

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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As the legislature moved through the fourth week of the 2015 Session, it has become very clear that legislators have not become at all bashful about introducing new legislation. As of today, there are already 1,859 bills that have been "... thrown into the Hopper", which means a total of 3,000 are likely to be introduced this year. With Policy Committee Chairs facing the first major cut-off deadline of the Session, (the House of Origin – Policy Committee Cut-off), on February 20th, frenzied bill sponsors were working feverishly to obtain Public Hearings for their favorite bills. After that first cut-off deadline, roughly 70% of the bills that have been introduced so far this year will be "dead" for the 2015 Session.

The Senate and House companion bills that would allow King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Spokane Counties to raise their "Rates & Charges" fee by \$5/parcel couldn't have traveled more different paths than SB 5322 and HB 1264 did this last week.

SB 5322 received a Public Hearing in front of the Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development Committee on Tuesday, February 3rd, and then was immediately advanced to Executive Action, and passed by a unanimous bipartisan vote to the Senate Rules Committee. WACD, and the CD's involved with this bill, should send "Thank you!" notes to Committee Chair Judy Warnick, and Senators Hatfield, Hobbs, Dandel, and Honeyford for their enthusiastic support of CD funding.

HB 1264 didn't fare nearly as well. After receiving its Public Hearing in the House Local Government Committee last week, it has since stalled when it became apparent that it would only pass out of the committee on a party-line vote. The last thing we want to have happen with these measures, (which should receive strong bipartisan support in both Chambers), is to have them somehow characterized as being partisan. Hopefully, we will be able to convince several of the Republican members of that committee that these measures deserve their support as we work through the 2015 Session.

Budget efforts this week focused on educating members how important the additional \$4M request for the "non-shellfish" section of the Commission's Capital Budget is, and making sure that other critical issues like VSP funding do not push our core funding aside. Unfortunately, it seems like this last task is going to be a full-time job this session.

## BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

### HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
<a href="#">1101</a>	Concerning conservation districts.	Wilcox	Oppose	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">1104</a>	Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production.	Schmick	Monitor	H, Public Safety
<a href="#">S1105</a>	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunter	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">1106</a>	Making 2015-2017 operating appropriations.	Hunter	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">1115</a>	Concerning the capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">1116</a>	Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">1189</a>	Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	S. Hunt	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">1237</a>	Providing landowners with necessary tools for the protection of their	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

property from forest fires.

<a href="#">1264</a>	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Wilcox	Support	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">1684</a>	Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests.	Takko	Support	H, State Governme
<a href="#">1691</a>	Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Van De Wege	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">S5322</a>	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Hatfield	Support	S, Rules 2

### **MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS**

<a href="#">1008</a>	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
<a href="#">1032</a>	Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage habitat projects that provide a public benefit.	Blake	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">1187</a>	Concerning best practices for water banks.	Chandler	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1214</a>	Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">1215</a>	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">1216</a>	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">1224</a>	Accelerating the rate of wolf recovery in Washington.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1225</a>	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
<a href="#">1399</a>	Annually adjusting the limit on distribution of hazardous substance tax revenues to the state and local toxics control accounts to correct for inflation.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">1425</a>	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
<a href="#">1508</a>	Providing permissive authority for counties to assume authority over local forest fire management.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1509</a>	Giving priority selection to forest fire suppression resource contractors that are located geographically close to fire suppression activities.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1676</a>	Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations.	Short	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1697</a>	Extending the expiration date of tax preferences for commute trip reduction programs.	Springer	Support	H, Trans
<a href="#">1940</a>	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies.	Stokesbary	Monitor	H, Finance
<a href="#">4205</a>	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
<a href="#">5060</a>	Improving relationships between agricultural producers and state regulatory staff.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5062</a>	Concerning water quality enforcement procedure.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5168</a>	Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc

