

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The legislature convened for the 2016 Legislative Session on Monday with the lowest set of expectations of any legislative session in recent memory. Having already "punted" on dealing with the K – 12 *McCleary* issue until the 2017 Session, legislative leadership is looking to pay for some of the wildfire costs incurred by the Department of Natural Resources last summer, possibly do a little bit of work on the mental health front, and adjourn in time to get their campaigns up and running. Since sitting legislators are unable to do any campaign fundraising until this session adjourns, most Olympia insiders believe that they will adjourn on time this year, which is presently scheduled for March 10th.

If you take a look at it, you will notice in the bill tracking system that most of the bills that "died" last year are all now magically "alive" at the start of this session. This is due to a procedural motion that moves all bills, (no matter where they ended up at when the first legislative session of the biennium adjourned), back to their highest position in their Chamber of origin at the start of the second Session of the biennium. Some of those bills might start moving out of policy committees prior to the first cutoff deadline, but the vast majority are realistically, if not technically, already "dead". Accordingly, unless a bill actually received a hearing in the next few weeks, it is unlikely to move at any time this year.

It looks like WACD will have to deal with the umpteenth iteration of the "Big Dumb Buffer" issue next week when the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee holds a public hearing on HB 2352, a measure that would mandate National Marine Fisheries Service buffers for ag land included in the Office of Farmland Preservation. Since all of the agricultural organizations in Washington State will aggressively oppose this bill, it is likely to have a difficult time moving in the House, and is very likely to be DOA in the Senate, if it makes it that far.

## BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

### HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
<a href="#">1104</a> Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production.	Schmick	Monitor	H, Public Safety
<a href="#">1116</a> Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">1189</a> Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	S. Hunt	Monitor	H, Rules 3C
<a href="#">1237</a> Providing landowners with necessary tools for the protection of their property from forest fires.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1264</a> Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Wilcox	Support	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">S1684</a> Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Support	H, Rules R
<a href="#">1691</a> Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Van De Wege	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">2352</a> Regarding riparian restoration and planting on farmlands.	Stanford	Oppose	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">2376</a> Making 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">2380</a> Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget

<a href="#">6201</a>	Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
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**MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS**

<a href="#">E1187</a>	Concerning best practices for water banks. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/15)	Chandler	Monitor	H, Rules 3C
<a href="#">1214</a>	Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">1215</a>	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">1216</a>	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.	Scott	Monitor	H, Local Govt
<a href="#">1224</a>	Accelerating the rate of wolf recovery in Washington.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1225</a>	Increasing the social acceptance of endangered species recovery by providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1425</a>	Ensuring that entities performing government functions and advisory committees are subject to the open public meetings act and public records act.	Pollet	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">1508</a>	Providing permissive authority for counties to assume authority over local forest fire management.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1509</a>	Giving priority selection to forest fire suppression resource contractors that are located geographically close to fire suppression activities.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">S1676</a>	Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Short	Monitor	H, Rules 3C
<a href="#">4205</a>	Requiring all revenues from any state taxes levied for the purpose of funding local government public infrastructure to be paid into the state treasury, deposited into the public works assistance account, and used exclusively for funding local government public works projects.	Pike	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">5060</a>	Improving relationships between agricultural producers and state regulatory staff.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5062</a>	Concerning water quality enforcement procedure.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5168</a>	Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc
<a href="#">5169</a>	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc
<a href="#">5170</a>	Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEcD
<a href="#">5204</a>	Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits.	Parlette	Support	S, Rules 3
<a href="#">S5320</a>	Concerning the administrative rate the recreation and conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">ES5347</a>	Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/06/15)	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Rules 3
<a href="#">5445</a>	Extending the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.	Liias	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
<a href="#">S5583</a>	Providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED	Dansel	Monitor	S, Rules 3

1ST SUBSTITUTE)

<a href="#">S5584</a>	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">S5622</a>	Concerning the use of empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Sheldon	Monitor	S, Rules 3
<a href="#">S5799</a>	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts from certain limitations upon regular property tax levies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Fain	Monitor	S, Rules 3
<a href="#">6168</a>	Removing drainage ditches from the definition of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas in chapter 36.70A RCW.	Angel	Monitor	S, GovtOp&Sec
<a href="#">6175</a>	Concerning watershed management actions by watershed improvement districts.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, Energy, Environ
<a href="#">6179</a>	Concerning water banking.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/RurEc
<a href="#">6246</a>	Making 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.	Hill	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

