

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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One of the marquee events of any legislative session occurs when the House or Senate "releases" their Operating, Capital, or Transportation Budgets. This week both Chambers released nearly all of those budgets, but in the agriculture and natural resources world, those releases were overshadowed by the announcement on Monday that Department of Agriculture Director Bud Hover was resigning at the end of the 2015 Legislative Session.

In typical Olympia fashion, this announcement was "breaking news" on Monday morning, but by mid-afternoon everyone's focus had moved on to who would succeed Director Hover at WSDA. Since the Director won't even leave his office until April 26th, all of the rumors flying around about his possible successor will make it nearly impossible for the Department to effectively "weigh in" on critical policy issues facing the agricultural industry over the last month of the 2015 Session.

On the budget front, the House and Senate both released their proposed Operating and "current level" Transportation Budgets. The House also released its Capital Budget, but the Senate is not planning to release its Capital Budget until sometime next week.

Since the Transportation and Capital Budgets are, (and have historically been), very bipartisan, they will both pass their respective Chambers with strong bipartisan votes. Even the Transportation Revenue Package will have bipartisan supporters and bipartisan opponents. Accordingly, both of these budgets, and the gas tax increase to fund additional transportation projects, will be enacted with pretty wide margins whenever they come up for a final vote. The question now is: When do these Budgets come up for a final vote?

The reason we don't have a clear answer to this question is that the Operating Budgets are, (and have historically been), very partisan documents, and it is very unclear when the House, Senate, and Gov. Inslee will be able to agree on a final Operating Budget. By far, the biggest disagreement centers on demands from Gov. Inslee and the House that there be an increase of \$1.5B in new taxes to fund the spending in their Operating Budgets. The Senate is adamantly opposed to those tax increases, and will pass a Budget that does not depend upon any additional revenue.

Until the House, Senate, and Gov. Inslee can agree on an Operating Budget, the Transportation and Capital budgets, (along with the Transportation Revenue Package), will be "held hostage" until there is a final vote on the Operating Budget. Even though the 2015 Regular Session will adjourn as scheduled on April 26th, it is very clear that there will not be an agreement on the Operating Budget by that time. My guess is that we will be well into a second or third Special Session, (sometime in late May or June), before a possible compromise budget emerges.

When that final Operating Budget does emerge, one of the items that is likely to be included is a \$7.6M appropriation to fund the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP). While those of us that have been working this appropriation have been very worried about which fund VSP could be funded out of -- that would be acceptable to the Governor, House and Senate -- both Chambers fixed that problem very quickly by surprisingly funding VSP out of the same fund that the Governor used. So that particular problem is solved!

Our new problem with VSP will be whether the Commission will get this appropriation quickly enough to get it out to the VSP Counties in time to meet the June 30th deadline imposed by the enabling VSP legislation. If a

final Operating Budget is not agreed to until late June, it will be impossible for the Commission to meet that deadline, and we will need to work on some kind of an extension.

The House Operating Budget for the Conservation Commission essentially mirrored the budget proposed by Gov. Inslee. However, the Senate ultimately increased technical assistance grant funding by \$1.4M, but only after Ron and I, (with a big assist from Jack Fields with the Cattlemen's Association), were able to work with Senators Warnick and Hatfield to reverse a proposed \$722K cut that had been proposed by Ways & Means Committee Chair Andy Hill. If WACD is able to hold the Senate position for Conservation Commission funding in the final Operating Budget, that will give us a needed boost of additional technical staff to work with landowners over the next two years.

