

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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What a brutal week! The "Budget Wars" started on Monday when House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Ross Hunter released his proposed 2011–13 Operating Budget. That budget could hardly have been worse for Washington's farmers and ranchers. First, it eliminated \$4.2m in funding to Conservation Districts, which was an incredible 30% cut. It got worse. The Department of Agriculture's budget was cut \$13.6m – a staggering 60% reduction in the General Fund Support for that agency. It then got even worse. Fair Funding was reduced a stunning 75% from a biennial budget of \$4m to only \$1m. Agricultural stakeholders became incredibly angry, and then we got to work.

We first met with Department of Agriculture Director Newhouse and his senior staff to discuss possible ways to deal with the devastating House budget. Later that afternoon, we met with Conservation Commission Director Mark Clark and his staff to discuss strategies to rebuild the Commission's eviscerated budget. Finally, the Fair's Association developed a budget plan that we could work with. The concepts we developed for restoring funding to the Department, the Commission, and the Fairs, carried over into discussions about possible amendments to the proposed House budget with Representatives Haigh, Blake, and Springer, and Speaker Chopp.

After picking up support from the Republican side of the aisle through Representatives Chandler, Ross, and Kretz, we were somewhat disappointed to hear that the 3 agricultural amendments would likely not be entertained Wednesday evening by the House Ways & Means Committee when it started Executive Action on the budget. That all changed late yesterday evening when that Committee adopted the following amendments:

- 1) An amendment by Rep Haigh that restored \$6m in the Department of Agriculture budget,
- 2) Another amendment by Rep Haigh that increased Fair Funding by \$1m to a total of \$2m, and,
- 3) An amendment by Rep Hunter reducing the 30% cut to the Conservation Commission to a 15% cut – an increase of approximately \$2m.

In spite of this progress we made in front of the House Ways & Means Committee, all of these funding issues have a long way to go. The full House is scheduled to pass its version of the Operating Budget on Friday or Saturday, and the Senate is planning to unveil its proposed Operating Budget on Monday. Once we know where these funding levels stand in the Senate Budget, and where the Governor stands on these funding issues, we will develop a Conference Committee strategy on all three of these appropriations.

The one good piece of news in the House Operating Budget was that there were no targeted reductions to agricultural research at WSU. However, since the proposed House budget decimated higher education funding, (including WSU), it is likely only a matter of time before the University will have to decide what reductions will have to occur to agricultural research in order to balance the University's budget. With the level of cuts leveled on higher education, it is highly unlikely that agricultural research will escape unscathed. That being said, being able to manage budget reductions are vastly superior to targeted cuts in the actual budget documents.

Another piece of good news for Conservation Districts this week appeared in the 2011 – 13 Capital Budget released by House Capital Budget Committee Chairman Hans Dunshee on Monday. Thanks to some incredible support by Chairman Dunshee and Ranking Republican Judy Warnick, that budget included \$1.8m in livestock funding, \$2m in CREP funding, and \$4m for the irrigation efficiencies program. The total of \$7.8m is vastly superior to the Capital Budget allocation found in the Governor's budget. However, Senate budget writers have indicated that the Senate Capital Budget will be significantly smaller than the budget proposed by the House,

which puts all of these funding levels at risk. We will not know the Senate position on these issues until Tuesday of next week.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
ES1086	Making 2009-2011 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunter	Concerns	C, 5 L 11
S1087	Making 2011-2013 operating appropriations.	Hunter	Support	H, 2nd Reading
1348	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Dunshee	Support	H, Cap Budget
S1467	Modifying the definition of a well for the purposes of chapter 18.104 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Buys	Support	S, Passed 3rd
1497	Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
ES1886	Implementing recommendations of the Ruckelshaus Center process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Support	S, Passed 3rd
2050	Establishing an annual water rights protection fee.	Hudgins	Oppose	H, Ways & Means
5094	Making 2011-2013 operating appropriations.	Murray	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5127	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Kilmer	Concerns	S, Ways & Means
5467	Adopting a 2011-2013 capital budget.	Kilmer	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5536	Regarding the management of water resources. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Rockefeller	Concerns	S, Ways & Means
S5669	Consolidating natural resources agencies and programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Ranker	Oppose	S, Ways & Means
5857	Concerning tax expenditure reform to provide transparency and accountability in fiscal matters.	Kohl-Welles	Oppose	S, Ways & Means