### **LOW PRIORITY BILLS**

<a href="#">1032</a>	Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage habitat projects that provide a public benefit.	Blake	Support	H, Rules 3C
<a href="#">S1079</a>	Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kochmar	Monitor	H, State Governmen
<a href="#">1202</a>	Providing that an administrative rule or policy of the department of ecology may be abrogated by act of the governor or either house of the legislature.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">1203</a>	Limiting the enforcement of administrative rules and policies.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">1204</a>	Limiting the enforcement of policies of the department of ecology.	Scott	Monitor	H, State Governme
<a href="#">1589</a>	Concerning natural resource management activities.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">ES1685</a>	Establishing a Washington food policy forum. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/15)	Gregerson	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">S1710</a>	Fostering economic growth in Washington by supporting the in-state production, processing, and distribution of food supply. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Tarleton	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">1992</a>	Restoring resources to the capital budget.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">2155</a>	Relating to local government finance.	Reykdal	Monitor	H, Finance
<a href="#">ES2156</a>	Relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.	Reykdal	Monitor	H, Finance
<a href="#">2157</a>	Relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments to ensure the continued provision of vital public services and high quality of life in Washington communities.	Carlyle	Monitor	H, Finance
<a href="#">2158</a>	Relating to modifying taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.	Carlyle	Monitor	H, Finance
<a href="#">2480</a>	Concerning state natural resource-related agencies providing financial assistance to agencies of the federal government.	Blake	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">5522</a>	Expanding the definition of special district to include lake water quality districts.	Sheldon	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
<a href="#">5533</a>	Establishing charges for providing electronic data under the public records act.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, GovtOp&StSec
<a href="#">5551</a>	Concerning salmon recovery project funds.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
<a href="#">S5972</a>	Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Schoesler	Monitor	S, Rules 3
<a href="#">6035</a>	Concerning the use of funds in the public works assistance account.	Rivers	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">6039</a>	Funding certain programs that provide support to farms.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

## DEAD BILLS

<a href="#">5013</a>	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules X
<a href="#">5769</a>	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules X

## CALENDAR ITEMS

<b>1/14/2016</b>	6179	Water banking	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development	8:00 AM	SHR 3
<b>1/14/2016</b>	6201	Supplemental capital budget	Ways & Means	TVW 3:30 PM	SHR 4
<b>1/15/2016</b>	2380	Supplemental capital budget	Capital Budget	8:00 AM	HHR B
<b>1/19/2016</b>	2352	Farmlands/riparian planting	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR B
<b>1/19/2016</b>	6168	Drainage ditches/habitat	Government Operations & Security	10:00 AM	SHR 2

## 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://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1032.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1032.pdf)

**S1079**

### JOINT UTILIZATION CONTRACTS

**KOCHMAR**

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

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

Companion Bill: 5348 Joint utilization contracts C, 232 L 15

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1079-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1079-s.pdf)

**1104**

### INTERFERENCE W/AG PRODUCTION

**SCHMICK**

Representatives Schmick and Wilcox

Creates the crime of interference with agricultural production.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1104.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1104.pdf)

**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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**E1187**

### 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 S, Rules 3

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

**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.

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

**1202** ECOLOGY ADMINISTRATIVE RULES **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Shea, Taylor, Short, Holy, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

Provides that, if the governor by executive order or either house of the legislature by resolution declares an administrative rule or policy of the department of ecology to be abrogated, the rule or policy is null and void and of no force or effect.

**Companion Bill:** 5367 Ecology administrative rules S, Energy, Enviro

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1202.pdf>

**1203** ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & POLICY **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Shea, Short, Taylor, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Vick, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

Prohibits a rule or policy of any state agency from being enforced unless and until the rule or policy has been adopted pursuant to the administrative procedure act, codified in the Washington Administrative Code, and ratified by act of the legislature.

**Companion Bill:** 5368 Administrative rules & policy S, Rules X

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1203.pdf>

**1204** ECOLOGY POLICIES ENFORCEMENT **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Shea, Taylor, Short, Holy, Manweller, Buys, Griffey, Condotta, and Young

Prohibits any policy of the department of ecology from being enforced unless and until it has been adopted pursuant to the administrative procedure act, codified in the Washington Administrative Code, and ratified by act of the legislature.