Finally, SB 5322, (the bill increasing the "caps" on Rates & Charges systems for King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Spokane counties), will receive a Public Hearing in front of the House Finance Committee bright and early Friday morning. WACD will be joining other supporters of this bill urging members to vote it over to the House Rules Committee. Since SB 5322 needs to be passed by the Finance Committee before the April 7th cutoff deadline, we're hoping that this Committee will vote on it tomorrow as well.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
S1105 Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hunter	Monitor	C, 3 L 15
ES1106 Making 2015-2017 operating appropriations.	Hunter	Monitor	H, Amended
1115 Concerning the capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
1116 Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
1189 Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	S. Hunt	Monitor	S, Rules 2
S5322 Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hatfield	Support	H, Finance

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

E1187 Concerning best practices for water banks. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/15)	Chandler	Monitor	S, Rules 2
S1399 Concerning annually adjusting the limit on distribution of hazardous substance tax revenues to the state and local toxics control accounts to correct for inflation. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hudgins	Monitor	H, Approps
S1676 Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Short	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
1940 Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Stokesbary	Monitor	S, Rules 2
5204 Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits.	Parlette	Support	H, Rules R
ES5347 Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/06/15)	Hobbs	Monitor	H, Gen Govt & Info
S5348 Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Miloscia	Monitor	H, Rules R
S5583 Providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary	Dansel	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

to enact changes to the status of a species. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

S5622	Concerning the use of empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Sheldon	Monitor	H, Environment
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LOW PRIORITY BILLS

1032	Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage habitat projects that provide a public benefit.	Blake	Support	S, Rules 2
1392	Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW.	Stanford	Monitor	S, Rules 2
ES1685	Establishing a Washington food policy forum. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/15)	Gregerson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
1992	Restoring resources to the capital budget.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Approps
2156	Relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.	Reykdal	Monitor	H, Finance
2157	Relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments to ensure the continued provision of vital public services and high quality of life in Washington communities.	Carlyle	Monitor	H, Finance
2158	Relating to modifying taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.	Carlyle	Monitor	H, Finance
S5972	Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Schoesler	Monitor	H, Rules R
6035	Concerning the use of funds in the public works assistance account.	Rivers	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6039	Funding certain programs that provide support to farms.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

DEAD BILLS

S1008	Authorizing the state auditor to conduct audits of state government and local agencies' data storage and management practices thereby protecting privacy and securing personal information from computer hacking or misuse of data. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Smith	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1079	Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kochmar	Monitor	H, Rules X
1101	Concerning conservation districts.	Wilcox	Oppose	H, Local Govt
1104	Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production.	Schmick	Monitor	H, Public Safety
S1197	Concerning water-sewer districts. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Monitor	H, Rules X
1202	Providing that an administrative rule or policy of the department of ecology may be abrogated by act of the governor or either house of the legislature.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
1203	Limiting the enforcement of administrative rules and policies.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
1204	Limiting the enforcement of policies of the department of ecology.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
1214	Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1215	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1216	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
1224	Accelerating the rate of wolf recovery in Washington.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1225	Increasing the social acceptance of endangered species recovery by providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

to enact changes to the status of a species.

1237	Providing landowners with necessary tools for the protection of their property from forest fires.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1264	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Wilcox	Support	H, Local Govt
1425	Ensuring that entities performing government functions and advisory committees are subject to the open public meetings act and public records act.	Pollet	Monitor	H, State Governme
1508	Providing permissive authority for counties to assume authority over local forest fire management.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1509	Giving priority selection to forest fire suppression resource contractors that are located geographically close to fire suppression activities.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1589	Concerning natural resource management activities.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Environment
S1684	Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Support	H, Rules R
1691	Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Van De Wege	Monitor	H, State Governme
S1710	Fostering economic growth in Washington by supporting the in-state production, processing, and distribution of food supply. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Tarleton	Monitor	H, Approps
2155	Relating to local government finance.	Reykdal	Monitor	H, Finance
4205	Requiring all revenues from any state taxes levied for the purpose of funding local government public infrastructure to be paid into the state treasury, deposited into the public works assistance account, and used exclusively for funding local government public works projects.	Pike	Monitor	H, Approps
5013	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules X
5060	Improving relationships between agricultural producers and state regulatory staff.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
5062	Concerning water quality enforcement procedure.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
5168	Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc
5169	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc
5170	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
S5320	Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Honeyford	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
5445	Extending the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.	Liias	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
5522	Expanding the definition of special district to include lake water quality districts.	Sheldon	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
5533	Establishing charges for providing electronic data under the public records act.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
5551	Concerning salmon recovery project funds.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
S5584	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5769	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules X
S5799	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts	Fain	Monitor	H, Finance

