

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The pace of activity in legislative committees accelerated exponentially this week as frantic bill sponsors tried to move their bills out of the committee they were originally assigned to prior to Friday's "House of Origin – Policy Committee" cutoff deadline. If a bill is fortunate enough to be passed out of the committee that it was first referred to, it often faces the additional hurdle of needing to receive a public hearing, and a vote, out of a fiscal committee before next Tuesday's "House of Origin – Fiscal Committee" cutoff deadline.

Next week's tracking summaries will look vastly different than this week's, due to the fact that roughly 85% of the measures presently pending in front of the legislature will be "dead" by next Tuesday evening. After that, most committee activity will be focused on "interim planning", because members will be spending most of their time on their respective Floors actually voting on bills, and amendments to those bills. The last major cutoff deadline for the first half of the 2016 Session will occur on February 17th, which is the "House of Origin" cutoff deadline. After this cutoff deadline strikes, just over 5% of the bills presently pending in from the legislature will remain "alive".

SB 6600, a measure establishing a conservation district online election pilot project, received a Public Hearing in front of the Senate Government Operations & Security Committee today. Eva Sosa with King Conservation District, and Ryan Mello with Pierce Conservation District, did a nice job explaining how their 2 CDs have worked with online elections, (in King CDs case), or would work with such elections in the future, (for Pierce CD). Brandy Reed with King CD, and Ron Schultz with the Conservation Commission, were also signed in to testify, but were unfortunately not called up by Chair Roach because she moved her Committee to executive action on other bills.

Surprisingly, SB 6600 was actively opposed by a group called "Verified Voting", which is a national group that is opposed to any Internet voting. They believe such voting can be easily manipulated into voter fraud by people hacking into the system. They noted that Internet voting has had no positive impact on voter turnout, a point that was also shown in the data provided to the committee by King CD. Essentially, voter turnout for CD elections are usually pretty low unless there is a contested seat being voted on. In that regard, CD elections are no different than any other elections anywhere.

If SB 6600 does move out of the Senate Government Operations & Security Committee sometime this evening, it will be sent to the Senate Ways & Means Committee. There it will need to receive a public hearing, and be voted out of that committee, before next Tuesday's fiscal committee cutoff deadline. Since this measure was introduced so late in the legislative session, it will be very difficult for it to make its way completely through the legislative process without being tripped up by some deadline or the other.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
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
1189	Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	S. Hunt	Monitor	H, Rules 3C
1237	Providing landowners with necessary tools for the protection of their	Kretz	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

property from forest fires.

1264	Concerning conservation districts' rates and charges.	Wilcox	Support	H, Local Govt
S1684	Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Takko	Support	H, Rules R
1691	Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Van De Wege	Monitor	H, State Governme
2380	Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
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
6201	Concerning the supplemental capital budget.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6568	Establishing a water discharge permit for concentrated animal feeding operations that is issued under the sole authority of state law.	Warnick	Monitor	S, AWRDDP
6600	Establishing a conservation district online election pilot project.	Darneille	Monitor	S, GovtOp&Sec

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

E1187	Concerning best practices for water banks. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/15)	Chandler	Monitor	H, Rules X
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
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
1670	Spurring agricultural innovations.	Walkinshaw	Monitor	H, Tech & Econ De
S1676	Understanding the effects of predation on wild ungulate populations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Short	Monitor	H, Rules 3C
2352	Regarding riparian restoration and planting on farmlands.	Stanford	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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
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

S2427	Concerning local government modernization.	Springer	Monitor	H, LGDPS
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
2478	Supporting agricultural production, including that of apiarists, through the preservation of forage for pollinators.	Peterson	Monitor	H, Rules R
S2480	Concerning state natural resource-related agencies providing financial assistance to agencies of the federal government.	Blake	Monitor	H, Rules R
2484	Requiring inspections, specialized training, and other enhanced workplace standards on dairy farms.	Walkinshaw	Monitor	H, Labor & Workpl
2493	Extending the expiration date of the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group.	Smith	Monitor	H, Rules R
2509	Implementing the recommendations of the 2015 review of the Washington wildlife and recreation program.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
2576	Concerning public records act requests to local agencies.	McBride	Monitor	H, Local Govt
2579	Concerning prefire mitigation.	Griffey	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
2614	Providing for flood risk reduction and habitat restoration projects in the state.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
2616	Concerning watershed management actions by watershed improvement districts.	Buys	Monitor	H, Environment
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
2925	Concerning accessing land during a fire suppression response for the purpose of protecting livestock from a wildland fire.	Dent	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
2928	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, 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
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
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	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Rules 3

public infrastructure in flood plains. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/06/15)