**Companion Bill:** 5366 Ecology policies enforcement S, Energy, Enviro

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1204.pdf>

**1214** AG LANDS/SHORELINE MGMT ACT **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Condotta, Young, and McCaslin

Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

**Companion Bill:** 5168 Ag lands/shoreline mgmt act S, Ag/Water/RurEc

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1214.pdf>

**1215** AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA **SCOTT**

Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Young, and McCaslin

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

**Companion Bill:** 5169 Ag land conversion/GMA S, Ag/Water/RurEc  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1215.pdf>

**1 2 1 6** **AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA, SMA** **SCOTT**  
Representatives Scott, Taylor, Chandler, Blake, Shea, Griffey, Buys, Haler, Young, and McCaslin

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.  
Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

**Companion Bill:** 5170 Ag land conversion/GMA, SMA S, Ag/Water/RurEcD  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1216.pdf>

**1 2 2 4** **WOLF RECOVERY, RATE OF** **KRETZ**  
Representatives Kretz and Short

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a pilot project to explore active wolf recovery options as an alternative to passive population dispersal.  
Exempts the intrastate translocation of wolves by the department of fish and wildlife from environmental impact statement requirements when conducted for the purposes of recovering wolf populations.  
Expires June 30, 2019.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1224.pdf>

**1 2 2 5** **SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM.** **KRETZ**  
Representatives Kretz, Blake, Short, Wilcox, Scott, and Buys

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

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1225.pdf>

**1 2 3 7** **LANDOWNERS AND FOREST FIRES** **KRETZ**  
Representatives Kretz, Blake, Dent, Lytton, Manweller, Pettigrew, Short, Scott, Buys, and Condotta

Authorizes certain landowners, landowners' agents, and other persons to access land owned or managed by the department of natural resources or the department of fish and wildlife to construct a fire line or take other preventive measures intended to stop or slow the spread of a fire onto property owned by, or under the responsibility of, the actor.  
Provides that, for the purposes of this act: (1) Accessing department of natural resources-managed land for the purposes of fire suppression is considered authorized access; and  
(2) Cutting and/or removing timber for the purposes of fire suppression is considered an authorized activity.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1237.pdf>

**1 2 6 4** **CONSERVATION DISTRICT RATES** **WILCOX**  
Representatives Wilcox, Blake, MacEwen, Gregerson, Lytton, and Zeiger



Modifies provisions relating to rates and charges of conservation districts.

**Companion Bill:** 5322 Conservation district rates C, 88 L 15

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1264.pdf>

**1425** ADVISORY COMMITTEES, ETC. **POLLET**

Representatives Pollet, Kretz, S. Hunt, Appleton, Bergquist, Holy, Tarleton, Hargrove, and Kochmar

Subjects to the open public meetings act and the public records act, certain advisory boards, committees, and other entities performing government functions.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1425.pdf>

**1508** LOCAL FOREST FIRES/CNTY MGMT **KRETZ**

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Short, Reykdal, and Condotta

Authorizes a county to create a local forest fire protection division that is responsible for preventing and responding to forest fires in the county.

Authorizes two or more counties to organize into a single local forest fire protection division.

Requires notification to the department of natural resources of the creation of a local forest fire protection division within thirty days of its creation.

Requires the department of natural resources to, upon the request of a county's local forest fire protection division, assist the county in any fire response necessary to protect public safety.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1508.pdf>

**1509** FOREST FIRE SUPPRESSION **KRETZ**

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Reykdal, and Condotta

Requires the department of natural resources, in implementing the authority to direct the work of forest fire suppression, to give first priority to fire suppression resource contractors that are located geographically closer to the actual fire suppression activities.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1509.pdf>

**1589** NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT **TAYLOR**

Representatives Taylor, Shea, Harris, Short, G. Hunt, Scott, Pike, and Condotta

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to manage acquired lands using the best available land management techniques which may include: (1) Issuance or reissuance of grazing leases;

(2) Licenses or approvals to remove firewood;

(3) Issuance of leases for brush picking;

(4) Periodic use of chemical or mechanical means to maintain public and recreational land; and

(5) Issuance of rights-of-way, easements, and use permits to use existing roads in nonresidential areas.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1589.pdf>

**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.

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

**S 1684**

**PUBLIC RECORDS, CHARGES FOR**

**TAKKO**

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

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

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

**ES 1685**

**WASHINGTON FOOD POLICY FORUM**

**GREGERSON**

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

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

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

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

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

Expires July 1, 2017.

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

**1691**

**PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, REMEDIES**

**VAN DE  
WEGE**

Representatives Van De Wege, S. Hunt, and Tharinger

Authorizes a court to impose a fine on a responsible agency for denying the right to inspect or copy certain public records.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1691.pdf>

**S 1710**

**FOOD SUPPLY, IN-STATE**

**TARLETON**

House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Tarleton, Walkinshaw, McBride, Ortiz-Self, Sawyer, Peterson, Gregerson, and Hudgins)

Requires the Washington State University center for sustaining agriculture and natural resources to study the economic development of the local food system in the state.

