

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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As everyone following the legislature this year is painfully aware, coming up with a *McCleary* "fix" to the constitutional K-12 funding issues that have led to a contempt order being issued by the Washington State Supreme Court against the State of Washington has dominated the 2017 Session. Gov. Inslee has decided that the "fix" he supports will require not only the \$3B in additional revenue that will come in without new taxes over the next biennium, but an additional \$4.4B in new taxes. The Senate has passed a "fix" that it believes requires no new taxes. Accordingly, all that was needed to begin negotiations on what the "fix" might end up being was for the House to enact its proposal. The big news this week was that the House did pass its *McCleary* proposal..... sort of.

The way the House did this was to pass an underlying K-12 funding bill that it believes is necessary to "fix" *McCleary*, (which will require new taxes of an undetermined amount), but then did not even attempt to pass a tax increase package to fund it. Holding a slim 50 – 48 advantage, many vulnerable House Democrats don't want to vote for a massive tax increase that ultimately doesn't get enacted by the full legislature. They know they will be pummeled with it on the 2018 campaign trail, so they want to wait to vote on any possible tax increase until after the Senate agrees to some level of tax increases. Unfortunately for them, the Senate has repeatedly indicated it will not increase any taxes, and furthermore, will not negotiate any portion of the Operating Budget proposed by the Democrats, unless they actually pass the taxes that would be necessary to fund their *McCleary* "fix".

The bottom line is that this means the legislature is no closer to not only "fixing" *McCleary*, but also passing a biennial Operating Budget, than it was at the start of January. If House Democrats insist on negotiating a budget level that requires new taxes, (without passing the taxes needed to fund it), and Senate Republicans refuse to negotiate unless they do so, this stalemate could last a very, very long time. Accordingly, most Olympia insiders are not making plans for this coming summer, even though the legislature is set to adjourn on April 23rd.

While all of the drama this week around *McCleary* was unfolding, House and Senate Fiscal Committees were busy holding Public Hearings on measures that they need to pass by tomorrow if they are not going to "die" for the 2017 Session. When coupled with the Policy Committee cutoff deadline that occurred last Friday, this upcoming Fiscal Committee cutoff deadline will "kill" roughly 70% of the bills in front of the 2017 Legislature. If you take a look at this week's bill tracking system, you will see quite a few measures that we have been watching this session that are already done for this year.

We started our second round of budget meetings with House and Senate members this week. In spite of the bipartisan focus on *McCleary* this Session, WACD is attempting to: (1) recover the \$1M cut by Gov. Inslee, and then adding an additional \$4M for conservation technical assistance to the Commission's Operating Budget, and, (2) repurpose \$3M of the ill-fated dairy loan program to increase the "Non-shellfish" project money from \$4M to \$7M, and then find an additional \$1M for engineering design capacity in the Commission's Capital Budget. Unfortunately, due to the deadlock the legislature finds itself in, we are unlikely to find out how either budget ultimately ends up until sometime in late June.

Two bills in the House that are attempting to fix some of the egregious public disclosure requests visited on state and local government agencies over the last few years moved forward this week, while one of the more aggressive bills dealing with this issue "died" in the Senate. HB 1594, (a measure that deals with the administration of public records), and HB 1595, (a measure that allows agencies to recover the actual costs of

complying with public disclosure requests), both moved forward this week in the House. However, SB 5710, (a bill that would decrease the penalties for noncompliance with public disclosure requests), was unable to move forward from the Senate State Government Committee. With a broad coalition of stakeholder support, coupled with strong bipartisan support, it looks as though HB 1594 and HB 1595 may actually have a chance of passage this year.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
1067 Making 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	Ormsby	Monitor	H, Approps
1068 Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.	Ormsby	Monitor	H, Approps
1594 Improving public records administration.	McBride	Support	H, Approps
1595 Concerning costs associated with responding to public records requests.	Nealey	Support	H, Rules R
S1692 Concerning agriculture and farming.	Buys	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1694 Providing state funding assistance for public school construction. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	MacEwen	Support	H, Approps
5047 Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.	Braun	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5048 Making 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	Braun	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5086 Concerning the capital budget.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5087 Concerning the evaluation and prioritization of capital budget projects at the public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5088 Concerning the financing of local infrastructure.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5089 Concerning more efficient use of state facilities through aligning the functions of the department of enterprise services and the office of financial management, collecting additional space use data, and making technical corrections.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5090 Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5263 Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