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

S1169	Regarding noxious weed lists. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Haigh	Monitor	S, Passed 3rd
1179	Clarifying that public employees may attend informational or educational meetings regarding legislative issues.	Hunt	Monitor	S, Pres Signed
S1371	Addressing boards and commissions. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Darneille	Concerns	H, Ways & Means
ES1509	Concerning the forestry riparian easement program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Monitor	S, Passed 3rd
S1720	Reorganizing and streamlining central service functions, powers, and duties of state government. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunt	Monitor	H, Ways & Means
S1899	Changing penalty amounts for public records violations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Miloscia	Monitor	S, Passed 3rd
ES5230	Establishing the Puget Sound corps. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/23/11)	Ranker	Monitor	H, Environment
5241	Modifying the authority of a watershed management partnership.	Roach	Monitor	S, Pres Signed
S5359	Concerning contiguous land under current use open space property tax programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Morton	Support	H, Passed 3rd
ES5485	Maximizing the use of our state's natural resources. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/11)	Hargrove	Monitor	H, Passed 3rd
S5538	Concerning members of certain nonprofit conservation corps programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	White	Monitor	D, I to Gov
S5553	Requiring public agencies, special purpose districts, and	Roach	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff

municipalities to post certain information on their web sites. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

5604	Concerning creating clean water jobs through storm water pollution funding.	Nelson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
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LOW PRIORITY BILLS

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

DEAD BILLS

1044	Establishing the office of open records.	Hurst	Support	H, SGTribalAff
1054	Declaring water conservation practices to be a beneficial use of water for the purposes of relinquishment.	Chandler	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
1070	Regarding the permitting of anaerobic digestion under chapter 70.94 RCW, the clean air act.	Bailey	Support	H, Environment
1095	Regarding payments in lieu of taxes for lands managed by the department of fish and wildlife.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1110	Requiring certain state agencies that manage natural resources to coordinate their land management with local governments.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1111	Addressing federal and state government coordination with local governments.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1117	Regarding the relinquishment of water rights.	Taylor	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
1120	Delaying the implementation of the family leave insurance program.	Sells	Support	H, Ways & Means
1139	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
1152	Providing technical assistance to achieve voluntary compliance with water pollution control statutes.	Smith	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1161	Regarding the payment of compensation to small forest landowners participating in the forest riparian easement program.	Orcutt	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1162	Streamlining natural resources management.	Orcutt	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff
S1192	Ensuring the viability of small forest landowners. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Support	H, Rules R
1216	Concerning digital copy machines used by public agencies.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff
1240	Establishing a moratorium on the imposition of impact fees.	Orcutt	Monitor	H, Local Govt
S1296	Creating a water commission. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hinkle	Monitor	H, Ways & Means
1297	Concerning the relinquishment of a water right.	Chandler	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1299	Regarding conferences for public records requests disputes.	Takko	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff
1300	Regarding the recovery of the costs of production and copying of public records.	Moeller	Monitor	H, SGTribalAff

1313	Regulating soil science and wetland science professions.	Green	Support	H, Gen Gov Apps
1389	Regarding hours of availability of special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	Haler	Support	H, SGTribalAff
1460	Reorganizing natural resource agencies.	Hunt	Oppose	H, SGTribalAff
1610	Regarding the management of water resources.	Blake	Concerns	H, Ag & Nat Res
1622	Authorizing rural conservation development demonstration projects.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Rules R
1850	Regarding the consolidation of certain natural resources agencies and programs.	Dunshee	Oppose	H, SGTribalAff
1871	Regarding implementation of recommendations of the William D. Ruckelshaus Center.	Takko	Support	H, Local Govt
1906	Protecting salmon and steelhead spawning beds.	Cody	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
2008	Regarding the administration of natural resources programs.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Gen Gov Apps
2058	(Title not yet available.)		Support	
S5049	Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kline	Monitor	S, Rules X
5062	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
5088	Regarding the recovery of the costs of production and copying of public records.	Haugen	Support	S, GovtOp & Elect
5089	Regarding conferences for public records requests disputes.	Hatfield	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5153	Expanding provisions relating to candidates appearing on the general election ballot.	Nelson	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5158	Regarding the forest practices permitting system.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5166	Allowing off-road vehicles on public highways in certain areas.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules X
5207	Adopting the international wildland urban interface code.	Pridemore	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5209	Concerning the relinquishment of a water right.	Delvin	Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
5210	Creating a water commission.	Delvin	Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
S5211	Concerning forest practices applications leading to conversion of land for development purposes. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Haugen	Monitor	S, Rules X
5225	Regulating soil science and wetland science professions.	Murray	Support	S, Rules X
S5266	Facilitating improvement of the state's permitting process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Swecker	Monitor	S, Rules X
5267	Providing fairness in government regulation of property.	Swecker	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5293	Regarding the use of water delivered from the federal Columbia basin project.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules X
S5294	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
5376	Regarding the disposal of lands by natural resource agencies.	Morton	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5424	Concerning integrated resource plans.	Rockefeller	Monitor	S, Env/Water/Ener
5425	Authorizing rural conservation development demonstration projects.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Ag&RuralEc Dev
5469	Addressing boards and commissions.	Pridemore	Monitor	S, GovtOp & Elect
5481	Establishing the natural resources partnership office.	Pflug	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5551	Concerning the forestry riparian easement program.	Ranker	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
5643	Modifying the definition of "well" in RCW 18.104.020.	Stevens	Support	S, Env/Water/Ener
5684	Regarding water well construction requirements.	Rockefeller	Monitor	S, Env/Water/Ener
5693	Defining "copy" for purposes of the public records act.	Swecker	Monitor	S, Rules X