5445	Extending the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption.	Lias	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
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
S5584	Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dansel	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S5622	Concerning the use of empirical science to support agency actions affecting land use. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Sheldon	Monitor	S, Rules 3
S5799	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
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, Rules 2
6168	Removing drainage ditches from the definition of fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas in chapter 36.70A RCW.	Angel	Monitor	S, GovtOp&Sec
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
6175	Concerning watershed management actions by watershed improvement districts.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro
S6179	Concerning water banking. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Honeyford	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
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
S6223	Enhancing regulatory agency coordination. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Brown	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
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, Natural Resour
6296	Extending the expiration date of the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group.	Parlette	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
6315	Concerning local government modernization.	Roach	Monitor	S, GovtOp&Sec
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
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, AWRDDP

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

1032	Amending the fee structure provided in RCW 77.55.321 to encourage	Blake	Support	H, Rules 3C
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habitat projects that provide a public benefit.

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
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
1589	Concerning natural resource management activities.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Environment
ES1685	Establishing a Washington food policy forum. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/15)	Gregerson	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
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
1992	Restoring resources to the capital budget.	Stanford	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
S2658	Concerning tribal cultural resources protection in the forest practices act.	Ortiz-Self	Monitor	H, CDHTDPS
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
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
6039	Funding certain programs that provide support to farms.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6347	Concerning forest fire prevention and suppression.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Natural Resour

DEAD BILLS

5013	Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules X
5769	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Schoesler	Support	S, Rules X

CALENDAR ITEMS

2/4/2016	2484	Dairy farm workplaces	Labor & Workplace Standards	8:00 AM	HHR D
2/4/2016	2616	Watershed management actions	Environment	8:00 AM	HHR B
2/4/2016	6551	Ag. activity discharges	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development	8:00 AM	SHR 3
2/4/2016	6568	Water discharge permits	Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development	8:00 AM	SHR 3
2/4/2016	6600	Online election pilot	Government Operations & Security	TVW 10:00 AM	SHR 2
2/4/2016	2576	Local agency public records	Local Government	1:30 PM	HHR D
2/4/2016	2579	Prefire mitigation	Agriculture & Natural Resources	TVW 1:30 PM	HHR B

2/4/2016	2840	Water discharge permits	Agriculture & Natural Resources	TVW	1:30 PM	HHR B
2/4/2016	2925	Wildland fires/livestock	Agriculture & Natural Resources	TVW	1:30 PM	HHR B
2/4/2016	2928	Outdoor burning/forest fires	Agriculture & Natural Resources	TVW	1:30 PM	HHR B
2/4/2016	6287	Hydraulic projects	Natural Resources & Parks		1:30 PM	SHR 1
2/4/2016	6347	Forest fire prevention	Natural Resources & Parks		1:30 PM	SHR 1

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.

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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

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1104

INTERFERENCE W/AG PRODUCTION

SCHMICK

Representatives Schmick and Wilcox

Creates the crime of interference with agricultural production.

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1116

CAPITAL SUP BUDGET 2015

DUNSHEE

Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, and Morris

Requested by
Governor Inslee

Adopts the supplemental capital budget.

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

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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

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1189

CITY, DISTRICT PUBL. RECORDS

S. HUNT

Representatives S. Hunt, Holy, Bergquist, Johnson, Appleton, and Buys

Requires cities, towns, and special purpose districts that customarily do not maintain regular office hours to post, on the agency headquarters location and their web site, directions on how to contact agency personnel to inspect or copy public records.

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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://lawfilesextra.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 2

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesextra.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

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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://lawfilesextra.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

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1216

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

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1224

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.

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1225

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.

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1237

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.

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1264

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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1670 AGRICULTURAL INNOVATIONS **WALKINSHAW**
Representatives Walkinshaw, Schmick, Blake, Fagan, Pettigrew, Lytton, and Tharinger

Addresses agricultural crop and animal sciences research.

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

Requires the University of Washington, through the predator ecology lab in the school of environmental and forest sciences, to conduct an independent, scientific, blind peer-reviewed study assessing the health of the state's wild ungulate population in game management units that have experienced a change in predator population dynamics due to the recovery of gray wolves.
Expires July 1, 2019.
Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1676-s.pdf](http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/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://lawfilesex.leg.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://lawfilesex.leg.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://lawfilesex.leg.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://lawfilesex.leg.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>

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
Representatives Tharinger and DeBolt

THARINGER
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>

2386 PUBLIC INFO ON BIOSOLID USES
Representatives Pollet, Van De Wege, Jinkins, Tarleton, Walkinshaw, and Stanford

POLLET

Addresses the allowed beneficial use of biosolids and sewage sludge on agricultural land or home garden use.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2386.pdf>

2392 PESTICIDE EXPOSURE

**ORTIZ-
SELF**

Representatives Ortiz-Self, Walkinshaw, Appleton, Robinson, Cody, Hudgins, Farrell, Gregerson, Orwall, Fitzgibbon, Jinkins, Moscoso, Tarleton, Stanford, Sells, Ryu, Pollet, and Goodman

Provides that the legislature declares: (1) That community members should be protected from pesticide exposure and notified of certain pesticide applications to prevent unnecessary exposure; and
(2) Its policy and purpose is to protect workers from hazardous exposure to pesticides.