1050 Concerning the financing of Chehalis basin flood damage reduction and habitat restoration projects.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Rules R
1051 Concerning financing essential public infrastructure.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
1074 Creating the community wildfire protection assessment.	Lytton	Monitor	H, Approps
1075 Concerning the capital budget.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
1080 Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
S1086 Promoting the completion of environmental impact statements within two years. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1275 Including fish passage barrier removal projects that comply with the forest practices rules in the streamlined permit process provided in RCW 77.55.181. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1404 Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Tarleton	Support	H, Approps

S1417	Concerning the harmonization of the open public meetings act with the public records act in relation to information technology security matters. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hudgins	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1429	Concerning aquatic invasive species management. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Chandler	Monitor	H, Approps
S1516	Creating a data storage system for holding and making public records available to the public.	MacEwen	Monitor	H, Approps
S1531	Concerning the forest riparian easement program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Chapman	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1562	Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.	Gregerson	Monitor	H, Approps
1608	Restoring resources to the capital budget beginning with the 2017-2019 biennium.	Pike	Monitor	H, Approps
1613	Making expenditures from the budget stabilization account for 2015 wildfires.	Dent	Monitor	H, Approps
1677	Concerning local government infrastructure funding.	Peterson	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
S1760	Concerning off-site mitigation for projects permitted under chapter 77.55 RCW.	Blake	Monitor	H, Approps
1873	Concerning lead-based paint certification fees.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, Approps
2125	Providing funding for a community-based approach to provide assistance with nonlethal management methods to reduce livestock depredations by wolves.	Blake	Monitor	H, Approps
2126	Creating a community-based approach to provide assistance with nonlethal management methods to reduce livestock depredations by wolves.	Blake	Monitor	H, Approps
5033	Concerning financing essential public infrastructure.	Keiser	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5051	Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Brown	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
S5208	Creating the Washington rural jobs act.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5285	Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Wilson	Support	S, Ways & Means
5318	Promoting agriculture science education in schools.	Hunt	Support	S, Ways & Means
S5393	Including fish passage barrier removal projects that comply with the forest practices rules in the streamlined permit process provided in RCW 77.55.181. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
5496	Concerning local government infrastructure funding.	Rivers	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5524	Removing diking districts in Snohomish county from county surface water management fees.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Rules 2
5754	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Short	Monitor	S, Rules 2G
S5808	Concerning agritourism.	Warnick	Monitor	S, Rules 2

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

1008	Concerning the acquisition of land by state natural resources agencies.	Shea	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
S1010	Directing the department of ecology to submit an annual report to the legislature detailing the department's participation in interagency agreements. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Shea	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
1132	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	Buys	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
1207	Requiring agreements between state agencies and the federal	Young	Monitor	H, Approps

government to be reported to the legislature.

1324	Concerning the financing of local infrastructure.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
S1489	Concerning private wildland fire suppression contractors. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kretz	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
S1544	Concerning small farms under the current use property tax program for farm and agricultural lands.	Doglio	Monitor	H, Rules R
S1736	Concerning the establishment of a premobilization assistance program to assist local fire suppression entities on the initial attack of a wildland fire.	Dye	Monitor	H, Approps
1924	Concerning small forest landowners.	Dent	Monitor	H, Rules R
4200	Amending the Constitution to allow the state to guarantee debt issued on behalf of a political subdivision for essential public infrastructure.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
5010	Promoting water conservation by protecting certain water rights from relinquishment.	Warnick	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
5066	Concerning state budgeting through zero-based budget reviews.	Miloscia	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
5078	Concerning impacts from wildlife damage.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5431	Concerning the protection of composting from nuisance lawsuits. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	S, Rules 2
5543	Concerning a reexamination of the classification of land in flood control districts.	Padden	Monitor	S, Rules 2

