

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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Budgets moved to center stage this week as House and Senate Transportation Committees unveiled, heard, and quickly passed their 2011 – 13 spending plans. The two bipartisan budgets are very similar, with both spending just short of \$9B over the next two years. With gas tax collections lower than expected, members of both committees and both parties indicated that voters might be asked to approve a transportation tax increase in 2012. Both Chambers are likely to pass their Transportation Budgets relatively quickly so that differences between the House and Senate can be worked out by a Conference Committee.

The House Operating Budget did not fare as well last week. Largely because Chairman Ross Hunter has essentially "frozen" Minority Republicans out of the budget-writing process, there is no bipartisan support for the budget he is writing. Additionally, the \$700M drop in revenue that was announced last week forced Chairman Hunter to delay the release of his budget for at least a week. Though the Chairman has indicated that he is very opposed to many of the "budget gimmicks" that have been discussed by various members, he has correctly noted that the main thing he has to accomplish is drafting a bill that will garner the 50 votes necessary to pass the House. Accordingly, there is widespread speculation that several of those gimmicks are likely to be included in the 2011 – 13 spending plan he releases next week.

Labor, education, and the human service advocates spent much of last week blasting tax "loopholes" in the media. The headline for a guest column printed in the *Seattle Times* on Wednesday stated: "*Fix Washington State's Budget Deficit by Closing Tax Loopholes*". In another column printed in the *Olympian* on Thursday the headline read: "*More Than 500 Tax Breaks Cost State Treasury At Least \$6.5B Each Year*". Both of these guest columnists argued that if these tax exemptions were ended that many of the cuts budget writers are contemplating could be avoided. Though the media relations efforts have been vague on specifics, many agricultural interests are extremely concerned that the agricultural wholesale B&O exemption and the exemption for sales tax on fertilizers and pesticides might be included in a possible referendum or initiative for the voters to decide on this fall.

In response to legislation this session concerning water quality and agricultural activities, (particularly livestock operations), the Directors of the Department of Agriculture, the Conservation Commission, and the Department of Ecology sent a letter to House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Chair Brian Blake stating that they would initiate a process to improve the present system. The initial topics they plan to discuss are:

- 1) Defining the problem, including the extent of water quality problems, how the problem is identified, what monitoring protocols are used, and determining how best to use emerging tools.
- 2) State and federal funding resources, including how much is currently available, how the money is allocated, and the effectiveness of such investments.
- 3) Roles and responsibilities regarding enforcement, including who is doing what, to what degree there efforts are coordinated and consistent, and how they should develop, administer and implement technical guidance.

These "Directors Talks" are intended to be completed during the next interim, with the results of these discussions presented to the legislature in December.

Finally, Conservation District representatives from across Washington State descended on Olympia this week for our 2011 Legislative Day. Timing for this visit could not have been better. With Operating and Capital Budgets still being crafted, visits with legislators to highlight WACD's budget priorities will hopefully make a difference. While we have somewhat grudgingly agreed to Operating Budget reductions for the next biennium, we have been adamant that the tiny amount of support for Conservation District activities found in the Governor's Capital Budget will simply eliminate the capacity of many Districts to keep their doors open. As the House and Senate release their Operating and Capital Budgets, we are likely to again be asking WACD members to contact their legislators on specific issues. Many times, if a legislator doesn't hear from "someone back home", they will simply not work on that budget issue. We cannot afford that this year, especially as it pertains to the Capital Budget.

## BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

### HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

|  | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Status</u>   |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">ES1086</a> Making 2009-2011 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)                   | Hunter         | Concerns        | C, 5 L 11       |
| <a href="#">1087</a> Making 2011-2013 operating appropriations.  | Hunter         | Support         | H, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">1348</a> Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.   | Dunshee        | Support         | H, Cap Budget   |
| <a href="#">S1467</a> Modifying the definition of a well for the purposes of chapter 18.104 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Buys           | Support         | S, 2nd Reading  |
| <a href="#">1497</a> Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget.  | Dunshee        | Monitor         | H, Cap Budget   |
| <a href="#">ES1886</a> Implementing recommendations of the Ruckelshaus Center process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)           | Takko          | Support         | S, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">5094</a> Making 2011-2013 operating appropriations.  | Murray         | Monitor         | S, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">5127</a> Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.   | Kilmer         | Concerns        | S, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">5467</a> Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget.  | Kilmer         | Monitor         | S, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">S5536</a> Regarding the management of water resources. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)                               | Rockefeller    | Concerns        | S, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">S5669</a> Consolidating natural resources agencies and programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)                     | Ranker         | Oppose          | S, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">5857</a> Concerning tax expenditure reform to provide transparency and accountability in fiscal matters.                 | Kohl-Welles    | Oppose          | S, Ways & Means |

### MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

|  |           |          |                 |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">S1169</a> Regarding noxious weed lists. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  | Haigh     | Monitor  | S, Rules 2      |
| <a href="#">1179</a> Clarifying that public employees may attend informational or educational meetings regarding legislative issues.                       | Hunt      | Monitor  | S, Rules 2      |
| <a href="#">S1371</a> Addressing boards and commissions. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)   | Darneille | Concerns | H, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">ES1509</a> Concerning the forestry riparian easement program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  | Blake     | Monitor  | S, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">S1720</a> Reorganizing and streamlining central service functions, powers, and duties of state government. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Hunt      | Monitor  | H, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">S1899</a> Changing penalty amounts for public records violations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  | Miloscia  | Monitor  | S, Rules 2      |
| <a href="#">ES5230</a> Establishing the Puget Sound corps. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/23/11)  | Ranker    | Monitor  | H, Environment  |

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|------------------------|--|----------|---------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">5241</a>   | Modifying the authority of a watershed management partnership.   | Roach    | Monitor | H, Rules R      |
| <a href="#">S5539</a>  | Concerning contiguous land under current use open space property tax programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)   | Morton   | Support | H, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">ES5485</a> | Maximizing the use of our state's natural resources. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/11)  | Hargrove | Monitor | H, Exec Action  |
| <a href="#">S5538</a>  | Concerning members of certain nonprofit conservation corps programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)   | White    | Monitor | H, Rules R      |
| <a href="#">S5553</a>  | Requiring public agencies, special purpose districts, and municipalities to post certain information on their web sites. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Roach    | Monitor | H, SGTribalAff  |
| <a href="#">5604</a>   | Concerning creating clean water jobs through storm water pollution funding.  | Nelson   | Monitor | S, Ways & Means |

### **LOW PRIORITY BILLS**

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|------------------------|--|----------|---------|-----------------|
| <a href="#">1014</a>   | Modifying the authority of a watershed management partnership.   | Goodman  | Monitor | S, Rules 2      |
| <a href="#">1212</a>   | Authorizing the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts.  | Lytton   | Support | S, Rules 2      |
| <a href="#">ES1885</a> | Providing streamlining improvements in the administration of programs affecting the natural environment. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/01/11) | Moscoco  | Monitor | S, Rules 2      |
| <a href="#">S5072</a>  | Authorizing the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)                                  | Hatfield | Support | H, Rules R      |
| <a href="#">ES5253</a> | Concerning tax increment financing for landscape conservation and local infrastructure. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/01/11)                 | White    | Monitor | H, Ways & Means |
| <a href="#">S5343</a>  | Concerning air emissions from anaerobic digesters. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)   | Haugen   | Monitor | H, Exec Action  |

