

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The Economic and Revenue Forecast Council released its March revenue forecast today by estimating that State General Fund revenues would increase by \$247M for the 2015-17 biennium, and increase an additional \$303M for the 2017-19 biennium. This total increase of \$550M over the last revenue forecast, coupled with estimates that the June forecast would increase by another \$300M, not only gives budget writers the hard numbers that they need to build their Operating and Capital Budgets upon, but largely "puts to bed" any further discussion of significant tax increases this year.

According to press releases issued yesterday, the Senate hopes to release its budgets next Monday, March 20th, and the House will do the same the following Monday, March 27th. If this schedule is followed, the releases of these budgets would usually start negotiations between the House, Senate, and Governor's Office, with the goal of crafting a compromise budget before the legislature adjourns the 2017 Regular Session on April 23rd.

Unfortunately, it looks like that will not be the case this year since the Senate has indicated it will not even begin negotiations with the House, (if the House passes a budget that must be funded with new taxes), unless the House actually passes those taxes first. The House has indicated that it will not do so, and expects the Senate to negotiate with them anyway. Accordingly, it looks as though we may have hit a budget stalemate even before any negotiations have been initiated, which means that any compromise budgets are very, very far off in the distance.

Though it is too early to tell what may or may not happen in the Operating Budgets, it looks as though our efforts to "repurpose" the \$5M Dairy Loan Program reappropriation into \$2M for a dairy manure pilot program and \$3M to increase the "non-shellfish" project money to \$7M have preliminarily failed. The Senate is indicating that it will provide the \$2M for the dairy manure pilot program, but will use the remaining \$3M somewhere else in their Capital Budget. The House has indicated that it will only provide \$1M for the dairy program, and will take the remaining \$4M to fund other activities in its Capital Budget. Unfortunately, with the additional \$500M being required out of the Capital Budget to match local school bond levies that were passed in February, this may not be the last reappropriation taken from natural resource budgets to balance the books elsewhere.

Finally, WACD again signaled its support for two measures, (HB 1594 and HB 1595), that we, and many other state and local governmental entities, hope will begin to reform some of the abuses in the public disclosure arena. Both of these measures received a Public Hearing in front of the Senate State Government Committee on Wednesday, March 15th. That Committee now has until March 29th to decide if either, or both, of those measures will move forward this session.

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
ES1594 Improving public records administration. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/03/17)	McBride	Support	S, State Governme
E1595 Concerning costs associated with responding to public records	Nealey	Support	S, State Governmen

requests.

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	H, Cap Budget
5088	Concerning the financing of local infrastructure.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5090	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
ES5263	Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

1051	Concerning financing essential public infrastructure.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
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	S, Energy, Environ
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	Support	S, Natural Resourc
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	S, State Governmen
S1429	Concerning aquatic invasive species management. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Chandler	Monitor	H, Approps
ES1531	Concerning the forest riparian easement program. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/02/17)	Chapman	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
E2S1562	Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)	Gregerson	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/Trade
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
E2S1711	Prioritizing lands to receive forest health treatments. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/17)	Kretz	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
S1820	Concerning the maintenance and operations of parks and recreational land acquired through the conservation futures program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Volz	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
E1924	Concerning small forest landowners. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/02/17)	Dent	Support	S, Com/Labor/Sport
ES2126	Creating a community-based approach to provide assistance with nonlethal management methods to reduce livestock depredations by wolves. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/17)	Blake	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
5010	Promoting water conservation by protecting certain water rights from relinquishment.	Warnick	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
S5051	Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Brown	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
S5196	Including cattle feedlots implementing best management practices within the statutory exemption for odor or fugitive dust caused by	Warnick	Support	H, Environment

	agricultural activity. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)			
2S5285	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	H, Hi Ed
ES5393	Including fish passage barrier removal projects that comply with the forest practices rules in the streamlined permit process provided in RCW 77.55.181. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/28/17)	Warnick	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
S5394	Concerning the forest riparian easement program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Rivers	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
2S5546	Concerning proactively addressing wildfire risk by creating a forest health treatment assessment. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Hawkins	Support	H, Ag & Nat Res
5754	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Short	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
ES5808	Concerning agritourism. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/17)	Warnick	Monitor	H, Judiciary

LOW PRIORITY BILLS

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	S, Energy, Enviro
1132	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	Buys	Monitor	S, AWTEDP
1324	Concerning the financing of local infrastructure.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
ES1489	Concerning private wildland fire suppression contractors. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kretz	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
5066	Concerning state budgeting through zero-based budget reviews.	Miloscia	Monitor	H, Approps
ES5431	Concerning the protection of composting from nuisance lawsuits. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
5543	Concerning a reexamination of the classification of land in flood control districts.	Padden	Monitor	H, Local Govt