Requires Washington State University to form an advisory committee to provide technical information, advice, and assistance in completing the study.

Makes appropriations.

Provides that section 2 of this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Expires December 31, 2016.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1710-s.pdf>

**1992**

**CAPITAL BUDGET RESOURCES**

**STANFORD**

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



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

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

**2155** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE T.O. **REYKDAL**  
Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger

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

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

**ES2156** CITIES AND COUNTIES/FISCAL **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-s.e.pdf>

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

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

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

**2158** SPEC PURPOSE TX DISTRCT T.O. **CARLYLE**  
Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger

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

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

**2352** FARMLANDS/RIPARIAN PLANTING **STANFORD**  
Representative Stanford

Revises farmlands preservation account provisions with regard to: (1) Riparian restoration and planting on farmlands;  
(2) Federally recognized Indian tribes in the state; and  
(3) The allocation of funds for environmental enhancement or restoration projects with salmon habitats.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2352.pdf>

**2376** OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2016 **DUNSHEE**  
Representatives Dunshee and Chandler  
**Requested by**  
Office of Financial Management

Makes 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.

**Companion Bill:** 6246 Operating sup budget 2016 S, Ways & Means

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2376.pdf>

**2380** SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL BUDGET **THARINGER**  
Representatives Tharinger and DeBolt  
**Requested by**  
Office of Financial Management

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

**Companion Bill:** 6201 Supplemental capital budget S, Ways & Means  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2380.pdf>

**2480** **NATURAL RES AGENCIES/FED GOV** **BLAKE**  
Representatives Blake, Buys, and Scott

Requires a granting natural resource-related agency, before awarding a grant or loan from a natural resource-related agency to an agency of the federal government, to require the federal grant or loan recipient to agree to voluntarily subject itself to all state and local permitting requirements for all aspects of the activity or project that would apply to the activity or project if the grant or loan recipient was a private, nongovernmental entity or if the funded activity or project occurred on private, nongovernmental land.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2480.pdf>

**4205** **LOCAL GOVT PUBLIC WORKS** **PIKE**  
Representatives Pike, Reykdal, Klippert, Manweller, Rodne, Hayes, Buys, Vick, Johnson, Stanford, Bergquist, and Condotta

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require revenues from 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.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/4205.pdf>

**5060** **AG PRODUCERS & AGENCY STAFF** **HONEYFORD**  
Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, and Warnick

Initiates a public process employing the state conservation commission to test processes to clearly define agency roles, improve mutual understanding, and build improved working relationships between agricultural producers and personnel of the departments of ecology, agriculture, and fish and wildlife.  
Expires July 1, 2020.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5060.pdf>

**5062** **WATER QUALITY ENFORCEMENT** **HONEYFORD**  
Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, and Warnick

Extends the reporting deadline to the department of ecology for certain water pollution determinations.  
Prohibits the department of ecology from issuing an order or directive unless the department demonstrates through site-specific testing or observation that the person receiving the order or directive is in fact causing pollution of the particular waters of the state identified in the order or directive.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5062.pdf>

**5168** **AG LANDS/SHORELINE MGMT ACT** **WARNICK**  
Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hatfield, Schoesler, and Benton

Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

**Companion Bill:** 1214 Ag lands/shoreline mgmt act H, Local Govt  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5168.pdf>

**5169** **AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA** **WARNICK**

Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hatfield, and Schoesler

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

**Companion Bill:** 1215 Ag land conversion/GMA H, Local Govt  
**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5169.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5169.pdf)

**5170** **AG LAND CONVERSION/GMA, SMA** **WARNICK**  
Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Hobbs, Schoesler, and Hatfield

Prohibits land designated as agricultural under the growth management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.  
Prohibits land qualifying as agricultural under the shoreline management act from being converted to wetland or fish habitat, or from being subjected to tidal inundation.

**Companion Bill:** 1216 Ag land conversion/GMA, SMA H, Local Govt  
**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5170.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5170.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)

**S5320** **REC AND CONSERV. FUNDING BRD** **HONEYFORD**  
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford,  
Keiser, Ranker, Warnick, and Parlette) Requested by  
Recreation and Conservation Office

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

**Companion Bill:** 1392 Rec and conserv. funding brd C, 183 L 15  
**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5320-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5320-s.pdf)

**ES5347** **FLOOD PLAINS/AG LAND, ETC.** **HOBBS**  
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Hatfield,  
Warnick, Honeyford, and Pearson)

Requires the state conservation commission and the departments of agriculture, natural resources, fish and wildlife, and ecology to jointly identify and assess three demonstration projects, located in Whatcom, Snohomish, and Grays Harbor counties, that test the effectiveness and costs of river management.  
Requires the departments to consult with and obtain the views of the federally recognized tribes that may be affected by each pilot project.

