

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The brutally low expectations for the 2016 Session sank even lower this week due to a complete meltdown between Gov. Inslee and the Senate Majority Coalition Caucus over the firing/forced resignation of several Cabinet members. In the past, Senate Majorities have quietly indicated to sitting Governors that if a certain Cabinet member, (that the Senate believed was inadequate), did not resign, that their confirmation would be brought up for a vote and they would be voted down. Since that action by the State Senate terminates the tenure of that Cabinet member immediately, most of them quickly resigned and found different jobs.

Last Friday, apparently without giving Gov. Inslee or Secretary Peterson a "heads up" that her confirmation would be voted down on the Senate floor if she didn't resign, the Senate Majority Coalition Caucus voted her confirmation down by a 21 – 25 vote. Sec. Peterson's very public termination followed the resignations of the Directors of Agriculture and Social & Health Services, and was followed over the weekend by the resignation of the Director of Corrections.

A livid Gov. Inslee on Monday held a press conference on the firing of Sec. Peterson where he said some things he clearly shouldn't have, and the Senate added to the drama yesterday when several members stated that, "More heads will roll!". All in all, I believe the *Seattle Times* Editorial Board captured the dysfunctional situation we have found ourselves in with a completely accurate editorial headline that lamented: "**A NEW LOW POINT FOR STATE GOVERNANCE**".

With the short, 60-day Session more than halfway over, it is unclear where we go from here. With last Friday's "House of Origin – Policy Committee" cutoff deadline, and Tuesday's "House of Origin – Fiscal Committee" cutoff deadline, over 90% of the bills presently pending in front of the legislature are now "dead". When we hit the "House of Origin" cutoff deadline next week, that number will climb to 95%. And with the angry, frustrated, and bitterly partisan mood of both Chambers, both parties, and Gov. Inslee, that number is likely to climb as close to 100% as anyone has ever seen when the 2016 Session finally adjourns on March 10th.

Hopefully, the legislature and Gov. Inslee will be able to craft Supplemental Operating and Capital Budgets before the legislature adjourns, but whether or not that can even be achieved is open to question at this time.

HB 2352, the measure that would have required NOAA buffers on all lands included in the Office of Farmland Preservation program, "died" when it failed to move out of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee prior to last Tuesday's cutoff deadline. The same fate awaited SB 6600, the measure that would have established a pilot program for online voting in CD elections. If there is a Supplemental Operating Budget, SB 6600 could come back in the form of a budget proviso in the Conservation Commission's budget, but the large buffers found in HB 2352 are likely "dead" for this session.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>1189</u> Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	S. Hunt	Monitor	H, Rules 3C

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
2380	Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
2856	Establishing the office of Chehalis river basin flood risk reduction.	DeBolt	Support	H, 2nd Reading
6201	Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S6568	Establishing a water discharge permit for concentrated animal feeding operations that is issued under the sole authority of state law.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Rules 2

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

S1676	Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Short	Monitor	H, Rules 3C
2353	Concerning civil penalties for knowing attendance by a member of a governing body at a meeting held in violation of the open public meetings act.	S. Hunt	Monitor	H, Rules R
2376	Making 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Approps
S2427	Concerning local government modernization. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Springer	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
E2478	Supporting agricultural production, including that of apiarists, through the preservation of forage for pollinators.	Peterson	Monitor	H, Passed 3rd
S2480	Concerning state natural resource-related agencies providing financial assistance to agencies of the federal government. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Monitor	H, Rules R
2493	Extending the expiration date of the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group.	Smith	Monitor	H, 2nd ReadSCal
S2509	Implementing the recommendations of the 2015 review of the Washington wildlife and recreation program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Rules R
2S2576	Concerning public records act requests to local agencies.	McBride	Monitor	H, Rules R
2614	Providing for flood risk reduction and habitat restoration projects in the state.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
S2616	Concerning watershed management actions by watershed improvement districts.	Buys	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
S2925	Concerning accessing land during a fire suppression response for the purpose of protecting livestock from a wildland fire.	Dent	Monitor	H, Rules R
S2928	Ensuring that restrictions on outdoor burning for air quality reasons do not impede measures necessary to ensure forest resiliency to catastrophic fires.	Kretz	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
5204	Providing an exemption from hydraulic project permit fees for certain emergency permits.	Parlette	Support	S, Rules 3
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, Rules 2
ES5347	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
S5583	Providing the fish and wildlife commission with the tools necessary to enact changes to the status of a species. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dansel	Monitor	S, 3rd Reading
S5622	Concerning the use of empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Sheldon	Monitor	S, 3rd Reading
S5799	Exempting levies imposed by qualifying flood control zone districts	Fain	Monitor	S, Rules 3