DEAD BILLS

1008	Concerning the acquisition of land by state natural resources agencies.	Shea	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
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
1050	Concerning the financing of Chehalis basin flood damage reduction and habitat restoration projects.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Rules R
1074	Creating the community wildfire protection assessment.	Lytton	Monitor	H, Approps
1207	Requiring agreements between state agencies and the federal government to be reported to the legislature.	Young	Monitor	H, Approps
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
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

S1422	Creating the Washington rural jobs act.	Blake	Support	H, Finance
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
S1516	Requiring a study of the feasibility of implementing an internet site for public records information. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	MacEwen	Monitor	H, Approps
1542	Concerning dropout prevention through engaging youth in farming.	Doglio	Monitor	H, Education
S1544	Concerning small farms under the current use property tax program for farm and agricultural lands. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Doglio	Monitor	H, Rules C
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
1608	Restoring resources to the capital budget beginning with the 2017-2019 biennium.	Pike	Monitor	H, Approps
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
S1692	Concerning agriculture and farming. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Buys	Monitor	H, Rules C
1726	Concerning impacts from wildlife damage.	Koster	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
S1736	Concerning the establishment of a premobilization assistance program to assist local fire suppression entities on the initial attack of a wildland fire. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Dye	Monitor	H, Approps
S1760	Concerning off-site mitigation for projects permitted under chapter 77.55 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Monitor	H, Approps
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
1873	Concerning lead-based paint certification fees.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
2083	Limiting the dates for holding special elections.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, State Govt, Ele
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
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
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
S5033	Concerning financing essential public infrastructure.	Keiser	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
5078	Concerning impacts from wildlife damage.	Pearson	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, 2nd Reading
S5208	Creating the Washington rural jobs act. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5318	Promoting agriculture science education in schools.	Hunt	Support	S, Ways & Means
5422	Protecting salmon and steelhead spawning beds.	Chase	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc

5466	Concerning construction projects in state waters.	McCoy	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
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
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

3/16/2017	1132	Seed buyer & dealer disputes	Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development	8:00 AM	SHR 1
3/16/2017	S5196	Cattle feedlots/odor & dust	Environment	8:00 AM	HHR B
3/16/2017	E2S1711	Forest health treatments	Natural Resources & Parks	1:30 PM	SHR 3
3/16/2017	ES2126	Wolves/livestock depredation	Natural Resources & Parks	1:30 PM	SHR 3
3/16/2017	S5394	Forest riparian easement prg	Agriculture & Natural Resources	1:30 PM	HHR B
3/16/2017	2S5546	Forest health treat. assess.	Agriculture & Natural Resources	1:30 PM	HHR B
3/21/2017	E2S1562	WA food policy forum	Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development	8:00 AM	SHR 1
3/21/2017	2S5285	Workforce study/ag., etc.	Higher Education	8:00 AM	HHR D
3/21/2017	ES5263	Seeds, agency procurement of	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR B
3/21/2017	ES5393	Fish passage barrier removal	Agriculture & Natural Resources	10:00 AM	HHR B
3/21/2017	5543	Land/flood control districts	Local Government	10:00 AM	HHR D
3/21/2017	S5196	Cattle feedlots/odor & dust	Environment	1:30 PM	HHR B
3/21/2017	1677	Local infrastructure funding	Capital Budget	3:30 PM	HHR B
3/21/2017	5087	Capital projects/higher ed.	Capital Budget	3:30 PM	HHR B
3/22/2017	S5051	State land lease provisions	Agriculture & Natural Resources	8:00 AM	HHR B
3/22/2017	ES5431	Composting/nuisance lawsuits	Agriculture & Natural Resources	8:00 AM	HHR B
3/22/2017	ES5808	Agritourism	Judiciary	8:00 AM	HHR A
3/22/2017	2S5285	Workforce study/ag., etc.	Higher Education	1:30 PM	HHR D
3/23/2017	S5394	Forest riparian easement prg	Agriculture & Natural Resources	1:30 PM	HHR B
3/23/2017	5543	Land/flood control districts	Local Government	1:30 PM	HHR D
3/23/2017	2S5546	Forest health treat. assess.	Agriculture & Natural Resources	1:30 PM	HHR B

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

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://lawfilesextra.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1010-s.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

OPERATING BUDGET 2017-2019

ORMSBY

Representative 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

OPERATING SUP BUDGET 2017

ORMSBY

Representative Ormsby

Requested by

Office of Financial Management

Makes 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.