DEAD BILLS

1009	Clarifying that the authority to mitigate environmental impacts under the state environmental policy act applies only to significant adverse environmental impacts.	Shea	Monitor	H, Environment
1348	Concerning the priority in the state water code assigned to various beneficial uses.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1382	Establishing a rebuttable presumption that permit-exempt groundwater withdrawals do not impair instream flows or base flows.	Shea	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1422	Creating the Washington rural jobs act.	Blake	Support	H, Tech & Econ D
1453	Promoting agriculture science education in schools.	Blake	Support	H, Education
1455	Limiting the enforcement of policies of the department of ecology.	Holy	Monitor	H, Environment
1542	Concerning dropout prevention through engaging youth in farming.	Doglio	Monitor	H, Education
1552	Concerning fostering economic growth in Washington by supporting the in-state production, processing, and distribution of food supply.	Tarleton	Monitor	H, Tech & Econ D
1609	Concerning small parcels of land used for agricultural or rural development purposes.	Pike	Monitor	H, Environment
1660	Creating a demonstration project for preserving public infrastructure and agricultural lands in floodplains.	McDonald	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1726	Concerning impacts from wildlife damage.	Koster	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
1799	Utilizing cooperative agreements with the federal government, such as good neighbor agreements with the United States forest service, to advance forest health in Washington.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
2083	Limiting the dates for holding special elections.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, State Govt, Ele
5002	Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/Trade&
5024	Concerning groundwater supply availability in areas with ground and surface water interaction.	McCoy	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/Trade

5422	Protecting salmon and steelhead spawning beds.	Chase	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
5466	Concerning construction projects in state waters.	McCoy	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
5611	Creating a demonstration project for preserving public infrastructure and agricultural lands in floodplains.	Zeiger	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
5710	Concerning penalties awarded for violations of the public records act.	Kuderer	Support	S, State Governmen
5718	Concerning the governance of the department of fish and wildlife.	Chase	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc

CALENDAR ITEMS

2/23/2017	S1562	WA food policy forum	Appropriations		1:30 PM	HHR A
2/23/2017	1594	Public records admin.	Appropriations		1:30 PM	HHR A
2/23/2017	5033	Infrastructure financing	Ways & Means	TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/23/2017	5087	Capital projects/higher ed.	Ways & Means	TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/23/2017	5089	State facilities use	Ways & Means	TVW	1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/24/2017	S1562	WA food policy forum	Appropriations	TVW	10:00 AM	HHR A
2/24/2017	1594	Public records admin.	Appropriations	TVW	10:00 AM	HHR A
2/24/2017	2126	Wolves/livestock depredation	Appropriations	TVW	10:00 AM	HHR A

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1008 **NAT. RESOURCES AGENCIES/LAND** **SHEA**
Representatives Shea, Taylor, Short, and McCaslin

Changes certain requirements of the department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission with regard to the acquisition of real property.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1008.pdf>

S1010 **DEPT. OF ECOLOGY AGREEMENTS** **SHEA**
House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Shea, Taylor, Holy, Short, McCaslin, Pike, Haler, and Young)

Requires the director of the department of ecology to list on the department's web site information regarding the current interagency agreements to which the department is a party or in which the department is a participant.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1010-s.pdf>

1050 **CHEHALIS BASIN FINANCING** **DEBOLT**
Representative DeBolt

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds to provide funds to finance Chehalis basin flood damage reduction and aquatic species habitat restoration projects.
Creates the Chehalis basin taxable account.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1050.pdf>

1051 **INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING** **DEBOLT**
Representative DeBolt

Improves access and reliability to low-cost financing for local government infrastructure projects by authorizing public works bonds when local governments can demonstrate: (1) The importance of the project;
(2) Their difficulties accessing existing private credit markets for borrowings at reasonable interest rates; and
(3) The ability to reliably repay their share of the state's total cost of retiring the public works bonds.

Makes changes to the existing public works program and creates the public works financing assistance program.
Creates the public works financing assistance account and the public works financing assistance bond repayment account.
Takes effect January 1, 2018, if the proposed amendment to Article VIII, section 1 of the state Constitution, contained in House Joint Resolution No. (H-0423/17), is approved by voters at the next general election.
Makes an appropriation from the public works assistance account to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing loans to local governments for infrastructure projects.

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1067

Representative Ormsby

OPERATING BUDGET 2017-2019

ORMSBY

Requested by

Office of Financial Management

Makes 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5048 Operating budget 2017-2019 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1067.pdf>

1068

Representative Ormsby

OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2017

ORMSBY

Requested by

Office of Financial Management

Makes 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 5047 Operating sup budget 2017 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1068.pdf>

1074

Representative Lytton

WILDFIRE PROTECTION ASSESS.

