

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

## Weekly Report

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During a usual session, the big news this week would either be that we've passed the "House of Origin – Fiscal Committee" cutoff deadline, (which increases the number of "dead" bills to roughly 70%), or that we have made it to the halfway point of the 2015 Session. However, this session is turning out not to be a "usual" session. Accordingly, the big news this week was that the Senate passed its Transportation Reform and Revenue Package right in the middle of the 2015 Session, rather than near the end of session as would normally be the case.

Most of the Transportation "Reform" legislation passed almost unanimously last Friday, but that changed when ESSB 5987 came up for debate. This is the bill that would raise the gas tax by 11.75 cents per gallon, along with increasing a litany of vehicle weight fees. After a somewhat contentious amendment process, this revenue bill was "high centered" when Senate Democrats invoked a Republican rule that required a 2/3 vote in the Senate to advance any bill containing new taxes to Final Passage.

This procedural request by the Democrats delayed the final vote on ESSB 5987 until Monday. After the President of the Senate ruled that a 2/3 vote would be required on many of the new taxes and fees included in ESSB 5987, another Democrat challenge the Republican rule as being unconstitutional. After the President agreed with that challenge, (and ruled that the 2/3 vote requirement for new taxes was unconstitutional), ESSB 5987 was finally approved by a 27 – 22 vote. This measure now awaits action in the House Transportation Committee.

Next Wednesday, March 11th, the legislature will move past the "House of Origin" cut-off deadline. This is when any House bill needs to be out of the House, and any Senate bill needs to be out of the Senate, for that measure to remain "alive" for the 2015 Session. Bills that are designated "Necessary to Implement the Budget" (NTIB) are exempt from all deadlines, including this one.

The most controversial of the NTIB bills this session is HB 1314, which is Gov. Inslee's request legislation implementing a carbon pollution 'cap & trade' system. It will receive a hearing in front of the House Appropriations Committee on Thursday, March 12th, and will likely be voted out of that Committee shortly thereafter. It will be interesting to see how much further that particular bill moves after that. My guess is: "not far".

Thanks to some great teamwork by Brynn Brady (Pierce CD), Sara Hemphill (King CD), Ron Schultz (WSCC), and WACD, SB 5322, (the bill increasing the "rates & charges" cap by \$5 per parcel), was voted "up & out" of the State Senate by a bipartisan 30 – 18 vote on Monday, March 2nd. House Local Government Committee Chair Dean Takko, (a strong supporter of conservation districts), has already scheduled SB 5322 for a Public Hearing in front of his Committee next Thursday, March 12th.

At the same time, Dave Vogel has been working very hard contacting CDs around the State to urge them to contact their legislators on WACD's Operating and Capital Budget requests. This joint effort by WACD and our member CDs has made a big difference in the amount of legislator interest in our priorities. Hopefully, other CDs will join Lincoln, Klickitat, and Yakima CDs in their efforts to highlight our budget requests with their legislators.

Additionally, several of WACD's budget priorities were included in the 2015 "Agricultural Industry Ag Package" developed by the Ag Lobby last week. Specifically, the lobbyists representing all of Washington's agriculture organizations will be urging legislative leadership to fund \$7.6M for the Voluntary Stewardship Program, \$1.4M for CD technical assistance, and \$4M in additional funding for "non-shellfish" CD cost-share.

Hopefully, the combination of activity by our member CDs, and agricultural organizations from across Washington State, will help our budget requests weather a very difficult budget session.

## BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

### HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
<a href="#">S1105</a> Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunter	Monitor	C, 3 L 15
<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, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">S1684</a> 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
<a href="#">S5322</a> Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hatfield	Support	H, Local Govt

### MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

<a href="#">S1008</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. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Smith	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">1187</a> Concerning best practices for water banks.	Chandler	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">S1399</a> 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
<a href="#">S1676</a> Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Short	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">1697</a> Extending the expiration date of tax preferences for commute trip reduction programs.	Springer	Support	H, Trans
<a href="#">S1940</a> Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Stokesbary	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">5204</a> Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits.	Parlette	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">S5320</a> 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, Rules 2
<a href="#">S5347</a> Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hobbs	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">S5348</a> Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the	Miloscia	Monitor	H, State Governmen

joint utilization of architectural or engineering services. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

<a href="#">S5446</a>	Requiring incentives for electric vehicle readiness in buildings. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hobbs	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">S5583</a>	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, Rules 2
<a href="#">S5622</a>	Concerning the use of empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Sheldon	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">5769</a>	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">S5799</a>	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Fain	Monitor	S, Passed 3rd

### **LOW PRIORITY BILLS**

<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	S, Natural Resourc
<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 X
<a href="#">S1197</a>	Concerning water-sewer districts. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Monitor	H, Rules X
<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	S, Natural Resourc
<a href="#">S1685</a>	Establishing a Washington food policy forum. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Gregerson	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">1992</a>	Restoring resources to the capital budget.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">2155</a>	Relating to local government finance.	Reykdal	Monitor	H, Finance
<a href="#">2156</a>	Relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.	Reykdal	Monitor	H, Finance
<a href="#">2157</a>	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
<a href="#">2158</a>	Relating to modifying taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.	Carlyle	Monitor	H, Finance
<a href="#">5013</a>	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">S5972</a>	Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Schoesler	Monitor	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">6035</a>	Concerning the use of funds in the public works assistance account.	Rivers	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">6039</a>	Funding certain programs that provide support to farms.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