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

5937	Addressing the farm internship pilot project.	Parlette	Monitor	S, Rules 2
6162	Concerning the expiration date of the invasive species council and account.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
6171	Concerning civil penalties for knowing attendance by a member of a governing body at a meeting held in violation of the open public meetings act.	Roach	Monitor	S, Rules 2
S6179	Concerning water banking. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Honeyford	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
S6215	Identifying certain irrigation or dairy use water rights as water rights being used for municipal water supply purposes. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Padden	Monitor	S, Rules 2
S6227	Implementing the recommendations of the 2015 review of the Washington wildlife and recreation program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Honeyford	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
6246	Making 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.	Hill	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6257	Updating specified environmental statutes of the department of ecology to improve efficiency and provide for increased flexibility for local governments.	Takko	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
6287	Concerning the definition of hydraulic project in relation to the hydraulic project approval permits.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules 2
6296	Extending the expiration date of the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group.	Parlette	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
S6315	Concerning local government modernization.	Roach	Monitor	S, Rules 2
6551	Concerning a notice of violation for discharges from agricultural activity on agricultural land based on information provided to the department of ecology by a third party.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Rules 2

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	H, Rules 3C
1992	Restoring resources to the capital budget.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Approps
S5972	Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Schoesler	Monitor	S, Rules 3
6035	Concerning the use of funds in the public works assistance account.	Rivers	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

DEAD BILLS

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, State Governmen
1104	Creating the crime of interference with agricultural production.	Schmick	Monitor	H, Public Safety
1116	Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Dunshee	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
E1187	Concerning best practices for water banks. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/15)	Chandler	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 to enact changes to the status of a species.	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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
1670	Spurring agricultural innovations.	Walkinshaw	Monitor	H, Tech & Econ De
ES1685	Establishing a Washington food policy forum. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/15)	Gregerson	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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
ES2156	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
2352	Regarding riparian restoration and planting on farmlands.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
2386	Providing the public with information regarding products that result from certain approved beneficial uses of biosolids.	Pollet	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
2392	Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.	Ortiz-Self	Monitor	H, HC/Wellness
2420	Concerning small parcels of land used for agricultural or rural development purposes.	Pike	Monitor	H, Local Govt
2421	Directing that the state may not regulate greenhouse gas emissions beyond the requirements established by federal law.	Pike	Monitor	H, Environment
2459	Concerning city or county comprehensive plans or development regulations arising from the economic development element of the growth management act in counties and cities experiencing economic deterioration.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Local Govt
S2484	Requiring inspections, specialized training, and other enhanced workplace standards on dairy farms.	Walkinshaw	Monitor	H, Approps
S2579	Concerning prefire mitigation.	Griffey	Monitor	H, Approps
S2658	Concerning tribal cultural resources protection in the forest practices act. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Ortiz-Self	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