### **DEAD BILLS**

|                       |  |           |         |                   |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| <a href="#">1044</a>  | Establishing the office of open records.   | Hurst     | Support | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">1054</a>  | Declaring water conservation practices to be a beneficial use of water for the purposes of relinquishment.   | Chandler  | Support | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">1070</a>  | Regarding the permitting of anaerobic digestion under chapter 70.94 RCW, the clean air act.  | Bailey    | Support | H, Environment    |
| <a href="#">1095</a>  | Regarding payments in lieu of taxes for lands managed by the department of fish and wildlife.  | Taylor    | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">1110</a>  | Requiring certain state agencies that manage natural resources to coordinate their land management with local governments.                           | Taylor    | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">1111</a>  | Addressing federal and state government coordination with local governments.   | Taylor    | Monitor | H, Local Govt     |
| <a href="#">1117</a>  | Regarding the relinquishment of water rights.  | Taylor    | Support | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">1120</a>  | Delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program.   | Sells     | Support | H, Labor/Work Dev |
| <a href="#">1139</a>  | Concerning providing agencies notice of a dispute under the public records act and an opportunity to cure error in the production of public records. | Armstrong | Monitor | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">1152</a>  | Providing technical assistance to achieve voluntary compliance with water pollution control statutes.  | Smith     | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">1161</a>  | Regarding the payment of compensation to small forest landowners participating in the forest riparian easement program.                              | Orcutt    | Monitor | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">1162</a>  | Streamlining natural resources management.   | Orcutt    | Monitor | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">S1192</a> | Ensuring the viability of small forest landowners. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)   | Blake     | Support | H, Rules R        |

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| <a href="#">1216</a>  | Concerning digital copy machines used by public agencies.   | Hudgins     | Monitor  | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">1240</a>  | Establishing a moratorium on the imposition of impact fees.   | Orcutt      | Monitor  | H, Local Govt     |
| <a href="#">S1296</a> | Creating a water commission. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  | Hinkle      | Monitor  | H, Ways & Means   |
| <a href="#">1297</a>  | Concerning the relinquishment of a water right.   | Chandler    | Monitor  | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">1299</a>  | Regarding conferences for public records requests disputes.   | Takko       | Monitor  | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">1300</a>  | Regarding the recovery of the costs of production and copying of public records.  | Moeller     | Monitor  | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">1313</a>  | Regulating soil science and wetland science professions.  | Green       | Support  | H, Gen Gov Apps   |
| <a href="#">1389</a>  | Regarding hours of availability of special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.  | Haler       | Support  | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">1460</a>  | Reorganizing natural resource agencies.   | Hunt        | Oppose   | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">1610</a>  | Regarding the management of water resources.  | Blake       | Concerns | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">1622</a>  | Authorizing rural conservation development demonstration projects.  | Dunshee     | Monitor  | H, Rules R        |
| <a href="#">1850</a>  | Regarding the consolidation of certain natural resources agencies and programs.   | Dunshee     | Oppose   | H, SGTribalAff    |
| <a href="#">1871</a>  | Regarding implementation of recommendations of the William D. Ruckelshaus Center.   | Takko       | Support  | H, Local Govt     |
| <a href="#">1906</a>  | Protecting salmon and steelhead spawning beds.  | Cody        | Monitor  | H, Ag & Nat Res   |
| <a href="#">2008</a>  | Regarding the administration of natural resources programs.   | Dunshee     | Monitor  | H, Gen Gov Apps   |
| <a href="#">2058</a>  | (Title not yet available.)  |             | Support  |                   |
| <a href="#">S5049</a> | Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)   | Kline       | Monitor  | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">5062</a>  | Concerning providing agencies notice of a dispute under the public records act and an opportunity to cure error in the production of public records.              | Pridemore   | Monitor  | S, GovtOp & Elect |
| <a href="#">5088</a>  | Regarding the recovery of the costs of production and copying of public records.  | Haugen      | Support  | S, GovtOp & Elect |
| <a href="#">5089</a>  | Regarding conferences for public records requests disputes.   | Hatfield    | Monitor  | S, GovtOp & Elect |
| <a href="#">5153</a>  | Expanding provisions relating to candidates appearing on the general election ballot.   | Nelson      | Monitor  | S, GovtOp & Elect |
| <a href="#">5158</a>  | Regarding the forest practices permitting system.   | Ericksen    | Monitor  | S, NR/Marine      |
| <a href="#">5166</a>  | Allowing off-road vehicles on public highways in certain areas.   | Schoesler   | Support  | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">5207</a>  | Adopting the international wildland urban interface code.   | Pridemore   | Monitor  | S, GovtOp & Elect |
| <a href="#">5209</a>  | Concerning the relinquishment of a water right.   | Delvin      | Support  | S, Env/Water/Ener |
| <a href="#">5210</a>  | Creating a water commission.  | Delvin      | Support  | S, Env/Water/Ener |
| <a href="#">S5211</a> | Concerning forest practices applications leading to conversion of land for development purposes. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)                              | Haugen      | Monitor  | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">5225</a>  | Regulating soil science and wetland science professions.  | Murray      | Support  | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">S5266</a> | Facilitating improvement of the state's permitting process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)   | Swecker     | Monitor  | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">5267</a>  | Providing fairness in government regulation of property.  | Swecker     | Monitor  | S, GovtOp & Elect |
| <a href="#">5293</a>  | Regarding the use of water delivered from the federal Columbia basin project.   | Schoesler   | Support  | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">S5294</a> | Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Swecker     | Support  | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">5376</a>  | Regarding the disposal of lands by natural resource agencies.   | Morton      | Monitor  | S, NR/Marine      |
| <a href="#">5424</a>  | Concerning integrated resource plans.   | Rockefeller | Monitor  | S, Env/Water/Ener |