LYTTON

Requires the department of natural resources to annually impose an assessment of twenty dollars on each housing unit in unincorporated areas of counties west of the crest of the Cascade mountains, and thirty dollars on each housing unit in unincorporated areas of counties east of the crest of the Cascade mountains, that is located on department protected lands or lands protected by a fire protection district.

Creates the community wildfire protection account.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1074.pdf>

1075

Representative Tharinger

CAPITAL BUDGET 2017-2019

THARINGER

Requested by

Office of Financial Management

Funds capital projects.

Companion Bill: 5086 Capital budget 2017-2019 S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1075.pdf>

1080

Representatives Tharinger and DeBolt

STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS

THARINGER

Requested by

Office of Financial Management

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds to provide funds to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the omnibus capital and operating appropriations acts for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium.

Companion Bill: 5090 State gen. obligation bonds S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1080.pdf>

S 1086 IMPACT STATEMENTS/TWO YEARS **BLAKE**
House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, J. Walsh, Springer, Wilcox, and Hargrove)

Requires a lead agency to prepare a final environmental impact statement in as expeditious a manner as possible while not compromising the integrity of the analysis.

Companion Bill: 5438 Impact statements/two years S, Rules 2
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1086-s.pdf>

1132 SEED BUYER & DEALER DISPUTES **BUYS**
Representatives Buys and Blake

Revises the state seed act with regard to dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.

Companion Bill: 5075 Seed buyer & dealer disputes S, 2nd Reading
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1132.pdf>

1207 ST AGENCY-FED GOVT AGREEMNTS **YOUNG**
Representatives Young, Taylor, Shea, J. Walsh, McCaslin, Kraft, and Short

Requires state agencies to submit a written report to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the senate, and the governor, providing a comprehensive, detailed description of every agreement between the agency and the federal government.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1207.pdf>

S 1275 FISH PASSAGE BARRIER REMOVAL **BLAKE**
House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Wilcox, Chapman, MacEwen, J. Walsh, Orcutt, Buys, Pettigrew, Fitzgibbon, Haler, Condotta, and Muri)

Allows a fish habitat enhancement project to be approved through the approval process established for forest practices hydraulic projects in chapter 76.09 RCW (the forest practices act).
Addresses fish passage barrier removal projects that comply with forest practices rules.

Companion Bill: 5393 Fish passage barrier removal S, 2nd Reading
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1275-s.pdf>

1324 LOCAL INFRASTRUCT. FINANCING **THARINGER**
Representatives Tharinger, DeBolt, and Smith
Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Authorizes the housing finance commission to develop and implement a program to provide financing to local governments for infrastructure projects.
Authorizes a local government to enter into a financing agreement containing the terms and conditions of a loan from the commission and evidencing the obligation of the municipal corporation to repay that loan under the terms and conditions set forth in the financing agreement.

Companion Bill: 5088 Local infrastruct. financing S, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1324.pdf>

S 1404 WORKFORCE STUDY/AG., ETC. **TARLETON**

House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Tarleton, Wilcox, Sells, Chandler, Haler, Stambaugh, Van Werven, Santos, and Stanford)

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, and environment sectors to: (1) Assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors; and
(2) Assess the food and fiber processing jobs.

Companion Bill: 5285 Workforce study/ag., etc. S, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1404-s.pdf>

S 1417 OPMA/IT SECURITY MATTERS **HUDGINS**

House Committee on State Govt, Elections & IT (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins and Smith)

Allows a governing body to hold an executive session during a regular or special meeting to consider, if in compliance with any required data security breach disclosure under RCW 19.255.010 and 42.56.590, and with legal counsel available, information regarding:
(1) Infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks;
(2) Security and service recovery plans; and
(3) Security risk assessments and security test results.

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S 1429 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES **CHANDLER**

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Tarleton, Lytton, Morris, Appleton, and Fitzgibbon) Requested by
Department of Fish and Wildlife

Revises aquatic invasive species provisions with regard to management, invasive species, ballast water, biofouling management accounts, and biofouling program funding.

Companion Bill: 5303 Aquatic invasive species S, Ways & Means
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1429-s.pdf>

S 1489 WILDLAND FIRE CONTRACTORS **KRETZ**

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

Requires the department of natural resources, for the maximum effective use of local fire suppression assets, to actively engage in ongoing prefire season outreach and recruitment of qualified wildland fire suppression contractors and equipment owners and compile and annually update a master list of the qualified contractors.

