

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The 2015 Legislature hit a major milestone at 5:00 PM on Wednesday when it passed the "House of Origin" cutoff deadline. After that deadline, all House bills need to be voted out of the House, and all Senate bills need to be voted out of the Senate, (unless they are designated "Necessary to Implement the Budget" – NTIB), or they are "dead" for the 2015 Legislated Session.

Since the various cutoff deadlines leading up to yesterday's deadline have "killed" roughly 80% of the bills that have been introduced, legislators, staff, and stakeholders are now focused on the 20% of bills that remain "alive". If any bill has made it this far through the legislative process, it needs to be taken very seriously, since roughly 75% of the bills that do remain "alive" are likely to become law.

As Senate Policy Committees started working on House bills, and House Policy Committees started working on Senate bills, legislators will not only be focusing on those measures, but also the Operating, Capital, and Transportation Budgets that will start showing up later this month. Those budgets are usually released in the fourth week of March, but that may be optimistic this year. Though the legislature will adjourn the 2015 Regular Session on Sunday, April 26th, it is widely assumed that none of those Budgets will be completed until sometime later this year.

Gov. Inslee's "Cap & Trade" proposal (HB 1314) received a public hearing in front of the House Appropriations Committee this afternoon. After today's hearing, it is uncertain whether HB 1314 will be voted forward to the House Rules Committee by the Appropriations Committee, or whether the Rules Committee will eventually forward it to the House Floor. What is pretty certain is that it is unlikely to receive a House Floor vote, and even if it did move out of the House, that it would "die" in the Senate. Accordingly, today's public hearing is likely the last hearing on this measure for the 2015 Session.

WACD joined a large group of agricultural, environmental, and county organizations that sent a letter this week to legislators in both Chambers urging them to fully fund the \$7.6 million necessary to initiate the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) work in all of the counties that have "opted in" to VSP. The organizations sending the letter included the:

- 1) Washington Farm Bureau,
- 2) Nature Conservancy,
- 3) Washington Association of Conservation Districts,
- 4) Washington Cattlemen's Association,
- 5) Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association,
- 6) Washington Environmental Council,
- 7) Washington State Nursery & Landscape Association,
- 8) Washington Association of Wheat Growers,
- 9) Western Washington Agricultural Association,
- 10) Washington State Potato Commission,
- 11) Futurewise,
- 12) Washington State Dairy Federation, and,
- 13) Washington State Association of Counties.

This is about as broad of a coalition working on this kind of issue that I have seen in quite some time. The reason this large of a group of stakeholders is working for this funding so hard this session is that none of them want to go back to the "bad old days" under the Growth Management Act, where landowners were subject to stifling regulation on the use of their property, and anger towards those "Critical Area Ordinances" erupted into an avalanche of litigation. Those old wars accomplished nothing more than making a lot of attorneys a lot of money. Hopefully, the legislature will also not want to revisit those "bad old days", and will instead come up the funding necessary to implement VSP.

The \$7.6 million necessary to fund VSP was (not surprisingly) included in the 2015 "Ag Package" developed by the Ag Lobby at the request of legislative leadership. Other items included on that list were the \$1.4M in additional funding WACD is requesting for technical assistance in the Operating Budget, as well as the \$4M we are pushing for in the Capital Budget for "non-shellfish" projects.

We received a very pleasant surprise this week when Representative Tom Dent (R-Moses Lake) worked with Lincoln CD and WACD to prepare a "Member Request" for the \$4M we are requesting in the Capital Budget for "non-shellfish" projects that he then submitted to the House Capital Budget Committee. Though we have no idea whether this funding will ever be included in the final Capital Budget, it would be a very good idea for CDs in his 13th Legislative District, (Kittitas, Grant, Adams, and Lincoln Counties), to contact Representative Dent to thank him for his hard work in pushing our issue forward.

Finally, SB 5322, (the measure increasing the "Rates & Charges" caps by \$5/parcel in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Spokane Counties), received a public hearing in front of the House Local Government Committee today. Ryan Mello and Brynn Brady with Pierce CD, and me representing WACD, all testified in favor of this bill. Since this measure, (that passed the Senate 30 – 18 last week), is identical to HB 1264, (that was heard over a month ago by this same Committee), House Local Government Committee Chairman Dean Takko has already scheduled SB 5322 for possible Executive Action next Tuesday, March 17th.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
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	S, GovtOp&Sec
S5322	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hatfield	Support	H, Local Govt

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

E1187	Concerning best practices for water banks. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/15)	Chandler	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
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
S1676	Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Short	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
1940	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts	Stokesbary	Monitor	H, Passed 3rd

from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

5204	Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits.	Parlette	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
ES5347	Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/06/15)	Hobbs	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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	H, State Governmen
S5583	Providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dansel	Monitor	S, Passed 3rd
S5622	Concerning the use of empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Sheldon	Monitor	H, Environment

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

1032	Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage habitat projects that provide a public benefit.	Blake	Support	S, Natural Resourc
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	S, Natural Resourc
ES1685	Establishing a Washington food policy forum. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/15)	Gregerson	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
1992	Restoring resources to the capital budget.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Approps
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
S5972	Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Schoesler	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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