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| <a href="#">5425</a>  | Authorizing rural conservation development demonstration projects.  | Hobbs       | Monitor | S, Ag&RuralEc Dev |
| <a href="#">5469</a>  | Addressing boards and commissions.  | Pridemore   | Monitor | S, GovtOp & Elect |
| <a href="#">5481</a>  | Establishing the natural resources partnership office.  | Pflug       | Monitor | S, NR/Marine      |
| <a href="#">5551</a>  | Concerning the forestry riparian easement program.  | Ranker      | Monitor | S, NR/Marine      |
| <a href="#">5643</a>  | Modifying the definition of "well" in RCW 18.104.020.   | Stevens     | Support | S, Env/Water/Ener |
| <a href="#">5684</a>  | Regarding water well construction requirements.   | Rockefeller | Monitor | S, Env/Water/Ener |
| <a href="#">5693</a>  | Defining "copy" for purposes of the public records act.   | Swecker     | Monitor | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">5712</a>  | Consolidating the Puget Sound partnership into the Washington state conservation commission.              | Honeyford   | Monitor | S, NR/Marine      |
| <a href="#">S5713</a> | Implementing recommendations of the Ruckelshaus Center process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)       | Haugen      | Support | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">S5723</a> | Addressing water quality issues associated with livestock operations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) | Schoesler   | Monitor | S, Rules X        |
| <a href="#">5862</a>  | Regarding the administration of natural resources programs.   | Hargrove    | Monitor | S, NR/Marine      |

### CALENDAR ITEMS

|                  |        |                              |                                   |     |          |       |
|------------------|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|----------|-------|
| <b>3/24/2011</b> | S5343  | Anaerobic digester emissions | Environment                       |     | 8:00 AM  | HHR C |
| <b>3/24/2011</b> | ES5485 | State's natural resources    | Environment                       |     | 8:00 AM  | HHR C |
| <b>3/24/2011</b> | S5553  | Public agency web site info  | State Government & Tribal Affairs | TVW | 10:00 AM | HHR E |
| <b>3/24/2011</b> | ES1886 | Ruckelshaus Center process   | Ways & Means                      |     | 3:30 PM  | SHR 4 |
| <b>3/30/2011</b> | ES5253 | Landscape conservation       | Ways & Means                      |     | 8:00 AM  | HHR A |
| <b>3/30/2011</b> | S5359  | Contiguous land/property tax | Ways & Means                      |     | 8:00 AM  | HHR A |

### BILL TRACKING DETAILS

**1014** **GOODMAN**  
WATERSHED MGMT PARTNERSHIPS  
Representatives Goodman, Springer, Sullivan, and Eddy

Addresses a watershed management partnership's authority with regard to Lake Tapps' water supply.