Requires the local wildland fire liaison to fulfill duties as assigned by the commissioner of public lands or the legislature, including the recruitment of local wildland fire suppression contractors.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1489-s.pdf>

S 1516 PUBLIC RECORDS INTERNET SITE **MAC EWEN**

Representative MacEwen

Requires the director of the consolidated technology services agency to: (1) Establish an internet-based data storage system with the ability to collect and store the electronic records of all local public agencies; and
(2) Provide the records for inspection and copying through a searchable central portal on a state web site.
Requires each local public agency of the state to transmit all of its public records that are in a digital format to the data storage system.

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S 1531 FOREST RIPARIAN EASEMENT PRG **CHAPMAN**

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Chapman, DeBolt, Blake, Koster, Orcutt, Tharinger, Kraft, Pettigrew, Smith, Dolan, and Fitzgibbon)

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Share information regarding the carbon sequestration benefits of the forest riparian easement program with other state programs attempting to quantify carbon storage or account for carbon emissions; and (2) Promote the expansion of funding for the forest riparian easement program as one part of the state's overall climate strategy.

Companion Bill: 5394 Forest riparian easement prg S, Rules 2G
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1531-s.pdf>

S 1544 **SMALL FARMS/PROPERTY TAX** **DOGLIO**

Representatives Doglio, Pike, Blake, McBride, Hudgins, Tharinger, Chapman, Macri, and Lovick

Provides that farms five to twenty acres are eligible for current use valuation of the land underlying the residential structures the same as farms twenty acres and over and farms less than five acres are eligible if certain gross income thresholds are met. Directs the department of revenue to develop guidance on the administration of this act.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1544-s.pdf>

S 1562 **WA FOOD POLICY FORUM** **GREGERSON**

Representatives Gregerson, Stonier, Orwall, Senn, Slatter, Peterson, Lovick, Farrell, Santos, Ryu, McBride, Ortiz-Self, Hudgins, Pollet, Riccelli, Macri, Pike, Stanford, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Bergquist, Tharinger, Sawyer, Ormsby, Dolan, Cody, and Fey

Requires the Washington food policy forum to build on the work of the forum that was temporarily established in the 2016 supplemental omnibus operating appropriations act to develop recommendations to advance certain food system goals. Gives responsibility to the director of the state conservation commission for appointing participating members of the forum. Expires July 1, 2019.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1562-s.pdf>

1594 **PUBLIC RECORDS ADMIN.** **MCBRIDE**

Representatives McBride, Nealey, Springer, Clibborn, Hayes, Gregerson, Peterson, Koster, Griffey, Klippert, Kilduff, Muri, Senn, Goodman, Haler, Robinson, Sells, Steele, Fitzgibbon, Fey, Kraft, Bergquist, Smith, Tharinger, Stanford, Kloba, Jinkins, Hargrove, Slatter, and Kagi

Revises the public records act to improve public records administration. Requires training for records officers and public records officers to address particular issues related to the retention, production, and disclosure of electronic documents. Requires the attorney general to establish a consultation program to provide information for developing best practices for local agencies requesting assistance in compliance with the public records act. Requires the division of archives and records management in the office of the secretary of state to: (1) Establish and administer a competitive grant program for local agencies to improve certain technology information systems for public records; (2) Conduct a study to assess the feasibility of implementing a statewide open records portal through which a user can request and receive a response, relating to public records information, through a single internet web site; and (3) Convene a stakeholder group to develop the initial scope and direction of the study. Requires the county auditor to charge a surcharge of one dollar per instrument for every document recorded. Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the secretary of state solely for purposes of the study.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1594.pdf>

1595 **PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST COSTS** **NEALEY**

Representatives Nealey, McBride, Senn, Springer, Koster, Klippert, Dye, Schmick, J. Walsh, Haler, Manweller, Harris, Dent, Peterson, Bergquist, Gregerson, Clibborn, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Dolan, Wilcox, Lytton, Griffey, Hayes, Muri, Goodman, Robinson, Sells,

Steele, Kraft, Smith, Tharinger, Stanford, Kloba, Jinkins, Hargrove, Slatter, and Kagi

Revises the public records act with regard to: (1) Requiring statements of actual costs for photocopies and electronically produced copies to be adopted by the agency only after public notice and a hearing;
(2) Allowing the denial of a bot request;
(3) Requiring that a request be for identifiable records; and
(4) Expanding information on agency charges.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1595.pdf>

1608 CAPITAL BUDGET RESOURCES **PIKE**
Representatives Pike, Manweller, Caldier, Appleton, Stanford, McBride, Wylie,
Chapman, Griffey, Blake, Tarleton, Harris, Condotta, Santos, and Haler

Restores resources to the capital budget beginning with the 2017-2019 biennium.