<a href="#">5169</a>	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5170</a>	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5204</a>	Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits.	Parlette	Monitor	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">5320</a>	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, Natural Resour
<a href="#">5347</a>	Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">5348</a>	Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services.	Miloscia	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
<a href="#">5445</a>	Extending the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.	Liias	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
<a href="#">5446</a>	Requiring incentives for electric vehicle readiness in buildings.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
<a href="#">5583</a>	Providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species.	Dansel	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
<a href="#">5584</a>	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology.	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5622</a>	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
<a href="#">5769</a>	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Schoesler	Support	S, Natural Resour
<a href="#">5799</a>	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**

<a href="#">S1079</a>	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, Rules R
<a href="#">1197</a>	Concerning water-sewer districts.	Takko	Monitor	H, Exec Action
<a href="#">1202</a>	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
<a href="#">1203</a>	Limiting the enforcement of administrative rules and policies.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">1204</a>	Limiting the enforcement of policies of the department of ecology.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">1392</a>	Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">1589</a>	Concerning natural resource management activities.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">1685</a>	Establishing a Washington food policy forum.	Gregerson	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1710</a>	Fostering economic growth in Washington by supporting the in-state production, processing, and distribution of food supply.	Tarleton	Monitor	H, Tech & Econ D
<a href="#">5013</a>	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5522</a>	Expanding the definition of special district to include lake water quality districts.	Sheldon	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
<a href="#">5533</a>	Establishing charges for providing electronic data under the public records act.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
<a href="#">5551</a>	Concerning salmon recovery project funds.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Natural Resour

## CALENDAR ITEMS

2/5/2015	5522	Lake water quality districts	Government Operations & Security	TVW	10:00 AM	SHR 2
2/5/2015	1197	Water-sewer districts	Local Government		1:30 PM	HHR D
2/5/2015	1215	Ag land conversion/GMA	Local Government		1:30 PM	HHR D
2/5/2015	1224	Wolf recovery, rate of	Agriculture & Natural Resources		1:30 PM	HHR B
2/5/2015	1225	Species status/F&W comm.	Agriculture & Natural Resources		1:30 PM	HHR B
2/5/2015	1237	Landowners and forest fires	Agriculture & Natural Resources		1:30 PM	HHR B
2/5/2015	1264	Conservation district rates	Local Government		1:30 PM	HHR D
2/5/2015	1425	Advisory committees, etc.	State Government		1:30 PM	HHR E
2/5/2015	1508	Local forest fires/cnty mgmt	Agriculture & Natural Resources		1:30 PM	HHR B
2/5/2015	1509	Forest fire suppression	Agriculture & Natural Resources		1:30 PM	HHR B
2/5/2015	1676	Wild ungulates, predation	Agriculture & Natural Resources		1:30 PM	HHR B
2/5/2015	1691	Public records act, remedies	State Government		1:30 PM	HHR E
2/5/2015	5445	Alt. fuel vehicle tax exem	Energy, Environment & Telecommunications		1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/5/2015	5446	Electric vehicle readiness	Energy, Environment & Telecommunications		1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/5/2015	5551	Salmon recovery project funds	Natural Resources & Parks		1:30 PM	SHR 1
2/5/2015	5583	Species status/F&W comm.	Natural Resources & Parks		1:30 PM	SHR 1
2/5/2015	51105	Operating sup budget 2015	Ways & Means	TVW	3:30 PM	SHR 4
2/6/2015	1008	Agency data practices audits	General Government & Information Technology		8:00 AM	HHR C
2/6/2015	1392	Rec and conserv. funding brd	Capital Budget	TVW	8:00 AM	HHR B
2/6/2015	1399	Toxics control accounts	Capital Budget	TVW	8:00 AM	HHR B
2/10/2015	5013	Designated agricultural land	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development		8:00 AM	SHR 3
2/10/2015	5584	Water quality determinations	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development		8:00 AM	SHR 3
2/10/2015	1204	Ecology policies enforcement	State Government		10:00 AM	HHR E
2/10/2015	5622	Ecology & DFW, land use	Energy, Environment & Telecommunications		1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/10/2015	1008	Agency data practices audits	General Government & Information Technology		3:30 PM	HHR C
2/10/2015	1399	Toxics control accounts	Capital Budget		3:30 PM	HHR B
2/11/2015	1710	Food supply, in-state	Technology & Economic Development		8:00 AM	HHR C
2/11/2015	5769	Noxious weeds on state lands	Natural Resources & Parks		1:30 PM	SHR 3
2/13/2015	1008	Agency data practices audits	General Government & Information Technology		8:00 AM	HHR C