**Companion Bill:** 5241 Watershed mgmt partnerships H, Rules R  
**Full Text URL:** <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1014.pdf>

**ES1086** **HUNTER**  
OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2009-11  
House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Alexander, and Darneille)  
Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2009-2011 supplemental operating appropriations.

**Companion Bill:** 5095 Operating sup budget 2009-11 S, Ways & Means  
**Full Text URL:** <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1086-s.e.pdf>

**1087** **HUNTER**  
OPERATING BUDGET 2011-2013  
Representatives Hunter, Alexander, and Darneille  
Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2011-2013 operating appropriations.

**Companion Bill:** 5094 Operating budget 2011-2013 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1087.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1087.pdf)

**S 1169**

**NOXIOUS WEED LISTS**

**HAIGH**

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

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

Companion Bill: 5087 Noxious weed lists S, Rules X

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1169-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1169-s.pdf)

**1179**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/MEETINGS**

**HUNT**

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

Clarifies that state employees may attend informational or educational meetings regarding legislative issues with a legislator or other elected official.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1179.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1179.pdf)

**1212**

**DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE/GIFTS**

**LYTTON**

Representatives Lytton, Smith, Blake, and Warnick

Requested by

Department of Agriculture

Authorizes the director of the department of agriculture to accept, expend, and retain certain gifts, grants, bequests, and contributions.

Companion Bill: 5072 Dept. of agriculture/gifts H, Rules R

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1212.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1212.pdf)

**1348**

**STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS**

**DUNSHEE**

Representatives Dunshee, Warnick, and Ormsby

Requested by

Governor Gregoire

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds of the state to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the capital and operating appropriations acts for the 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal bienniums.

Companion Bill: 5127 State gen. obligation bonds S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1348.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1348.pdf)

**S 1371**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**DARNEILLE**

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

Requested by

Governor Gregoire

Eliminates certain boards and commissions.

Companion Bill: 5469 Boards and commissions S, GovtOp & Elect

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1371-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1371-s.pdf)

**S 1467**

**DEFINITION OF A WELL**

**BUYS**

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buys, Blake, Chandler, Pearson, Fagan, Overstreet, Harris, Wilcox,

Johnson, Haler, Warnick, McCune, and Kelley)

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

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

**1497**

**CAPITAL BUDGET 2011-2013**

**DUNSHEE**

Representatives Dunshee and Warnick

Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Adopts the 2011-2013 capital budget.

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

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

**ES1509**

**FORESTRY RIPARIAN EASEMENT**

**BLAKE**

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

Requested by  
Commissioner of Public Lands

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

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

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

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

**S1720**

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**HUNT**

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

Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

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

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

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

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

Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of information services pertaining to high-speed internet activities to the department of commerce.

Requires the code reviser to prepare legislation for the 2012 regular session that changes all statutory references to the director or department of any agency transferred or consolidated under the act.

**Companion Bill:** 5503 State government S, GovtOp & Elect

**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1720-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1720-s.pdf)

**ES1885**

**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS**

**MOSCOSO**

House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Moscoso, Rolfes, and Fitzgibbon)

Addresses the administration of programs affecting the natural environment relating to the duties of the conservation commission, the parks and recreation commission, the Puget Sound partnership, and the departments of ecology, agriculture, fish and wildlife, and natural resources.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1885-s.e.pdf>

**ES1886**

**RUCKELSHAUS CENTER PROCESS**

**TAKKO**

House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Angel, Bailey, and Tharinger)

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

Companion Bill: 5713 Ruckelshaus Center process S, Rules X

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1886-s.e.pdf>

**S1899**

**PUBLIC RECORDS VIOLATIONS**

**MILOSCIA**

House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Overstreet, Hurst, Taylor, Hunt, Armstrong, McCoy, and Condotta)

Changes the range of penalties for certain violations of the public records act.