Companion Bill: 6507 Pesticide exposure S, Ag/Water/RurEc
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2392.pdf>

2420 SMALL PARCELS/AG & RURAL DEV
Representatives Pike and Taylor

PIKE

Makes clear that: (1) Agricultural activities can occur on small parcels of land; and
(2) No interpretation of the growth management act or implementing development regulations should restrict the existence of small parcels for agricultural activities.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2420.pdf>

2421 GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS/FEDERAL
Representatives Pike, Vick, Blake, Manweller, Harris, Wilson, Shea, Taylor, Dent, and Condotta

PIKE

Ensures that state restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions are no more stringent than restrictions established by federal law.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2421.pdf>

S2427 LOCAL GOV. MODERNIZATION
Representatives Springer, Stokesbary, Fitzgibbon, Muri, Appleton, and Kilduff

SPRINGER

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

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2427-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2427-s.pdf)

2459

GMA/ECONOMIC DETERIORATION

TAYLOR

Representatives Taylor, Griffey, McCaslin, Shea, Haler, and Condotta

Addresses the review of cases, by the growth management hearings board and the superior courts, involving 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.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2459.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2459.pdf)

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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2478.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2478.pdf)

S 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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2480-s.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2480-s.pdf)

2484

DAIRY FARM WORKPLACES

WALKINSHAW

Representatives Walkinshaw, Moscoso, Ortiz-Self, Sells, Reykdal, Robinson, Pollet, Kilduff, Ryu, Frame, Ormsby, Fitzgibbon, Kuderer, Sawyer, Bergquist, Gregerson, and Stanford

Requires the department of labor and industries to adopt permanent rules establishing: (1) Training requirements for dairy farm employees; (2) A dairy safety emphasis unit within the department; and (3) Safety and health standards for dairy farms to ensure safe dairy workplaces. Addresses discrimination, violations, complaints, remedies, and penalties with regard to dairy farms and employees of the farms.

Full Text URL: [http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2484.pdf](http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2484.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

S, 2nd Reading

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

2509

WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PRG.

THARINGER

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2509.pdf>

2576

LOCAL AGENCY PUBLIC RECORDS

M C B R I D E

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2576.pdf>

2579

PREFIRE MITIGATION

G R I F F E Y

Representatives Griffey, Goodman, Orwall, Dent, Wilson, Van De Wege, and McBride

Requires the director of fire protection to develop a statewide plan for prefire mitigation that will require coordination with local fire departments to develop individualized community-wide protection plans that include public education such as firewise, partnership building, and personal wildfire action plans in the event of a wildfire.

Requires the office of the state fire marshal to identify priority interface zones and work to develop a grant program to assist local jurisdictions in the voluntary adoption of the international wildland urban interface code.

Creates the wildfire prevention account.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2579.pdf>

2614

FLOOD RISK & HABITAT PROJ.

D E B O L T

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2614.pdf>

2616

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

B U Y S

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

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

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

S 2658

TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

**ORTIZ-
SELF**

Representatives Ortiz-Self, Ryu, S. Hunt, Stanford, and Reykdal

Provides that the legislature declares and recognizes the importance of tribal cultural resources protection and intends to reinforce certain obligations and commitments of the state made to tribal governments.

Companion Bill: 6362 Tribal cultural resources S, Natural Resour

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2658-s.pdf>

2721

WATERS OF U.S. DEFINITION

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Taylor, Schmick, Dent, Van Werven, Buys, Griffey, McCaslin, Holy, and Manweller

Ensures that a new federal government definition of the term "waters of the United States" has no applicability to the regulation of water quality in this state.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2721.pdf>

2735

AGRICULTURAL LAND USES

BUYS

Representatives Buys and Van Werven

Requires counties to allow canine kenneling and equine boarding on land zoned for agriculture.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2735.pdf>

2747

WETLANDS

SCOTT

Representatives Scott, Young, Manweller, McCaslin, Holy, Shea, and Haler

Revises the definition of "wetlands" for purposes of the growth management act and the shoreline management act.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2747.pdf>

2840

WATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

PETTIGREW

Representatives Pettigrew, Chandler, Blake, and Buys

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: 6568 Water discharge permits S, AWRDDP

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2015-16/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2840.pdf>

2925

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.

