

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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There were two major developments in the legislature this week. The first of those was moving past the first major milestone of the 2015 Session. Known as the "House of Origin – Policy Committee" cut-off deadline, this first critical stopping point on the legislative calendar will "kill" roughly 65% – 70% of all bills that have been introduced thus far.

When the legislature moves past the "House of Origin – Fiscal Committee" cut-off deadline late tomorrow afternoon, approximately 75% of the legislation introduced this year will be "dead". Any legislation that manages to survive both of those two deadlines needs to be considered seriously, since it has a realistic chance of being enacted into law.

The second major development this week was that the Senate transportation revenue and reform packages were voted out of the Senate Transportation Committee, into and then out of the Senate Rules Committee, and now await action on the Senate Floor. Since this "package" of revenue and reforms includes a 12 cent gas tax increase, it is somewhat amazing that the Senate has moved this package this quickly.

There is a rumor that Senate Leadership hopes to "run" this complete package tomorrow, but that will depend upon whether or not they have secured the 25 votes necessary to pass the gas tax increase. It is not unusual for major revenue legislation like this to stall just before a Floor vote, especially when skittish legislators start to hear, (very loudly and very clearly), from their constituents back home that they vehemently oppose any tax increase of any kind.

Thanks to some great teamwork by Sara Hemphill (King CD), Brynn Brady (lobbyist for Pierce CD), Ron Schulz, and WACD, SB 5322 moved out of the Senate Rules Committee and onto the Senate Floor Calendar this week. Sara and Brynn did a great job in getting SB 5322 "pulled" from the Senate Rules Committee, and Ron did an incredible job, (on brutally short notice no less!), of providing information to the Senate on key election and fiscal issues they had questions on when they discussed this bill in caucus. Hopefully, those questions will have been answered, and SB 5322 will be voted on by the Senate sometime next week. We have until March 11th to get SB 5322 out of the Senate prior to the "House of Origin" cut-off deadline.

We made a little bit of progress this week on the budget front when the Ag Lobby included the \$4M for additional "non-shellfish" capital funding, \$1.4M in additional funding for CD technical assistance, and a total of \$7.6M for the Voluntary Stewardship Program, in the "Ag Package" that they will work with legislative leadership to enact this year.

Though this development is positive news, it is the first positive news on budget issues that we have heard this Session. It is extremely important that CDs follow the Capital and Operating Budget instructions that Dave sent out over the last week if we're going to make any real progress on these issues this year. If legislators don't, "Hear from home!" that these Operating and Capital Budget issues are important to their constituents, it is very unlikely that they will be funded due to the immense pressure put on both budgets by the *McCleary* decision.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

Sponsor

Position

Status

S1105	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunter	Monitor	C, 3 L 15
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
S1684	Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Support	H, Approps
S5322	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hatfield	Support	S, 2nd Reading

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

S1008	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. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Smith	Monitor	H, Rules R
1187	Concerning best practices for water banks.	Chandler	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1399	Concerning annually adjusting the limit on distribution of hazardous substance tax revenues to the state and local toxics control accounts to correct for inflation. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hudgins	Monitor	H, Approps
1676	Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations.	Short	Monitor	H, Gen Govt & Info
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
5204	Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits.	Parlette	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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
S5347	Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Rules 2
S5348	Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Miloscia	Monitor	S, 2nd RdConsCal
S5446	Requiring incentives for electric vehicle readiness in buildings. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Rules 2
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
S5584	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5622	Concerning the use of empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Sheldon	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
5769	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules 2
S5799	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts	Fain	Monitor	S, Rules 2G

from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies.

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

1032	Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage habitat projects that provide a public benefit.	Blake	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
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. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Monitor	H, Rules R
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, Rules R
S1685	Establishing a Washington food policy forum. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Gregerson	Monitor	H, Gen Govt & Info
S1710	Fostering economic growth in Washington by supporting the in-state production, processing, and distribution of food supply. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Tarleton	Monitor	H, Approps
1992	Restoring resources to the capital budget.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Approps
2155	Relating to local government finance.	Reykdal	Monitor	H, Finance
2156	Relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.	Reykdal	Monitor	H, Finance
2157	Relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments to ensure the continued provision of vital public services and high quality of life in Washington communities.	Carlyle	Monitor	H, Finance
2158	Relating to modifying taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.	Carlyle	Monitor	H, Finance
5013	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules 2
S5972	Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Schoesler	Monitor	S, Rules 2
6035	Concerning the use of funds in the public works assistance account.	Rivers	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6039	Funding certain programs that provide support to farms.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

DEAD BILLS

1101	Concerning conservation districts.	Wilcox	Oppose	H, Local Govt
1104	Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production.	Schmick	Monitor	H, Public Safety
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
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
1237	Providing landowners with necessary tools for the protection of their	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

	property from forest fires.			
1264	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Wilcox	Support	H, Local Govt
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
1589	Concerning natural resource management activities.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Environment
1691	Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Van De Wege	Monitor	H, State Governme
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
5445	Extending the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.	Liias	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
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