2721	Ensuring that a new federal government definition of the term "waters of the United States" has no applicability to the regulation of water quality in the state of Washington.	Scott	Support	H, Environment
2735	Concerning allowable uses of agricultural lands.	Buys	Monitor	H, Local Govt
2747	Concerning wetlands.	Scott	Monitor	H, Environment
2840	Establishing a water discharge permit for concentrated animal feeding operations that is issued under the sole authority of state law.	Pettigrew	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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
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
6039	Funding certain programs that provide support to farms.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6168	Removing drainage ditches from the definition of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas in chapter 36.70A RCW.	Angel	Monitor	S, GovtOp&Sec
6175	Concerning watershed management actions by watershed improvement districts.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
S6223	Enhancing regulatory agency coordination. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Brown	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6347	Concerning forest fire prevention and suppression.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6362	Concerning tribal cultural resources protection in the forest practices act.	Chase	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
6392	Enhancing transparency for certain state agency acquisitions under the Washington wildlife and recreation program.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
6600	Establishing a conservation district online election pilot project.	Darneille	Monitor	S, GovtOp&Sec
6646	Recognizing art and cultural resources as components of state environmental policy.	Litzow	Monitor	S, GovtOp&Sec

CALENDAR ITEMS

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>

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1189.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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1676-s.pdf>

S1684**PUBLIC RECORDS, CHARGES FOR****TAKKO**

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

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

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

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>

2353**OPMA CIVIL PENALTIES****S. HUNT**

Representatives S. Hunt, Stokesbary, Gregerson, Johnson, Haler, and Pollet

Requested by
Attorney General

Modifies the structure of civil penalties for knowing attendance by a member of a governing body at a meeting held in violation of the open public meetings act.

Companion Bill: 6171 OPMA civil penalties S, Rules 2
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2353.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>

S 2427 LOCAL GOV. MODERNIZATION **SPRINGER**
House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives
Springer, Stokesbary, Fitzgibbon, Muri, Appleton, and Kilduff)

Revises certain local government statutes to reflect technological and organizational change.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2427-s.pdf>

E 2478 POLLINATOR FORAGE PRESERV. **PETERSON**
Representatives Peterson, Stambaugh, Buys, Dent, Gregerson, Riccelli, Orwall, Stanford,
Blake, Sawyer, Tharinger, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Tarleton, McBride, Moscoso,
Bergquist, Pollet, S. Hunt, Goodman, and Wilcox

Requires the state noxious weed control board to conduct a pilot project that evaluates the options, methods, and costs of purposefully replacing pollen-rich and nectar-rich noxious weeds with either native or noninvasive, nonnative forage plants that can produce similar levels of pollen and nectar with a similar bloom succession to support populations of honey bees and other pollinators.

Requires all agencies, while conducting planned projects to ensure compliance with chapter 17.10 RCW, to give preference to replacing pollen-rich or nectar-rich noxious weeds with native forage plants that are beneficial for all pollinators, including honey bees.

Requires any corps project that involves the removal of noxious weeds to include the planting of pollen-rich and nectar-rich native plants to provide forage for all pollinators, including honey bees.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2478.e.pdf>

S 2480 NATURAL RES AGENCIES/FED GOV **BLAKE**
House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by
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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2480-s.pdf>

2493

HABITAT & REC. LANDS GROUP

SMITH

Representatives Smith and Tharinger

Requested by

Recreation and Conservation Office

Delays until July 31, 2027, the expiration of the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group.

Companion Bill: 6296 Habitat & rec. lands group H, Ag & Nat Res

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2493.pdf>

S2509

WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PRG.

THARINGER

House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Tharinger, DeBolt, Blake, and Zeiger)

Requested by

Recreation and Conservation Office

Implements the proposed recommendations by the recreation and conservation office for statutory revisions of the state wildlife and recreation program.

Companion Bill: 6227 Wildlife and recreation prg. H, Cap Budget

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2509-s.pdf>

2S2576

LOCAL AGENCY PUBLIC RECORDS

MCBRIDE

Representatives McBride, Nealey, Ryu, Tarleton, Springer, S. Hunt, Johnson, Zeiger, Rossetti, Clibborn, Peterson, Haler, Hargrove, Jinkins, Gregerson, Senn, and Hickel

Revises the public records act with regard to requests to local agencies.

