

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The budget writing process turned ugly and violent last week when 17, (out of over 7000), union protesters were arrested when they tried to barge into the Governor's Office last Friday. The main message the protesters brought to Olympia was to stop state budget cuts by eliminating business tax exemptions such as the sales tax exemption on fertilizer and pesticides, and the agricultural wholesale B&O exemption. Many people believe that while it is unlikely the legislature will repeal those exemptions, (because of the two-thirds voting requirement for new taxes included in Initiative 1053), that many of those exemptions are likely to be included in a labor-backed initiative this fall or next.

In spite of the protesters, the House approved its Operating Budget by a 53 – 43 vote on Saturday, which led to the release of the proposed Senate Operating Budget on Tuesday. Largely because the Senate budget was co-authored by Democrats and Republicans, agricultural interests generally fared better in the proposed Senate version than they did in the House budget.

As in the House budget, there were no targeted cuts to agricultural research in the Senate proposal. However, this does not mean that there will not eventually be cuts to agricultural research. The cuts to higher education in general, and WSU in particular, tended to be higher in the Senate budget, so it is highly likely that there will inevitably be reductions to ag research after a final budget is adopted, and it is ultimately implemented by the University.

The Department of Agriculture, which had originally been cut \$13.6M in the House, (later amended to \$7.6M), received only small reductions in the proposed Senate budget. Likewise, the Conservation Commission, which had originally received a 30% cut in that House, (later amended to 15%), was reduced by approximately 5% in the Senate's budget. However, of the three major agricultural budget issues that the Ag Lobby is working on, the biggest difference between the House and Senate budgets was with Fair funding. The \$1M appropriation first proposed in the House, (later amended to \$2M), was increased to \$4M by Senate budget writers.

Due to the large differences between the proposed House and Senate budgets, agricultural interests are going to urge members in both Chambers to simply adopt the Senate position. If budget writers do what they usually do, and simply split the difference between the two Chambers, the cuts to all of these agriculture priorities will be disproportionately high. Additionally, the House proposal to "backfill" many of the Department of Agriculture cuts with new fees has been adamantly opposed by all of the agricultural organizations involved.

Unfortunately, the appropriations in the Capital Budget proposed by the Senate for the Conservation Commission were significantly lower than the appropriation levels found in its House counterpart. The Livestock Program received \$857K less, CREP received \$500K less, but the biggest difference was found in the Water Irrigation Efficiencies proposed appropriation. Where the House had proposed \$4M for that program, the Senate only funded it at \$1M. However, in spite of the fact that the proposed Senate appropriations were smaller than those found in the proposed House budget, they were significantly higher than the appropriation levels that were proposed in the Governor's Capital Budget last December.

Our strategy for the Capital Budget is likely to be a little different than our strategy with the Operating Budget because the final Capital Budget enacted by the legislature is likely to be significantly smaller than the budget proposed by the House. The reason for this difference is twofold. First, the House proposed to issue bonds in both of the next two years of the biennium, something that increases State debt and is therefore opposed by

Gov. Gregoire and the Senate. Second, the Senate as indicated that they want a Constitutional Amendment that will reduce the overall debt service allowed to pay for State borrowing. Because of these two issues, it is highly unlikely that we will see the House levels of appropriations ultimately prevail.

This will be the last Weekly Update for the 2011 Session. When (if?) The legislature finally passes an Operating Budget, I will be sending out a Session Wrap-up that will cover all of the issues we've been working on this year. Hopefully, the legislature will get done sooner rather than later, but as one budget writer pointed out yesterday, that will require an immense amount of "heavy lifting" if it is going to be accomplished.