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1613 BUDGET STABIL/2015 WILDFIRES **DENT**
Representatives Dent, Pettigrew, Chandler, Griffey, Ortiz-Self, Kagi, Johnson, and Fey
Requested by
Washington State Patrol

Makes an appropriation from the budget stabilization account for Washington state fire service resource mobilization costs incurred in response to the 2015 wildfires.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1613.pdf>

1677 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING **PETERSON**
Representatives Peterson, Pike, Senn, McBride, DeBolt, Macri, Stonier, Riccelli, and Fey

Modifies public works projects provisions with regard to local government infrastructure funding.
Changes the composition of the public works board.

Companion Bill: 5496 Local infrastructure funding S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1677.pdf>

S1692 AGRICULTURE AND FARMING **BUYS**
Representatives Buys, Sawyer, Chapman, Condotta, Stanford, Lytton, Vick, Blake, and
Fitzgibbon

Revises the definition of "farm product" to include marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products, for purposes of RCW 7.48.305 (section 2 of this act) relating to agricultural activities and forest practices.

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S1694 PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION **MACEWEN**
House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives
MacEwen and Santos)

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue lottery revenue bonds to provide needed construction assistance to support public school facility needs.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1694-s.pdf>

S1736 PREMOBILIZATION ASSISTANCE **DYE**
Representatives Dye, Goodman, Dent, Koster, Griffey, Blake, Springer, Orwall, Kretz,

Tharinger, and Tarleton

Requires the state fire marshal to establish and manage a pre-mobilization assistance program designed to provide financial assistance to local fire suppression entities for the cost of flying or contracting for aircraft on the initial attack of wildland fires or with the goal of preventing wildland fires from escalating to a level where state fire mobilization is necessary or warranted.

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S 1760 OFF-SITE MITIGATION **BLAKE**
Representatives Blake, Orcutt, Chapman, and Buys

Modifies provisions relating to off-site mitigation for construction projects in state waters (chapter 77.55 RCW).

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1873 LEAD-BASED PAINT FEES **HUDGINS**
Representatives Hudgins, Fey, McBride, and Peterson
Requested by
Department of Commerce

Increases the fee for certification and recertification of lead paint firms, inspectors, project developers, risk assessors, supervisors, abatement workers, renovators, and dust sampling technicians.

Companion Bill: 5643 Lead-based paint fees S, Ways & Means

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1873.pdf>

1924 SMALL FOREST LANDOWNERS **DENT**
Representatives Dent and Fitzgibbon

Authorizes a burning permit, issued by the department of natural resources, to applicants who are small forest landowners to be multiple year permits if a multiple year permit is requested by the landowner.
Authorizes the department of natural resources to adopt a reduced fee schedule for applicants who are small forest landowners.
Excludes the following from the definition of "farm labor contractor" for purposes of chapter 19.30 RCW: A person performing farm labor contracting activity solely for a small forest landowner who receives services of no more than two agricultural employees at any given time.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1924.pdf>

2125 WOLVES/LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION **BLAKE**
Representatives Blake and Wilcox

Creates the northeast Washington wolf-cattle management grant within the department of agriculture for the deployment of nonlethal deterrence resources, including equipment and tools, owned and strategically located locally to reduce the probability of livestock depredations by wolves.
Creates an advisory board to advise the department on the expenditure of the management grant funds.
Creates the northeast Washington wolf-cattle management account.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2125.pdf>

2126 WOLVES/LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION **BLAKE**
Representatives Blake and Wilcox

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Creates an advisory board to advise the department on the expenditure of the management grant funds.

Creates the northeast Washington wolf-cattle management account.

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4200

DEBT GUARANTEE/INFRASTRUCT.