Creates the public records commission to administer the provisions of the public records act.

Authorizes public agencies to recover their costs for public records requests by charging a reasonable fee when records are requested for the purpose of sale or resale.

Creates the dedicated open records account.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2576-s2.pdf>

2614

FLOOD RISK & HABITAT PROJ.

DEBOLT

Representatives DeBolt, Stokesbary, Rossetti, and Van De Wege

Creates the office of flood risk reduction and habitat restoration in the department of ecology with the primary purpose of the office being to administer a competitive grant program that actively supports the implementation of projects that reduce the risk of flooding, protect against damage caused by floods, and protect or restore naturally functioning areas where floods occur.

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds of the state, in the sum of one billion dollars or as much thereof as may be required, for the purpose of providing funds to finance legislatively approved flood risk reduction and habitat restoration projects, and all costs incidental thereto.

Creates the flood risk reduction and habitat restoration account and the flood risk reduction and habitat restoration taxable account.

Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2614.pdf>

S2616

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

BUYS

Representatives Buys, Blake, Van Werven, Chandler, and Wilcox

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

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2616-s.pdf>

2856

CHEHALIS RIVER FLOOD RISK

DEBOLT

Representatives DeBolt, Tharinger, Van De Wege, and Stanford

Creates the office of Chehalis river basin flood risk reduction in the department of ecology to administer funding for an integrated strategy of long-term flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration in the Chehalis river basin.
Requires the department of ecology, in operating the office, to work collaboratively with the governor's Chehalis basin work group and follow, to the greatest extent practicable, the model being used to administer the Columbia river basin water supply program established in chapter 6, Laws of 2006.
Creates the Chehalis river basin flood risk reduction account.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2856.pdf>

52925

WILDLAND FIRES/LIVESTOCK

DENT

Representatives Dent, Blake, McCabe, Schmick, Chandler, Short, Griffey, Johnson, Dye, Haler, and Springer

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Allow livestock owners, or employees or agents of a livestock owner, to access public lands for the purpose of retrieving or caring for livestock that are lawfully present on the public lands during a fire suppression response affecting the land in question; and
(2) Include language that explains the right of access, and associated assumption of liability, in the text of a grazing lease.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2925-s.pdf>

52928

OUTDOOR BURNING/FOREST FIRES

KRETZ

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Schmick, Dunshee, Short, Haler, Stanford, and Chandler

Authorizes the department of natural resources to inspect an area and issue a burning permit for forest resiliency burning, if the burning is unlikely to significantly contribute to a violation of air quality standards.
Authorizes the department of natural resources, authorized employees, or a warden or ranger to refuse, revoke, or postpone the use of permits for forest resiliency burning if: (1) Necessary for the safety of adjacent property; or
(2) Burning poses an unreasonable risk of air pollution.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2928-s.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>

55320

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>

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)

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 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

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5937 **FARM INTERNSHIP PILOT PROJCT** **PARLETTE**
Senator Parlette

Includes Okanogan county in the farm internship pilot project.

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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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6162 INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Senators Honeyford, Rolfes, Chase, and Parlette

HONEYFORD

Requested by
Recreation and Conservation Office

Delays the expiration of the invasive species council and the invasive species council account until June 30, 2022.

Companion Bill: 2331 Invasive species council H, Passed 3rd

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6171 OPMA CIVIL PENALTIES

Senator Roach

ROACH

Requested by
Attorney General

Modifies the structure of civil penalties for knowing attendance by a member of a governing body at a meeting held in violation of the open public meetings act.