## 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="#">ES1087</a> Making 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunter	Support	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">S1348</a> Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Dunshee	Support	H, 2nd Reading
<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	H, Passed FP
<a href="#">S1497</a> Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">ES1886</a> Implementing recommendations of the Ruckelshaus Center process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Support	S, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">2050</a> Establishing an annual water rights protection fee.	Hudgins	Oppose	H, 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, Pres Signed
<a href="#">1179</a> Clarifying that public employees may attend informational or educational meetings regarding legislative issues.	Hunt	Monitor	D, I to Gov
<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	H, Passed FP
<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, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">ES5230</a> Establishing the Puget Sound corps. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/23/11)	Ranker	Monitor	H, Environment

<a href="#">5241</a>	Modifying the authority of a watershed management partnership.	Roach	Monitor	D, I to Gov
<a href="#">S5359</a>	Concerning contiguous land under current use open space property tax programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Morton	Support	D, I to Gov
<a href="#">ES5485</a>	Maximizing the use of our state's natural resources. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/11)	Hargrove	Monitor	H, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">S5538</a>	Concerning members of certain nonprofit conservation corps programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	White	Monitor	C, 56 L 11
<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**

<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 2G
<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 2G
<a href="#">S5072</a>	Authorizing the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hatfield	Support	H, Passed 3rd
<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, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">S5343</a>	Concerning air emissions from anaerobic digesters. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Haugen	Monitor	H, Rules C

### **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, Ways & Means
<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

<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>	Relating to fiscal matters.	Hunter	Support	H, Ways & Means
<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

<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="#">S5862</a>	Regarding the administration of natural resources programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hargrove	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

### CALENDAR ITEMS

<b>4/14/2011</b>	5127	State gen. obligation bonds	Ways & Means	TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 4
<b>4/14/2011</b>	5467	Capital budget 2011-2013	Ways & Means	TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 4
<b>4/14/2011</b>	S1371	Boards and commissions	Ways & Means	TVW	3:30 PM	HHR A
<b>4/14/2011</b>	S1720	State government	Ways & Means	TVW	3:30 PM	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 D, I to Gov  
**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>

**ES1087** **HUNTER**  
OPERATING 2009-11 & 2011-13  
House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Alexander, and Darneille)  
Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Makes operating appropriations for the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium and the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

**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-s.e.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, Lias, 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, Passed 3rd  
**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)

**S 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-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1348-s.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>

**S 1497**

**CAPITAL 2011-2013 & SUP 2011**

**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-s.pdf>

**ES 1509**

**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>

**S 1720**

**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>

**ES 1885**

**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>

**2050****WATER RIGHTS PROTECTION FEE****HUDGINS**

Representatives Hudgins, Hunt, Ormsby, Fitzgibbon, Upthegrove, Cody, Dunshee, Liias, Billig, Reykdal, Sells, Dickerson, Hasegawa, Appleton, McCoy, and Ryu

Requires intensive water users, who hold a water right document for industrial, agricultural, or commercial purposes, to annually remit a water right protection fee.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Provide notice by mail of the requirement to pay fees;

(2) Widely publicize the requirement for water right holders and claimants to pay the fees; and

(3) Establish and maintain up-to-date records of the entities that hold water rights and claimed rights.

Authorizes the department of ecology to: (1) Issue orders and civil penalties as a result of unpaid fees;

(2) Contract with the department of revenue or other appropriate entities for administration and collection of fees; and

(3) Adopt rules to modify and update the fees.

Changes the name of the water rights tracking system account to the water rights protection account.

**Full Text URL:** <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2050.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 2G

**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 2009-11 & 2011-13 S, 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, 2nd Reading

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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 C, 20 L 11

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5241

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

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ES5253

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, Rules 2

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S5343

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.

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**S 5359** 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).

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**5467** CAPITAL BUDGET 2011-2013 **KILMER**  
Senators Kilmer, Parlette, and Murray Requested by  
Governor Gregoire

Adopts the 2011-2013 capital budget.

**Companion Bill:** 1497 Capital 2011-2013 & sup 2011 H, 2nd Reading

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**ES5485** STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES **HARGROVE**  
Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Ranker)

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.

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**S5536** WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT **ROCKEFELLER**  
Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Honeyford, Ranker, Nelson, Shin, and Kline) 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 **WHITE**  
Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senator White)

Exempts participants in certain conservation corps programs from provisions related to rates of compensation while performing

environmental and trail maintenance work.

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**S 5553**

**PUBLIC AGENCY WEB SITE INFO**

**ROACH**

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

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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