Stokesbary	Monitor	H, Finance
4205	Requiring all revenues from any state taxes levied for the purpose of funding local government public infrastructure to be paid into the state treasury, deposited into the public works assistance account, and used exclusively for funding local government public works projects.	Pike	Monitor	H, Approps
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/RurEc
5169	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc
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, 2nd Reading
5320	Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5347	Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5348	Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services.	Miloscia	Monitor	S, Rules 2
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
5583	Providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species.	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5584	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology.	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc
5622	Requiring that the departments of fish and wildlife and ecology use empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use.	Sheldon	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
5769	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Schoesler	Support	S, Natural Resour
5799	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies.	Fain	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

S1079	Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kochmar	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
S1197	Concerning water-sewer districts.	Takko	Monitor	H, Rules R
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, CDBP
1589	Concerning natural resource management activities.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Environment
1685	Establishing a Washington food policy forum.	Gregerson	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1710	Fostering economic growth in Washington by supporting the in-state production, processing, and distribution of food supply.	Tarleton	Monitor	H, Tech & Econ D
1992	Restoring resources to the capital budget.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Approps
5013	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
5522	Expanding the definition of special district to include lake water quality districts.	Sheldon	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
5533	Establishing charges for providing electronic data under the public records act.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
5551	Concerning salmon recovery project funds.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Natural Resour

CALENDAR ITEMS

2/12/2015	1685	Washington food policy forum	Agriculture & Natural Resources	1:30 PM	HHR B
2/12/2015	1691	Public records act, remedies	State Government	1:30 PM	HHR E
2/12/2015	1710	Food supply, in-state	Technology & Economic Development	1:30 PM	HHR C
2/12/2015	5446	Electric vehicle readiness	Energy, Environment & Telecommunications TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/13/2015	1008	Agency data practices audits	General Government & Information Technology	8:00 AM	HHR C
2/16/2015	1589	Natural resource management	Environment	1:30 PM	HHR D
2/16/2015	5799	Flood control zone districts	Ways & Means	3:30 PM	SHR 4
2/17/2015	5013	Designated agricultural land	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development	8:00 AM	SHR 3
2/17/2015	1187	Water banking best practices	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR B
2/17/2015	1684	Public records, charges for	State Government	10:00 AM	HHR E
2/17/2015	1691	Public records act, remedies	State Government	10:00 AM	HHR E
2/17/2015	1710	Food supply, in-state	Technology & Economic Development	10:00 AM	HHR C
2/17/2015	1008	Agency data practices audits	General Government & Information Technology	3:30 PM	HHR C
2/17/2015	5347	Flood plains/ag land, etc.	Ways & Means	3:30 PM	SHR 4
2/18/2015	1425	Advisory committees, etc.	State Government	8:00 AM	HHR E
2/18/2015	1676	Wild ungulates, predation	Agriculture & Natural Resources	8:00 AM	HHR B
2/18/2015	1710	Food supply, in-state	Technology & Economic Development	8:00 AM	HHR C
2/19/2015	1710	Food supply, in-state	Technology & Economic Development	1:30 PM	HHR C
2/20/2015	1008	Agency data practices audits	General Government & Information Technology	8:00 AM	HHR C

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1008

AGENCY DATA PRACTICES AUDITS

SMITH

Representatives Smith and Hudgins

Authorizes the state auditor to conduct an audit of a state or local agency's data management and storage practices. Requires state agencies and local governments to report known or suspected computer breaches to the state auditor's office.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1008.pdf>

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1032.pdf>

S1079

JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS

KOCHMAR

House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Kochmar, Takko, Pike, Springer, Fitzgibbon, S. Hunt, Gregerson, and Stanford)

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, Rules 2

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

1101

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1101.pdf>

1104

INTERFERENCE W/AG PRODUCTION

SCHMICK

Representatives Schmick and Wilcox

Creates the crime of interference with agricultural production.

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

S1105

OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2015

HUNTER

House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Ormsby, Sullivan, and Gregerson)

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Makes 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.

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

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

1106

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1106.pdf>

1115 CAPITAL BUDGET 2015-2017

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, Morris, and Reykdal

DUNSHEE
Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the capital budget.

Companion Bill: 5097 Capital budget 2015-2017 S, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1115.pdf>

1116 CAPITAL SUP BUDGET 2015

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, and Morris

DUNSHEE
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

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

CHANDLER

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

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

S. HUNT

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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1189.pdf>

S1197 WATER-SEWER DISTRICTS

Representatives Takko and Kochmar

TAKKO

Modifies water-sewer district provisions.

Companion Bill: 5350 Water-sewer districts S, 2nd Reading
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1197-s.pdf>

1202 ECOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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

SCOTT

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
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1202.pdf>

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
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1203.pdf>

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://lawfilesextra.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://lawfilesextra.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/RurEc
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.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://lawfilesextra.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1224.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/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.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1225.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1225.pdf)

1237

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.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1237.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1237.pdf)

1264

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, Rules 2

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1264.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1264.pdf)

1392

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, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1392.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1392.pdf)

S1399

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
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1399-s.pdf>

1425 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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1425.pdf>

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://lawfilesexternal.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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1509.pdf>

1589 NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT **TAYLOR**
Representatives Taylor, Shea, Harris, Short, G. Hunt, Scott, Pike, and Condotta

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to manage acquired lands using the best available land management techniques which may include: (1) Issuance or reissuance of grazing leases;
(2) Licenses or approvals to remove firewood;
(3) Issuance of leases for brush picking;
(4) Periodic use of chemical or mechanical means to maintain public and recreational land; and
(5) Issuance of rights-of-way, easements, and use permits to use existing roads in nonresidential areas.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1589.pdf>