## BILL TRACKING DETAILS

**1008** **SMITH**  
AGENCY DATA PRACTICES AUDITS  
 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** **BLAKE**  
HABITAT PROJECTS  
 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** **KOCHMAR**  
JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS  
 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, GovtOp&StSec  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexp.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://lawfilesexp.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://lawfilesexp.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://lawfilesexp.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://lawfilesexp.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/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  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexp.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1115.pdf>

**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>

**1187** **WATER BANKING BEST PRACTICES** **CHANDLER**  
Representatives Chandler, Blake, Buys, Stanford, Hayes, and Parker

Establishes the water banking best practices act.

**Companion Bill:** 5014 Water banking best practices S, Ag/Water/RurEc  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1189.pdf>

**1197** **WATER-SEWER DISTRICTS** **TAKKO**  
Representatives Takko and Kochmar

Modifies water-sewer district provisions.

**Companion Bill:** 5350 Water-sewer districts S, Rules 2  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1197.pdf>

**1202** **ECOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES** **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Shea, Taylor, Short, Holy, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

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

**Companion Bill:** 5367 Ecology administrative rules S, Energy, Enviro  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.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://lawfilesexternal.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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1204.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1204.pdf)

**1214** **AG LANDS/SHORELINE MGMT ACT** **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Condotta, Young,  
and McCaslin

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

**Companion Bill:** 5168 Ag lands/shoreline mgmt act S, Ag/Water/RurEc  
**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1214.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1214.pdf)

**1215** **AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA** **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Young, and  
McCaslin

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

**Companion Bill:** 5169 Ag land conversion/GMA S, Ag/Water/RurEcD  
**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1215.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1215.pdf)

**1216** **AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA, SMA** **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Haler, Young, and  
McCaslin

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

**Companion Bill:** 5170 Ag land conversion/GMA, SMA S, Ag/Water/RurEcD  
**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1216.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1216.pdf)

**1224** **WOLF RECOVERY, RATE OF** **KRETZ**  
Representatives Kretz and Short

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

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1224.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1225.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/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, Natural Resour

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

**1399** 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.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1508.pdf>

**1509** **FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION** **KRETZ**  
Representatives Kretz, Blake, Reykdal, and Condotta

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

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

**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://lawfilesex.leg.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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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>

**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.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1710.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, Ways & Means

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1940.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://lawfilesex.leg.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5013.pdf>

**5060**

**AG PRODUCERS & AGENCY STAFF**

**HONEYFORD**

Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, and Warnick

Initiates a public process employing the state conservation commission to test processes to clearly define agency roles, improve mutual understanding, and build improved working relationships between agricultural producers and personnel of the departments of ecology, agriculture, and fish and wildlife.  
Expires July 1, 2020.

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5060.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/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 PROJCT PERMIT FEES **PARLETTE**  
Senators Parlette, Pearson, and Warnick

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

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**5320**

**REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD**

**HONEYFORD**

Senators Honeyford, Keiser, Ranker, Warnick, and Parlette

Requested by

Recreation and Conservation Office

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

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

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**S5322**

**CONSERVATION DISTRICT RATES**

**HATFIELD**

Senators Hatfield, Hobbs, and Honeyford

Modifies provisions relating to rates and charges of conservation districts.

**Companion Bill:** 1264 Conservation district rates H, Local Govt

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**5347**

**FLOOD PLAINS/AG LAND, ETC.**

**HOBBS**

Senators Hobbs, Hatfield, Warnick, Honeyford, and Pearson

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

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**5348**

**JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS**

**MILOSCIA**

Senators Miloscia and Chase

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

**Companion Bill:** 1079 Joint utilization contracts H, Rules R

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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**

**F A I N**

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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