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

**S5072**

**DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE/GIFTS**

**HATFIELD**

Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Hatfield, Shin, and Haugen)

Requested by  
Department of Agriculture

Authorizes the director of the department of agriculture to accept, expend, and retain certain gifts, grants, bequests, and contributions. Requires the transfer of surplus funds of a candidate or political committee to the department of agriculture's food assistance program for distribution to food banks.

Companion Bill: 1212 Dept. of agriculture/gifts S, Rules 2

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5072-s.pdf>

**5094**

**OPERATING BUDGET 2011-2013**

**MURRAY**

Senators Murray, Zarelli, Kilmer, and Parlette

Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2011-2013 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 1087 Operating budget 2011-2013 H, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5094.pdf>

**5127**

**STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS**

**KILMER**

Senators Kilmer, Parlette, Murray, and Zarelli

Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds of the state to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the capital and operating appropriations acts for the 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal bienniums.

Companion Bill: 1348 State gen. obligation bonds H, Cap Budget

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5127.pdf>

**ES5230**

**PUGET SOUND CORPS**

**RANKER**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Swecker, Litzow, Rockefeller, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Kline, Conway, Fraser, Nelson, Hobbs, Shin, and Harper)

Requested by  
Commissioner of Public Lands and  
Department of Ecology

Maintains the Washington conservation corps statewide and establishes the Puget Sound corps as a distinct program within the Washington conservation corps.  
Integrates into the Puget Sound corps the therapeutic and reintegration intent of the veterans conservation corps for veterans involved in the Puget Sound corps.  
Urges state agencies that are participating in the conservation corps program to consider individuals with developmental disabilities for enrollment in the program.  
Streamlines how government administers and manages the state's conservation corps to more efficiently expend the state's resources toward priority outcomes, including the recovery of the Puget Sound ecosystem to health by 2020.  
Increases opportunities for meaningful work experiences.  
Authorizes public-private partnerships as a key element of corps activities.

**Companion Bill:** 1294 Puget Sound corps S, Rules 2  
**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5230-s.e.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5230-s.e.pdf)

**5 2 4 1** **WATERSHED MGMT PARTNERSHIPS** **ROACH**  
Senators Roach and Tom

Addresses a watershed management partnership's authority with regard to Lake Tapps' water supply.

**Companion Bill:** 1014 Watershed mgmt partnerships S, Rules 2  
**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5241.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5241.pdf)

**E S 5 2 5 3** **LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION** **WHITE**  
Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators White, Swecker, Nelson, Litzow, and Harper)

Addresses tax increment financing for landscape conservation and local infrastructure relating to: (1) Designation of agricultural and forest lands and rural zoned lands as sending areas;  
(2) Transfer of development rights to receiving areas;  
(3) Allocation among local governments of transferable development rights;  
(4) Development plan for infrastructure;  
(5) Quantitative and qualitative performance measures;  
(6) Local infrastructure project areas and project financing;  
(7) Property tax revenues to pay or finance costs of public improvements; and  
(8) Growth management act comprehensive plan optional elements.

**Companion Bill:** 1469 Landscape conservation S, GovtOp & Elect  
**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5253-s.e.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5253-s.e.pdf)

**S 5 3 4 3** **ANAEROBIC DIGESTER EMISSIONS** **HAUGEN**  
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Delvin, Hatfield, Honeyford, Becker, Shin, and Schoesler)

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

**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5343-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5343-s.pdf)

**S 5 3 5 9** **CONTIGUOUS LAND/PROPERTY TAX** **MORTON**  
Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Morton, Swecker, Honeyford, and Schoesler)

Defines the terms "same ownership" and "family" for purposes of chapter 84.34 RCW (open space, agricultural, timber lands--current use--conservation futures).