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

CALENDAR ITEMS

4/2/2015	ES5347	Flood plains/ag land, etc.	General Government & Information Technology	8:00 AM	HHR C
4/3/2015	S5322	Conservation district rates	Finance	TVW 8:00 AM	HHR A

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1032 HABITAT PROJECTS **BLAKE**
Representatives Blake and Hurst

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

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

S1105 OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2015 **HUNTER**
House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Ormsby, Sullivan, and Gregerson) Requested by
Governor Inslee

Makes 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.

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

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

ES1106 OPERATING BDGT 2015, 2015-17 **HUNTER**
Representatives Hunter, Ormsby, and Sullivan Requested by
Governor Inslee

Makes 2015-2017 operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5077 Operating bdgt 2015, 2015-17 S, 2nd Reading

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1106-s.e.pdf>

1115 CAPITAL BUDGET 2015-2017 **DUNSHEE**
Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, Morris, and Reykdal Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the capital budget.

Companion Bill: 5097 Capital budget 2015-2017 S, Ways & Means

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1116 CAPITAL SUP BUDGET 2015 **DUNSHEE**
Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, and Morris Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

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

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E 1187 WATER BANKING BEST PRACTICES **CHANDLER**
Representatives Chandler, Blake, Buys, Stanford, Hayes, and Parker

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

Companion Bill: 5014 Water banking best practices H, Rules R

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1189 CITY, DISTRICT PUBL. RECORDS **S. HUNT**
Representatives S. Hunt, Holy, Bergquist, Johnson, Appleton, and Buys

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.

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1392 REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD **STANFORD**
Representatives Stanford, Tharinger, Dunshee, and McBride
Requested by
Recreation and Conservation Office

Addresses the administration of grant programs by the recreation and conservation funding board.

Companion Bill: 5320 Rec and conserv. funding brd S, 2nd Reading

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S1399 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

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S1676 WILD UNGULATES, PREDATION **SHORT**
House Committee on General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Short, Lytton, Kretz, and Blake)

Requires the University of Washington, through the predator ecology lab in the school of environmental and forest sciences, to conduct an independent, scientific, blind peer-reviewed study assessing the health of the state's wild ungulate population in game management units that have experienced a change in predator population dynamics due to the recovery of gray wolves.

Expires July 1, 2019.

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

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ES1685 WASHINGTON FOOD POLICY FORUM **GREGERSON**
House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Hudgins, McBride, Peterson, Bergquist, Ortiz-Self, Tarleton, Orwall, Robinson, Farrell, Riccelli, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Senn, Lytton, Appleton, Ryu, Tharinger, Moscoso, Ormsby, Fey, and Jinkins)

Creates the Washington food policy forum as a public-private partnership.
Places responsibility with the director of the conservation commission for appointing participating members of the forum.
Requires the forum to: (1) Develop recommendations to advance certain food system goals; and
(2) Coordinate with the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources, and review, consider, and discuss the study described in section 3 of this act that must be performed by the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources.
Expires July 1, 2017.

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

1940 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICTS **STOKESBARY**
House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Stokesbary, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Magendanz, Kochmar, Hargrove, Rodne, Bergquist, Hurst, Gregerson, Orwall, and Jinkins)

Exempts levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies.

Companion Bill: 5799 Flood control zone districts H, Finance

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1940.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1992.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2156.pdf>

2157 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL T.O. **CARLYLE**
Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger

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

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

2158 SPEC PURPOSE TX 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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2158.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5204.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5204.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

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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.

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

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

S 5583 SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM. **DANSEL**

Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Dandel)

Requires the fish and wildlife commission, if it has listed a terrestrial mammal species statewide as endangered, threatened, or sensitive in this state, to consider any petitions for removing a species from classification on a regional basis.

Companion Bill: 1199 Species status/F&W comm. H, Ag & Nat Res

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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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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, Liiias, 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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