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
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, Rules X
1101	Concerning conservation districts.	Wilcox	Oppose	H, Local Govt
1104	Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production.	Schmick	Monitor	H, Public Safety
S1197	Concerning water-sewer districts. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Monitor	H, Rules X
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 property from forest fires.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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
S1684	Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Support	H, Rules R
1691	Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Van De Wege	Monitor	H, State Governme
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
2155	Relating to local government finance.	Reykdal	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
5013	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules 2
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
S5320	Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Honeyford	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading

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
55584	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5769	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Schoesler	Support	S, 2nd Reading
55799	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Fain	Monitor	H, Finance

CALENDAR ITEMS

3/12/2015	1032	Habitat projects	Natural Resources & Parks	TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 1
3/12/2015	1392	Rec and conserv. funding brd	Natural Resources & Parks	TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 1
3/12/2015	5204	Hydraulic projct permit fees	Agriculture & Natural Resources		1:30 PM	HHR B
3/12/2015	S5322	Conservation district rates	Local Government		1:30 PM	HHR D
3/12/2015	S5348	Joint utilization contracts	State Government		1:30 PM	HHR E
3/17/2015	ES1685	Washington food policy forum	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development		8:00 AM	SHR 3
3/17/2015	S5322	Conservation district rates	Local Government		10:00 AM	HHR D
3/17/2015	S5799	Flood control zone districts	Finance		3:30 PM	HHR A
3/18/2015	S5583	Species status/F&W comm.	Agriculture & Natural Resources		8:00 AM	HHR B
3/19/2015	1189	City, district publ. records	Government Operations & Security		10:00 AM	SHR 2
3/19/2015	S5348	Joint utilization contracts	State Government		1:30 PM	HHR E

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1032

HABITAT PROJECTS

BLAKE

Representatives Blake and Hurst

Encourages habitat projects that provide a public benefit by providing an exemption for the application fee for a hydraulic project permit or permit modification.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1032.pdf>

S1105

OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2015

HUNTER

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

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Makes 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.

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

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

1106

OPERATING BUDGET 2015-2017

HUNTER

Representatives Hunter, Ormsby, and Sullivan

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Makes 2015-2017 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5077 Operating budget 2015-2017 S, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1106.pdf>

1115 **CAPITAL BUDGET 2015-2017**

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, Morris, and Reykdal

DUNSHEE
Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the capital budget.

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

1116 **CAPITAL SUP BUDGET 2015**

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, and Morris

DUNSHEE
Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

Companion Bill: 5096 Capital sup budget 2015 S, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1116.pdf>

E1187 **WATER BANKING BEST PRACTICES**

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

CHANDLER

Establishes the Yakima basin water banking best practices act to establish standards for water banking in the Yakima basin.

Companion Bill: 5014 Water banking best practices H, Ag & Nat Res
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1187.e.pdf>

1189 **CITY, DISTRICT PUBL. RECORDS**

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

S. HUNT

Requires cities, towns, and special purpose districts that customarily do not maintain regular office hours to post, on the agency headquarters location and their web site, directions on how to contact agency personnel to inspect or copy public records.

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

1392 **REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD**

Representatives Stanford, Tharinger, Dunshee, and McBride

STANFORD
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, 2nd Reading
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1392.pdf>

S1399 **TOXICS CONTROL ACCOUNTS**

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

HUDGINS
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

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S 1676

WILD UNGULATES, PREDATION

SHORT

House Committee on General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Short, Lytton, Kretz, and Blake)

Requires the University of Washington, through the predator ecology lab in the school of environmental and forest sciences, to conduct an independent, scientific, blind 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.

Expires July 1, 2019.

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

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ES 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.

Places responsibility with the director of the conservation commission for appointing participating members of the forum.

Requires the forum to: (1) Develop recommendations to advance certain food system goals; and

(2) Coordinate with the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources, and review, consider, and discuss the study described in section 3 of this act that must be performed by the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources.

Expires July 1, 2017.

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1940

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICTS

STOKESBARY

House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by 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 H, Finance

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1992

CAPITAL BUDGET RESOURCES

STANFORD

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

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

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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://lawfilesex.leg.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2157.pdf>

2158 SPEC PURPOSE TX DISTRCT 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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2158.pdf>

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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5204.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5322-s.pdf>

ES5347 FLOOD PLAINS/AG LAND, ETC. **HOBBS**
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by 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 assess three demonstration projects, located in Whatcom, Snohomish, and Grays Harbor counties, that test the effectiveness and costs of river management.

Requires the departments to consult with and obtain the views of the federally recognized tribes that may be affected by each pilot project.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5347-s.e.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, Rules X
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5348-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5348-s.pdf)

S 5583 **SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM.** **DANSEL**
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by 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
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5583-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5583-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
Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5622-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5622-s.pdf)

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, Lias, 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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6039 **FARM SUPPORT PROGRAMS** **PEARSON**
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.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6039.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6039.pdf)