DEBOLT

Representative DeBolt

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to allow the state to guarantee debt issued on behalf of a political subdivision for essential public infrastructure.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/4200.pdf>

5010

WATER RIGHTS RELINQUISHMENT

WARNICK

Senator Warnick

Prohibits the relinquishment of certain water rights if the right is used for irrigation or agricultural purposes and is not exercised to the full extent of the right due to the implementation of water conservation or water use efficiency measures.

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5033

INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING

KEISER

Senators Keiser, Honeyford, Frockt, Warnick, Conway, and Palumbo

Improves access and reliability to low-cost financing for local government infrastructure projects by authorizing public works bonds when local governments can demonstrate: (1) The importance of the project;

(2) Their difficulties accessing existing private credit markets for borrowings at reasonable interest rates; and

(3) The ability to reliably repay their share of the state's total cost of retiring the public works bonds.

Makes changes to the existing public works program and creates the public works financing assistance program.

Creates the public works financing assistance account and the public works financing assistance bond repayment account.

Takes effect January 1, 2018, if the proposed amendment to Article VIII, section 1 of the state Constitution, contained in Senate Joint Resolution No. . . . (S-0298/17), is approved by voters at the next general election.

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5047

OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2017

BRAUN

Senators Braun and Ranker

Requested by

Office of Financial Management

Makes 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 1068 Operating sup budget 2017 H, Approps

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5047.pdf>

5048

OPERATING BUDGET 2017-2019

BRAUN

Senators Braun and Ranker

Requested by

Office of Financial Management

Makes 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.

Companion Bill: 1067 Operating budget 2017-2019 H, Approps

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5048.pdf>

S5051

STATE LAND LEASE PROVISIONS

BROWN

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Warnick, Honeyford, Becker, and Schoesler)

Requires a nondefault or early termination provision included in a state land lease for agricultural or grazing purposes to: (1) Require advance written notice of at least one hundred eighty days by the department of natural resources to the lessee before termination of the lease; and
(2) Require the department to provide written documentation to the lessee demonstrating that the department has included the leased land in a plan for higher and better use, land exchange, or sale.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5051-s.pdf>

5066 **ZERO-BASED BUDGET REVIEWS** **MILOSCIA**
Senators Miloscia, Rivers, Zeiger, Rossi, Fortunato, Bailey, O'Ban, Honeyford, Sheldon,
Brown, Schoesler, Padden, and Angel

Establishes the zero-based budget review process to provide more thorough analysis of the programs and services provided by state agencies and to better prioritize the expenditure of public resources.

Companion Bill: 1817 Zero-based budget reviews H, Approps

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5066.pdf>

5078 **IMPACTS FROM WILDLIFE DAMAGE** **PEARSON**
Senators Pearson and Warnick

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Reimburse a public agency for the expense of an emergency response to a collision between a motor vehicle and elk that occurs on a highway; and
(2) In cooperation with affected landowners and other relevant stakeholders, conduct a review of the wildlife damage claim process.

Companion Bill: 1726 Impacts from wildlife damage H, Ag & Nat Res

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5078.pdf>

5086 **CAPITAL BUDGET 2017-2019** **HONEYFORD**
Senators Honeyford and Frockt
Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Funds capital projects.

Companion Bill: 1075 Capital budget 2017-2019 H, Cap Budget

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5086.pdf>

5087 **CAPITAL PROJECTS/HIGHER ED.** **HONEYFORD**
Senators Honeyford and Frockt
Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Addresses requirements of two-year and four-year institutions of higher education with regard to the evaluation and prioritization of capital budget projects at the institutions.

Companion Bill: 1325 Capital projects/higher ed. H, Cap Budget

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5087.pdf>

5088 **LOCAL INFRASTRUCT. FINANCING** **HONEYFORD**
Senators Honeyford and Frockt
Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Authorizes the housing finance commission to develop and implement a program to provide financing to local governments for infrastructure projects.

Authorizes a local government to enter into a financing agreement containing the terms and conditions of a loan from the commission and evidencing the obligation of the municipal corporation to repay that loan under the terms and conditions set forth in the financing

agreement.

Companion Bill: 1324 Local infrastruct. financing H, Cap Budget
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5088.pdf>

5089 STATE FACILITIES USE **HONEYFORD**
Senators Honeyford and Frockt Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Aligns the functions of the department of enterprise services and the office of financial management to make more efficient use of state facilities.