### **DEAD BILLS**

<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="#">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="#">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="#">1237</a>	Providing landowners with necessary tools for the protection of their property from forest fires.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1264</a>	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Wilcox	Support	H, Local Govt
<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="#">1589</a>	Concerning natural resource management activities.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">1691</a>	Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Van De Wege	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">S1710</a>	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
<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/RurEc
<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="#">5445</a>	Extending the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.	Lias	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
<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
<a href="#">S5584</a>	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

## CALENDAR ITEMS

3/12/2015	5204	Hydraulic project permit fees	Agriculture & Natural Resources	1:30 PM	HHR B
3/12/2015	S5322	Conservation district rates	Local Government	1:30 PM	HHR D

## BILL TRACKING DETAILS

### **S1008** AGENCY DATA PRACTICES AUDITS **SMITH**

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

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

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

### **1032** HABITAT PROJECTS **BLAKE**

Representatives Blake and Hurst

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

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

### **S1079** JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS **KOCHMAR**

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

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

Companion Bill: 5348 Joint utilization contracts H, State Government

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1079-s.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://lawfilesexternal.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1115.pdf>

**1116**

**CAPITAL SUP BUDGET 2015**

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, and Morris

**DUNSHEE**  
Requested by  
Governor Inslee

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

**Companion Bill:** 5096 Capital sup budget 2015 S, Ways & Means

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1116.pdf>

**1187**

**WATER BANKING BEST PRACTICES**

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

**CHANDLER**

Establishes the water banking best practices act.

**Companion Bill:** 5014 Water banking best practices S, 2nd Reading

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1187.pdf>

**1189**

**CITY, DISTRICT PUBL. RECORDS**

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

**S. HUNT**

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

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

**S1197**

**WATER-SEWER DISTRICTS**

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

**TAKKO**

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

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

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

**1392**

**REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD**

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, Rules 2

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

**S 1399**

**TOXICS CONTROL ACCOUNTS**

**HUDGINS**

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

Requested by  
Department of Ecology

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**S 1684**

**PUBLIC RECORDS, CHARGES FOR**

**TAKKO**

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

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

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

**S 1685**

**WASHINGTON FOOD POLICY FORUM**

**GREGERSON**

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Hudgins, McBride, Peterson, Bergquist, Ortiz-Self, Tarleton, Orwall, Robinson, Farrell, Riccelli, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Senn, Lytton, Appleton, Ryu, Tharinger, Moscoso, Ormsby, Fey, and Jinkins)

Creates the Washington food policy forum as a public-private partnership.

Requires the forum to develop recommendations to advance certain food system goals.

Expires July 1, 2017.

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

**1697**

**COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION**

**SPRINGER**

Representatives Springer, Fitzgibbon, and Fey

Requested by  
Office of Financial Management

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

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

**S 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 S, Passed 3rd

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

**1992** CAPITAL BUDGET RESOURCES **STANFORD**

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

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

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

**2155** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE T.O. **REYKDAL**

Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger

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

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

**2156** CITY AND COUNTY FISCAL T.O. **REYKDAL**

Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger

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

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

**2157** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL T.O. **CARLYLE**

Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger

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

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

**2158** SPEC PURPOSE TX DISTRICT T.O. **CARLYLE**

Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger

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

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

**5013** DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL LAND **HONEYFORD**

Senator Honeyford

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

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

**5204** HYDRAULIC PROJECT PERMIT FEES **PARLETTE**

Senators Parlette, Pearson, and Warnick

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



Expires June 30, 2017.

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

**S 5320** REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD **HONEYFORD**  
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by 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 S, Natural Resourc

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

**S 5322** CONSERVATION DISTRICT RATES **HATFIELD**  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally  
sponsored by Senators Hatfield, Hobbs, and Honeyford)

Modifies provisions relating to rates and charges of conservation districts.

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

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

**S 5347** 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.

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

**S 5348** 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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5348-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5348-s.pdf)

**S 5446** ELECTRIC VEHICLE READINESS **HOBBS**  
Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally  
sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Lias, Mullet, Litzow, Pedersen, Fain, Frockt, McAuliffe,  
Benton, Chase, and Jayapal) Requested by  
Governor Inslee

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

**Companion Bill:** 1929 Electric vehicle readiness H, Rules R

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5446-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5446-s.pdf)

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

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

**Companion Bill:** 1963 Ecology & DFW, land use H, Environment  
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**5769** NOXIOUS WEEDS ON STATE LANDS **SCHOESLER**  
Senators Schoesler, Angel, Becker, Brown, Hatfield, Braun, Ericksen, Roach, Rivers, Conway, Hewitt, Parlette, and Benton

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

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**S 5799** FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICTS **FAIN**  
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fain and Keiser)

Exempts levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. Expires January 1, 2023.

**Companion Bill:** 1940 Flood control zone districts H, 2nd Reading  
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**S 5972** SEEDS, AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF **SCHOESLER**  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Warnick)

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

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**6035** PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANCE ACCT **RIVERS**  
Senators Rivers, Mullet, Cleveland, Rolfes, Pearson, O'Ban, Hatfield, Hobbs, Brown, Liias, Benton, Miloscia, Warnick, Chase, McCoy, Billig, Frockt, McAuliffe, Jayapal, Hasegawa, Hewitt, Angel, Roach, and Conway

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

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**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.

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