Defines the term "contiguous" for purposes of chapter 84.33 RCW (timber and forest lands).

**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5359-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5359-s.pdf)

**5467**

**CAPITAL BUDGET 2011-2013**

Senators Kilmer, Parlette, and Murray

**KILMER**  
Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Adopts the 2011-2013 capital budget.

**Companion Bill:** 1497 Capital budget 2011-2013 H, Cap Budget

**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5467.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5467.pdf)

**ES5485**

**STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Ranker)

**HARGROVE**

Finds that research has shown the importance of reducing environmental impacts through building design.

Requires the University of Washington, in conjunction with a nonprofit consortium involved in research on renewable industrial materials, and in consultation with the state building code council, to conduct a review of other states' existing codes, international standards, and literature on life-cycle assessment, embodied energy, and embodied carbon in building materials.

**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5485-s.e.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5485-s.e.pdf)

**S5536**

**WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Honeyford, Ranker, Nelson, Shin, and Kline)

**ROCKEFELLER**  
Requested by  
Department of Ecology

Modifies water resources management provisions relating to: (1) Mitigation and conservation;  
(2) The review process;  
(3) Watershed management;  
(4) Water resources cost recovery; and  
(5) Elimination of the water rights tracking system account.

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

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**S5538**

**CONSERVATION CORPS/NONPROFIT**

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

**WHITE**

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

**Full Text URL:** [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5538-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5538-s.pdf)

**S5553**

**PUBLIC AGENCY WEB SITE INFO**

Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Pridemore, and Chase)

**ROACH**

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

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**5604**

**CLEAN WATER JOBS**

**NELSON**

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

Establishes the clean water jobs act of 2011.

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

Creates the storm water pollution account.

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

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## **S 5669**

### **NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCIES**

**RANKER**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Swecker, Regala, Rockefeller, Nelson, White, Pflug, and Shin)

Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Creates the department of fish, wildlife, and recreation as an executive branch agency.

Transfers the following to the department of fish, wildlife, and recreation: (1) The law enforcement program and employees of the department of natural resources;

(2) The pollution liability insurance agency (expires June 1, 2013);

(3) The powers, duties, and functions of the department of fish and wildlife;

(4) The powers, duties, and functions of the law enforcement program of the department of natural resources;

(5) The powers, duties, and functions of the state parks and recreation commission; and

(6) The powers, duties, and functions of the recreation and conservation office.

Merges the pollution liability insurance program established by chapter 70.148 RCW (underground petroleum storage tanks) and chapter 70.149 RCW (heating oil pollution liability protection act) into the department of fish, wildlife, and recreation. Expires June 1, 2013.

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

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

Requires the department of ecology to provide administrative and functional assistance to the Columbia River Gorge commission.

Requires the secretary of the department of health and the directors of the department of ecology, the pollution liability insurance agency, and the Columbia River Gorge commission to each designate one executive-level representative to serve on a consolidation transition team.

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

(2) Prepare legislation for the 2012 regular legislative session that changes the appropriate statutory references.

**Companion Bill:** 1850 Natural resources agencies H, SGTribalAff

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## **5857**

### **TAX EXPENDITURE REFORM**

**KOHL-  
WELLES**

Senators Kohl-Welles, Murray, Keiser, Kline, Prentice, Rockefeller, Chase, Ranker, White, Nelson, Conway, Harper, and Shin

Addresses tax expenditure reform to provide transparency and accountability in fiscal matters by: (1) Eliminating sales and use tax exemptions;

(2) Eliminating business and occupation tax exemptions, credits, deductions, and preferential tax rates;

(3) Incorporating state tax expenditures into the state budget process; and

(4) Modifying the tax preference review by the joint legislative audit and review committee.

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