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2928

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.

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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.

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

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

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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)

5522

LAKE WATER QUALITY DISTRICTS

SHELDON

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)

5533

ELECTRONIC DATA, CHARGES FOR

HOBBS

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.

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5551

SALMON RECOVERY PROJECT FUNDS

PEARSON

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.

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S5583

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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S5584

WATER QUALITY DETERMINATIONS

DANSEL

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

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.

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S5622

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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55799

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 PROJECT

PARLETTE

Senator Parlette

Includes Okanogan county in the farm internship pilot project.

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5972

SEEDS, AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF

SCHOESLER

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Warnick)

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

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6035

PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANCE ACCT

RIVERS

Senators Rivers, Mullet, Cleveland, Rolfes, Pearson, O'Ban, Hatfield, Hobbs, Brown, Liiias, Benton, Miloscia, Warnick, Chase, McCoy, Billig, Frockt, McAuliffe, Jayapal, Hasegawa, Hewitt, Angel, Roach, and Conway

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

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6039

FARM SUPPORT PROGRAMS

PEARSON

Senators Pearson and Benton

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

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6162

INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

HONEYFORD

Senators Honeyford, Rolfes, Chase, and Parlette

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, 2nd Reading

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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).

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6171

OPMA CIVIL PENALTIES

ROACH

Senator 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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6175

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

ERICKSEN

Senator Ericksen

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

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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 6223 REGULATORY AGENCY COORD. **BROWN**
Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by
Senators Brown, Angel, Braun, and Hewitt)

Changes the name of the office of regulatory assistance to the office for regulatory innovation and assistance.
Requires the office to develop a long-term strategy for identifying and prioritizing multiagency regulatory processes that can be streamlined through better coordination.
Requires the long-term strategy to be based on the potential for mutual benefits for industry and the public, as determined by a group made up of representatives from businesses, state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, and other relevant stakeholders consulting with the office.

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S 6227 WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PRG. **HONEYFORD**
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, Cap Budget
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6246 OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2016 **HILL**
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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6257 ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES **TAKKO**
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, Gen Govt & Inf
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6287 HYDRAULIC PROJECTS **HONEYFORD**
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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6296 HABITAT & REC. LANDS GROUP **PARLETTE**

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

Companion Bill: 2493 Habitat & rec. lands group H, Rules R
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6315 LOCAL GOV. MODERNIZATION **ROACH**
Senators Roach, Takko, Fain, and Mullet

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

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6347 FOREST FIRE PREVENTION **HOBBS**
Senators Hobbs, Hargrove, and Conway

Addresses the department of natural resources' discretionary authority to take actions that may prevent approaching wildfire from destroying or damaging homes and other improvements.
Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Impose a per parcel assessment of four dollars and ninety-five cents on each taxable parcel of land within the state, except parcels that are exempt from property tax; and
(2) Transfer ten percent of the revenue collected from the parcel assessments into the military department active state service account.

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6362 TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES **CHASE**
Senators Chase, Hasegawa, and McCoy

Provides that the legislature declares and recognizes the importance of tribal cultural resources protection and intends to reinforce certain obligations and commitments of the state made to tribal governments.

Companion Bill: 2658 Tribal cultural resources H, CDHTDPS
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6392 WILDLIFE & REC. ACQUISITIONS **HONEYFORD**
Senators Honeyford and Pearson

Requires the parks and recreation commission, the department of natural resources, the department of enterprise services, and the department of fish and wildlife, when applying for funds for the acquisition of property owned by a nonprofit nature conservancy corporation or association, to include in its application a copy of the real estate excise tax affidavit associated with the nonprofit nature conservancy corporation or association's acquisition of the property, if an affidavit was required.

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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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6568

Senator Warnick

WATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

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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6600

Senator Darneille

ONLINE ELECTION PILOT

DARNEILLE

Creates the conservation district online election pilot project and allows two conservation districts, to be located within counties of different populations, to participate in the online election pilot project.

Requires a conservation district electing to participate in the online election pilot project to: (1) Provide notification to the county auditor and the conservation commission by December 31, 2016; and

(2) Set a regular yearly election date for elections conducted under the pilot project.

Requires a county auditor to: (1) Provide the conservation district with a list of known and recognized vendors of online voting systems; and

(2) Open a voting center for each election conducted under the pilot project.

Prohibits a primary election from being held for a conservation district commissioner position under the pilot project.

Makes an appropriation.

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