Requires the office of financial management to evaluate opportunities for colocating and consolidating state facilities in the same geographic area.

Requires agencies to report space use data for office facilities.

Companion Bill: 1828 State facilities use H, Rules R
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5089.pdf>

5090 STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS **HONEYFORD**
Senators Honeyford and Frockt Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds to provide funds to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the omnibus capital and operating appropriations acts for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium.

Companion Bill: 1080 State gen. obligation bonds H, Cap Budget
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5090.pdf>

S5208 RURAL JOBS **WARNICK**
Senators Warnick, Takko, Dassel, Brown, Wellman, Hawkins, and Schoesler

Establishes the Washington rural jobs act.

Requires the department of commerce to accept applications for approval as a rural growth fund.

Allows a nonrefundable tax credit, for taxpayers that made a credit-eligible capital contribution to the rural growth fund and were issued a tax credit certificate, and allows the credit to be claimed against the following: Business and occupation taxes; insurance premium taxes; and retaliatory taxes.

Provides a July 1, 2023, contingent expiration date.

Companion Bill: 1422 Rural jobs H, Tech & Econ D
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5208-s.pdf>

S5263 SEEDS, AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF **WARNICK**
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Warnick)

Requires agencies, when purchasing seed through a contract that is over two thousand five hundred dollars in value, to require suppliers of the seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through appropriate testing performed by the department of agriculture or certain other agencies to ensure the identity and purity of the seed.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5263-s.pdf>

S5285 WORKFORCE STUDY/AG., ETC. **WILSON**
Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Wilson and Palumbo)

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural

resources, and environment sectors to assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors.

Companion Bill: 1404 Workforce study/ag., etc. H, Approps
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5285-s.pdf>

5318 **AGRICULTURE SCIENCE ED.** **HUNT**
Senators Hunt, Takko, Warnick, Brown, Rolfes, Conway, and Bailey

Creates the agriculture science education grant program.
Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts.
Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.

Companion Bill: 1453 Agriculture science ed. H, Education
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5318.pdf>

S5393 **FISH PASSAGE BARRIER REMOVAL** **WARNICK**
Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Lias, Takko, and Pearson)

Authorizes a fish habitat enhancement project to also be approved through the approval process established for forest practices hydraulic projects in chapter 76.09 RCW (the forest practices act).
Requires an applicant for a forest practices hydraulic project to submit a copy of his or her forest practices application to the appropriate local government in lieu of a joint aquatic resource permit.
Prohibits a person who is aggrieved by the approval, denial, conditioning, or modification of a forest practices hydraulic project from appealing the decision.
Addresses fish passage barrier removal projects that comply with forest practices rules.

Companion Bill: 1275 Fish passage barrier removal H, Rules R
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5393-s.pdf>

S5431 **COMPOSTING/NUISANCE LAWSUITS** **WARNICK**
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Takko, Brown, Hawkins, Lias, Schoesler, Honeyford, and Fortunato)

Provides that composting is allowed and is not considered a nuisance unless the activity or practice violates county or city regulations or has a substantial adverse effect on public health and safety.

Companion Bill: 1590 Composting/nuisance lawsuits H, Rules R
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5431-s.pdf>

5496 **LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING** **RIVERS**
Senators Rivers, Mullet, and Wellman

Modifies public works projects provisions with regard to local government infrastructure funding.
Changes the composition of the public works board.

Companion Bill: 1677 Local infrastructure funding H, Cap Budget
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5496.pdf>

5524

Senators Hobbs and Honeyford

DIKING DISTRICTS/SNOHOMISH

HOBBS

Exempts property in Snohomish county diking improvement districts from Snohomish county surface water management fees.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5524.pdf>

5543

Senators Padden and Baumgartner

LAND/FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS

PADDEN

Revises flood control district provisions.
Changes the criteria for the revision of benefit classification.

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5754

Senators Short and Schoesler

NOXIOUS WEEDS ON STATE LANDS

SHORT

Addresses liens, with regard to the management of noxious weeds, on lands owned by the state.

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S5808

Senators Warnick, Chase, Walsh, Brown, Becker, Short, and Bailey

AGRITOURISM

WARNICK

Requires an agritourism professional, in order to invoke the privilege of immunity, to post and maintain signs that contain a specific warning notice which must be placed at the entrance to the agritourism location and at the site of the agritourism activity.

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