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

**5445** **ALT. FUEL VEHICLE TAX EXEM** **LIIAS**  
Senators Liias, Litzow, and Jayapal Requested by  
Governor Inslee

Delays, until July 1, 2025, the expiration of the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.

**Companion Bill:** 1925 Alt. fuel vehicle tax exem H, Finance  
**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5445.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5445.pdf)

**5 5 2 2** LAKE WATER QUALITY DISTRICTS **S H E L D O N**  
Senators Sheldon and Rivers

Revises the definition of "special district," for purposes of chapter 85.38 RCW (special district creation and operation), to include a lake water quality district.

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5522.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5522.pdf)

**5 5 3 3** ELECTRONIC DATA, CHARGES FOR **H O B B S**  
Senators Hobbs, Rivers, and Mullet

Authorizes local governments to charge a reasonable fee for electronic copies of public records requests. Exempts from the fee, certain entities that are in the regular business of news gathering and disseminating news or information to the public, if the request is made as part of news gathering and not for a different use.

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5533.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5533.pdf)

**5 5 5 1** SALMON RECOVERY PROJECT FUNDS **P E A R S O N**  
Senators Pearson, Hatfield, and Chase

Prohibits the salmon recovery funding board from awarding funds for a project or activity if the project sponsor has, within ten calendar years before the date of the grant application, brought any legal action before a court or administrative tribunal against the state relating to hatchery facility operations.

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5551.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5551.pdf)

**S 5 5 8 3** SPECIES STATUS/F&W COMM. **D A N S E L**  
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Dansel)

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

**Companion Bill:** 1199 Species status/F&W comm. H, Ag & Nat Res  
**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5583-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5583-s.pdf)

**S 5 5 8 4** WATER QUALITY DETERMINATIONS **D A N S E L**  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Dansel)

Requires water quality determinations, orders, and directives issued by the department of ecology to be based on a preponderance of actual site-based, source-specific environmental testing except for those that are issued concerning properties west of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5584-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5584-s.pdf)

**S 5 6 2 2** AGENCY LAND USE ACTIONS **S H E L D O N**  
Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Miloscia, Angel, Becker, Warnick, and Pearson)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the department of ecology, where a significant agency action will change, supersede, or invalidate a local land use policy or will directly or indirectly diminish the allowed uses of a private property, to include in its

required list of sources all empirical science relied upon by the agency in the course of preparing to take the significant agency action.

**Companion Bill:** 1963 Ecology & DFW, land use H, Environment  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5622-s.pdf>

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

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

**Companion Bill:** 1940 Flood control zone districts C, 170 L 15  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5799-s.pdf>

**S 5972** **SEEDS, AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF** **SCHOESLER**  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Warnick)

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

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5972-s.pdf>

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

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

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6035.pdf>

**6039** **FARM SUPPORT PROGRAMS** **PEARSON**  
Senators Pearson and Benton

Makes an appropriation for the purposes of revitalizing the department of agriculture's farm-to-school program and the small farm direct marketing assistance program.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6039.pdf>

**6168** **DRAINAGE DITCHES/HABITAT** **ANGEL**  
Senator Angel

Revises the definition of "fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas," with regard to drainage ditches, for purposes of chapter 36.70A RCW (the growth management act).

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6168.pdf>

**6175** **WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS** **ERICKSEN**  
Senator Ericksen

Revises watershed improvement district provisions with regard to watershed management actions.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6175.pdf>

**6179**  
Senator Honeyford

WATER BANKING

**HONEYFORD**

Prohibits the department of ecology from using water banking to provide for mitigation of water resource impacts if an adequate and reliable water supply is not available for the purpose of providing mitigation.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Include a schedule on its web site showing the amount charged by each water bank for mitigation; and

(2) Update the schedule on a quarterly basis, using information provided to it by each water bank.

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6179.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6179.pdf)

**6201**  
Senators Honeyford and Keiser

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL BUDGET

**HONEYFORD**

Requested by  
Office of Financial Management

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

**Companion Bill:** 2380 Supplemental capital budget H, Cap Budget

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6201.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6201.pdf)

**6246**  
Senators Hill and Hargrove

OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2016

**HILL**

Requested by  
Office of Financial Management

Makes 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.

**Companion Bill:** 2376 Operating sup budget 2016 H, Approps

**Full Text URL:** [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6246.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6246.pdf)