1676 WILD UNGULATES, PREDATION **SHORT**
Representatives Short, Lytton, Kretz, and Blake

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a scientific, peer-reviewed study assessing the health of the state's wild ungulate population in game management units that have experienced a change in predator population dynamics due to the recovery of gray wolves.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1676.pdf>

1684 PUBLIC RECORDS, CHARGES FOR **TAKKO**

Representatives Takko, Nealey, Springer, S. Hunt, Gregerson, Walsh, Manweller, Fagan, Moeller, Wylie, Tharinger, and Jinkins

Addresses charges for the provision of public records.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1684.pdf>

1685

WASHINGTON FOOD POLICY FORUM

GREGERSON

Representatives Gregerson, Hudgins, McBride, Peterson, Bergquist, Ortiz-Self, Tarleton, Orwall, Robinson, Farrell, Riccelli, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Senn, Lytton, Appleton, Ryu, Tharinger, Moscoso, Ormsby, Fey, and Jinkins

Creates the Washington food policy forum which will be administered by the state conservation commission. Requires the forum to develop recommendations to advance certain food system goals. Expires July 1, 2017.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1685.pdf>

1691

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, REMEDIES

**VAN DE
WEGE**

Representatives Van De Wege, S. Hunt, and Tharinger

Authorizes a court to impose a fine on a responsible agency for denying the right to inspect or copy certain public records.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1691.pdf>

1697

COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION

SPRINGER

Representatives Springer, Fitzgibbon, and Fey

Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Delays, until June 30, 2020, the expiration of tax preferences for commute trip reduction programs.

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1710

FOOD SUPPLY, IN-STATE

TARLETON

Representatives Tarleton, Walkinshaw, McBride, Ortiz-Self, Sawyer, Peterson, Gregerson, and Hudgins

Requires the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources to study the economic development of the local food system in the state.

Requires Washington State University to form an advisory committee to provide technical information, advice, and assistance in completing the study.

Makes appropriations.

Provides that section 2 of this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Expires December 31, 2016.

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1940

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICTS

STOKESBARY

Representatives Stokesbary, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Magendanz, Kochmar, Hargrove, Rodne, Bergquist, Hurst, Gregerson, Orwall, and Jinkins

Exempts levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies.

Companion Bill: 5799 Flood control zone districts S, Ways & Means

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1992

CAPITAL BUDGET RESOURCES

STANFORD

Representatives Stanford, Pike, Orcutt, Reykdal, Walsh, Hayes, Harris, Moscoso, Appleton, Fey, Pollet, Condotta, Takko, Bergquist, Ormsby, Tarleton, Senn, Jinkins, and Wilson

Restores resources to the capital budget beginning with the 2015-2017 biennium.

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4205

LOCAL GOVT PUBLIC WORKS

PIKE

Representatives Pike, Reykdal, Klippert, Manweller, Rodne, Hayes, Buys, Vick, Johnson, Stanford, Bergquist, and Condotta

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require revenues from state taxes levied for the purpose of funding local government public infrastructure to be paid into the state treasury, deposited into the public works assistance account, and used exclusively for funding local government public works projects.

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5013

DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL LAND

HONEYFORD

Senator Honeyford

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

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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, CBDP

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5322

CONSERVATION DISTRICT RATES

HATFIELD

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by 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, 2nd Reading

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5445

ALT. FUEL VEHICLE TAX EXEM

LIAS

Senators Lias, 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.

Companion Bill: 1925 Alt. fuel vehicle tax exem H, Finance

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5446

ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS

HOBBS

Senators Hobbs, Lias, 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.

Companion Bill: 1929 Electric vehicle readiness H, Local Govt

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5522

LAKE WATER QUALITY DISTRICTS

SHELDON

Senators Sheldon and Rivers

Revises the definition of "special district," for purposes of chapter 85.38 RCW (special district creation and operation), to include a lake water quality district.

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5533

ELECTRONIC DATA, CHARGES FOR

HOBBS

Senators Hobbs, Rivers, and Mullet

Authorizes local governments to charge a reasonable fee for electronic copies of public records requests. Exempts from the fee, certain entities that are in the regular business of news gathering and disseminating news or information to the public, if the request is made as part of news gathering and not for a different use.

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5551

SALMON RECOVERY PROJECT FUNDS

PEARSON

Senators Pearson, Hatfield, and Chase

Prohibits the salmon recovery funding board from awarding funds for a project or activity if the project sponsor has, within ten calendar years before the date of the grant application, brought any legal action before a court or administrative tribunal against the state relating to hatchery facility operations.

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5583

SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM.

DANSEL

Senator Dandel

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

Companion Bill: 1199 Species status/F&W comm. H, Ag & Nat Res

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5584

WATER QUALITY DETERMINATIONS

DANSEL

Senator Dandel

Requires water quality determinations by the department of ecology to be based on a preponderance of actual site-based, source-specific environmental testing.

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5622

ECOLOGY & DFW, LAND USE

SHELDON

Senators Sheldon, Miloscia, Angel, Becker, Warnick, and Pearson

Requires significant agency actions by the department of ecology and the department of fish and wildlife to be supported with empirical science acquired through proper use of the scientific method, peer review, reproduction of results, and journal publication.

Companion Bill: 1963 Ecology & DFW, land use H, Environment

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5769

NOXIOUS WEEDS ON STATE LANDS

SCHOESLER

Senators Schoesler, Angel, Becker, Brown, Hatfield, Braun, Ericksen, Roach, Rivers, Conway, Hewitt, Parlette, and Benton

Addresses liens, with regard to the management of noxious weeds, on lands owned by the state.

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5799

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICTS

FAIN

Senators Fain and Keiser

Exempts levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies.

Companion Bill: 1940 Flood control zone districts H, Finance

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