2/26/2015	S1684	Public records, charges for	Appropriations	TVW	9:00 AM	HHR A
2/26/2015	5320	Rec and conserv. funding brd	Ways & Means		1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/26/2015	5583	Species status/F&W comm.	Ways & Means		1:30 PM	SHR 4

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

S1008

AGENCY DATA PRACTICES AUDITS

SMITH

House Committee on General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Smith, Hudgins, Hayes, Stanford, Moeller, Magendanz, and Buys)

Authorizes the state auditor to conduct an audit of a state or local agency to determine if the agency's data management and storage practices are consistent with adopted standards.
 Requires state agencies and local governments to notify the state auditor of a computer breach.
 Requires the state auditor's office to consult with the office of the chief information officer and local governments in providing training on information security for state and local governments.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1008-s.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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1032.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/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, 2nd RdConsCal

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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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1105-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1106.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1106.pdf)

1115

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

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1116

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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1116.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/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, Rules 2G

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.

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

S1197

WATER-SEWER DISTRICTS

TAKKO

House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko and Kochmar)

Requires certain real property of a water-sewer district to be sold by public sale only. Authorizes the board of commissioners of a water-sewer district to adopt a policy to issue its own warrants for payment of claims or other obligations of the district under certain circumstances.

Companion Bill: 5350 Water-sewer districts H, Local Govt

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1197-s.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>

S1399

TOXICS CONTROL ACCOUNTS

HUDGINS

House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, DeBolt, Dunshee, Tharinger, Short, Smith, and McBride)

Requested by
Department of Ecology

Requires the department of revenue to annually increase the limit on distribution of hazardous substance tax revenues to the state toxics control account and the local toxics control account.

Provides that funds in excess of the new limit will be deposited in the environmental legacy stewardship account.

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

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1399-s.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1676.pdf>

S 1684

PUBLIC RECORDS, CHARGES FOR

TAKKO

House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Nealey, Springer, S. Hunt, Gregerson, Walsh, Manweller, Fagan, Moeller, Wylie, Tharinger, and Jinkins)

Allows state agencies to charge for public records that they provide electronically.

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

S 1685

WASHINGTON FOOD POLICY FORUM

GREGERSON

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by 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 as a public-private partnership.
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-s.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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1697.pdf>

S 1710

FOOD SUPPLY, IN-STATE

TARLETON

House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by 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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1710-s.pdf>

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, Rules 2G

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1940.pdf>

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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1992.pdf>

2155 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE T.O. **REYKDAL**
Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to local government finance.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2155.pdf>

2156 CITY AND COUNTY FISCAL T.O. **REYKDAL**
Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2156.pdf>

2157 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL T.O. **CARLYLE**
Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2157.pdf>

2158 SPEC PURPOSE TX DISTRICT T.O. **CARLYLE**
Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to modifying the taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2158.pdf>

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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/4205.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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5013.pdf>

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.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5204.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5204.pdf)

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, Rules R
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5320.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5320.pdf)

S5322 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
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5322-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5322-s.pdf)

S5347 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.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5347-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5347-s.pdf)

S5348 JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS **MILOSCIA**
Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by 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
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5348-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5348-s.pdf)

S5446 ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS **HOBBS**
Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Lias, Mullet, Litzow, Pedersen, Fain, Frockt, McAuliffe, Benton, Chase, and Jayapal) Requested by
Governor Inslee

Allows noncommercial electric vehicle infrastructure in areas zoned for multifamily residences and certain other areas.

Companion Bill: 1929 Electric vehicle readiness H, Rules R
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5446-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5446-s.pdf)

5583 SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM. **DANSEL**
Senator Dansel

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
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5583.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5583.pdf)

S 5584 **WATER QUALITY DETERMINATIONS** **DANSEL**
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Dandel)

Requires water quality determinations, orders, and directives issued by the department of ecology to be based on a preponderance of actual site-based, source-specific environmental testing except for those that are issued concerning properties west of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5584-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5584-s.pdf)

S 5622 **AGENCY LAND USE ACTIONS** **SHELDON**
Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Miloscia, Angel, Becker, Warnick, and Pearson)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the department of ecology, where a significant agency action will change, supersede, or invalidate a local land use policy or will directly or indirectly diminish the allowed uses of a private property, to include in its required list of sources all empirical science relied upon by the agency in the course of preparing to take the significant agency action.

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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S 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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S 5972 **SEEDS, AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF** **SCHOESLER**
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Warnick)

Requires agencies, when purchasing seed, to require suppliers of seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through appropriate testing performed by the state department of agriculture or other agency authorized under the laws of any state, territory, or possession that has standards and procedures approved by the United States secretary of agriculture to ensure the identity and purity of seed.

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6035 **PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANCE ACCT** **RIVERS**

Senators Rivers, Mullet, Cleveland, Rolfes, Pearson, O'Ban, Hatfield, Hobbs, Brown, Liias, Benton, Miloscia, Warnick, Chase, McCoy, Billig, Frockt, McAuliffe, Jayapal, Hasegawa, Hewitt, Angel, Roach, and Conway

Limits the transfer of money from the public works assistance account during the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia.

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FARM SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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Senators Pearson and Benton

Makes an appropriation for the purposes of revitalizing the department of agriculture's farm-to-school program and the small farm direct marketing assistance program.

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