5712	Consolidating the Puget Sound partnership into the Washington state conservation commission.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, NR/Marine
S5713	Implementing recommendations of the Ruckelshaus Center process. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Haugen	Support	S, Rules X
S5723	Addressing water quality issues associated with livestock operations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Schoesler	Monitor	S, Rules X
S5862	Regarding the administration of natural resources programs. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hargrove	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

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 S, Pres Signed
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>

S1087 **HUNTER**
OPERATING 2009-11 & 2011-13
Representatives Hunter, Alexander, and Darneille Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Makes 2011-2013 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5094 Operating budget 2011-2013 S, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1087-s.pdf>

S1169 **HAIGH**
NOXIOUS WEED LISTS
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>

1179 **HUNT**
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/MEETINGS
Representatives Hunt, Hudgins, Appleton, Liias, Miloscia, McCoy, Reykdal, Goodman, Darneille, Van De Wege, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Billig, Orwall, Green, Kenney, Dickerson, Santos, Frockt, Tharinger, and Moscoso

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

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

1 2 1 2 DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE/GIFTS

Representatives Lytton, Smith, Blake, and Warnick

LYTTON

Requested by
Department of Agriculture

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

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

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

1 3 4 8 STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS

Representatives Dunshee, Warnick, and Ormsby

DUNSHEE

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

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

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

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

S 1 3 7 1 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

DARNEILLE

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 1 4 6 7 DEFINITION OF A WELL

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Buys, Blake, Chandler, Pearson, Fagan, Overstreet, Harris, Wilcox, Johnson, Haler, Warnick, McCune, and Kelley)

BUYS

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

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

1 4 9 7 CAPITAL BUDGET 2011-2013

Representatives Dunshee and Warnick

DUNSHEE

Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Adopts the 2011-2013 capital budget.

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

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

E S 1 5 0 9 FORESTRY RIPARIAN EASEMENT

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

BLAKE

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>

ES1885

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS

MOSCOSO

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

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

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

ES1886

RUCKELSHAUS CENTER PROCESS

TAKKO

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

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

Companion Bill: 5713 Ruckelshaus Center process S, Rules X

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

S 1899

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, Lias, 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 2

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

5094

OPERATING BUDGET 2011-2013

MURRAY

Senators Murray, Zarelli, Kilmer, and Parlette

Requested by

Governor Gregoire

Makes 2011-2013 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 1087 Operating 2009-11 & 2011-13 H, 2nd Reading

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

5127

STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS

KILMER

Senators Kilmer, Parlette, Murray, and Zarelli

Requested by

Governor Gregoire

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

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

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

ES5230

PUGET SOUND CORPS

RANKER

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

Requested by

Commissioner of Public Lands and
Department of Ecology

Maintains the Washington conservation corps statewide and establishes the Puget Sound corps as a distinct program within the

Washington conservation corps.

Integrates into the Puget Sound corps the therapeutic and reintegration intent of the veterans conservation corps for veterans involved in the Puget Sound corps.

Urges state agencies that are participating in the conservation corps program to consider individuals with developmental disabilities for enrollment in the program.

Streamlines how government administers and manages the state's conservation corps to more efficiently expend the state's resources toward priority outcomes, including the recovery of the Puget Sound ecosystem to health by 2020.

Increases opportunities for meaningful work experiences.

Authorizes public-private partnerships as a key element of corps activities.

Companion Bill: 1294 Puget Sound corps D, I to Gov

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5230-s.e.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5230-s.e.pdf)

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

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5241.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5241.pdf)

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

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5253-s.e.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5253-s.e.pdf)

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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S5359

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

Senators Kilmer, Parlette, and Murray

KILMER
Requested by
Governor Gregoire

Adopts the 2011-2013 capital budget.

Companion Bill: 1497 Capital budget 2011-2013

H, Cap Budget

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ES5485

STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES

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

HARGROVE

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

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

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S5536

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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

ROCKEFELLER
Requested by
Department of Ecology

Modifies water resources management provisions relating to: (1) Mitigation and conservation;

(2) The review process;

(3) Watershed management;

(4) Water resources cost recovery; and

(5) Elimination of the water rights tracking system account.

Companion Bill: 1610 Water resources management

H, Ag & Nat Res

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S5538

CONSERVATION CORPS/NONPROFIT

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

WHITE

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

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S5553

PUBLIC AGENCY WEB SITE INFO

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

ROACH

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

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5604

CLEAN WATER JOBS

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

NELSON

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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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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