Companion Bill: 2353 OPMA civil penalties H, Rules R

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S6179 WATER BANKING **HONEYFORD**

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford)

Prohibits the department of ecology from using water banking to provide for mitigation of water resource impacts unless an adequate water supply is available for the purpose of providing mitigation.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Include a schedule or table for each water bank that shows: (a) The amount charged for mitigation; (b) the priority date of water made available for mitigation; and (c) the amount of water made available for mitigation; and (2) Update the schedule or table on a quarterly basis, using information provided to it by each water bank.

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6201 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL BUDGET **HONEYFORD**

Senators Honeyford and Keiser

Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

Companion Bill: 2380 Supplemental capital budget H, Cap Budget

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S6215 MUNICIPAL WATER RIGHTS **PADDEN**

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, Warnick, Pearson, and Becker)

Requires the department of ecology, upon request by a municipal water supplier, to amend the water rights documents and related records to identify the following water rights as being used for municipal water supply purposes if the following water rights were held or acquired by a municipal water supplier before July 1, 2016, and are not currently being used for commercial agriculture or dairy purposes: (1) Irrigation purpose of use water rights;

- (2) Agricultural irrigation purpose of use water rights; and
- (3) Dairy purpose of use water rights.

Companion Bill: 2788 Municipal water rights H, Ag & Nat Res
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S 6 2 2 7 **W I L D L I F E A N D R E C R E A T I O N P R G .** **H O N E Y F O R D**
Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Keiser, Rolfes, Conway, Ranker, McAuliffe, Mullet, and Chase) **Requested by**
Recreation and Conservation Office

Details the following proposed recommendations of the recreation and conservation office for statutory revisions of the state wildlife and recreation program: Promoting habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, working lands preservation, property rights, and coordination between the state and local governments and ensuring continued success of the program for future generations.

Companion Bill: 2509 Wildlife and recreation prg. H, Rules R
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6 2 4 6 **O P E R A T I N G S U P B U D G E T 2 0 1 6** **H I L L**
Senators Hill and Hargrove **Requested by**
Office of Financial Management

Makes 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 2376 Operating sup budget 2016 H, Approps
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6 2 5 7 **E N V I R O N M E N T A L S T A T U T E S** **T A K K O**
Senator Takko **Requested by**
Department of Ecology

Updates certain department of ecology environmental statutes to improve efficiency and provide for increased flexibility for local governments.

Companion Bill: 2486 Environmental statutes H, Rules R
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6 2 8 7 **H Y D R A U L I C P R O J E C T S** **H O N E Y F O R D**
Senators Honeyford, Ericksen, Dansel, Pearson, Bailey, Schoesler, Brown, Parlette, Roach, Hobbs, and Hewitt

Revises the definition of "hydraulic project" for purposes of chapter 77.55 RCW (construction projects in state waters).

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6 2 9 6 **H A B I T A T & R E C . L A N D S G R O U P** **P A R L E T T E**
Senators Parlette, Ranker, and Fraser **Requested by**
Recreation and Conservation Office

Delays until July 31, 2027, the expiration of the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group.

Companion Bill: 2493 Habitat & rec. lands group H, 2nd ReadSCal
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S 6 3 1 5 **L O C A L G O V . M O D E R N I Z A T I O N** **R O A C H**
Senators Roach, Takko, Fain, and Mullet

Revises certain local government statutes to reflect technological and organizational change.

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6551

AG. ACTIVITY DISCHARGES

WARNICK

Senators Warnick, Becker, Pearson, Angel, Brown, and Schoesler

Requires the department of ecology, if it issues a notice of violation related to discharges from agricultural activity on agricultural land, based on information provided to the department by a third party, to, upon request, provide the name of the third party to the person receiving the notice of violation.

Prohibits the department of ecology from investigating a suspected discharge from agricultural activity on agricultural land based on information provided by an anonymous third party.

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S6568

GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

WARNICK

Senator Warnick

Establishes the dairy farm and water resource sustainability act.

Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of agriculture, to establish a general permit that is available to concentrated animal feeding operations that discharge exclusively to groundwater.

Companion Bill: 2840 Water discharge permits H, Ag & Nat Res

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