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

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1075

CAPITAL BUDGET 2017-2019

THARINGER

Representative 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

STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS

THARINGER

Representatives Tharinger and DeBolt

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

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S1086

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 H, Environment

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.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 H, Ag & Nat Res

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1132.pdf>

S1275

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 H, Ag & Nat Res

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

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S1417

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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S1429

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>

ES1489**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.

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ES1531**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) If the state creates a climate strategy, share information regarding the carbon sequestration benefits of the forest riparian easement program with other state programs using methods and protocols established in the state climate strategy that attempt to quantify carbon storage or account for carbon emissions; and (2) Promote the expansion of funding for the forest riparian easement program and the ecosystem services supported by the program based on the findings stated in RCW 76.13.100.

Companion Bill: 5394 Forest riparian easement prg H, Ag & Nat Res

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1531-s.e.pdf>

ES1562**WA FOOD POLICY FORUM****GREGERSON**

House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by 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)

Establishes the Washington food policy forum, as a public-private partnership, and requires the forum to: (1) Increase the direct marketing sales of local farm products;

(2) Reduce food insecurity in the state;

(3) Identify opportunities to improve coordination between local food policy councils and state and federal agencies; and

(4) Identify rules and regulations impeding the viability of small acreage agriculture.

Gives responsibility to the directors of the state conservation commission and the department of agriculture for appointing participating members of the forum.

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/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1562-s2.e.pdf>

ES1594**PUBLIC RECORDS ADMIN.****MCBRIDE**

House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by 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. This program ceases to exist June 30, 2020.

Requires the state archivist, until June 30, 2020, to offer and provide consultation and training services for local agencies on improving record retention practices.

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.
Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a review of the attorney general's consultation program, the state archivist's training services, and the local government competitive grant program.
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-s.e.pdf>

E 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.

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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>

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.

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E2S1711 **FOREST HEALTH TREATMENTS** **KRETZ**

House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Springer, Pettigrew, Schmick, Short, and Condotta)

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Develop and implement a policy for prioritizing investments on forest health

treatments to protect state lands and state forestlands against losses from wildfire;

(2) Consistent with the policy, identify areas of state lands and state forestlands that would benefit from forest health treatments at the landscape level;

(3) In order to expedite initial treatments, prioritize and address lands for treatment that are currently identified by the department as pilot treatment projects; and

(4) Consult with and take into account the land management plans and activities or nearby landowners, including federal agencies, other state agencies, local governments, tribes, and private property owners.

Creates the forest health revolving account.

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

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S 1820

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL LAND

VOLZ

House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Volz, Tharinger, Senn, McCaslin, Koster, Haler, Shea, Irwin, and Holy)

Authorizes a county to use up to twenty-five percent of the total amount of revenue from a conservation futures fund for maintenance and operations of real property if it has acquired rights and interests in four hundred or more acres of certain real property and has collected a conservation futures levy for twenty or more years.

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E 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.

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.

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ES 2126

WOLVES/LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION

BLAKE

House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake and Wilcox)

Creates the northeast Washington wolf-cattle management grant within the department of agriculture for the deployment of nonlethal deterrence resources, in a county east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range that shares a border with Canada, 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.

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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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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://lawfilesex.leg.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://lawfilesex.leg.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.

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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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5066.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://lawfilesex.leg.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, Rules R
Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5087.pdf>

5088

Senators Honeyford and Frockt

LOCAL INFRASTRUCT. FINANCING

HONEYFORD

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5088.pdf>

5090

Senators Honeyford and Frockt

STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS

HONEYFORD

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5090.pdf>

S5196

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Hobbs, Takko, King, Chase, and Honeyford)

CATTLE FEEDLOTS/ODOR & DUST

WARNICK

Revises the Washington clean air act to exempt cattle feedlots, with operational facilities that have an inventory of at least one thousand cattle in operation between June 1st and October 1st, where vegetation forage growth is not sustained over the majority of the lot during the normal growing season, from requirements for fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity.

Expands the definitions of "agricultural activity" and "good agricultural practices" as they apply to cattle feedlots.

Companion Bill: 1299 Cattle feedlots/odor & dust H, Rules C

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ES5263

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Warnick)

SEEDS, AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF

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.

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2S5285

Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Wilson and Palumbo)

WORKFORCE STUDY/AG., ETC.

WILSON

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://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5285-s2.pdf>

ES5393**FISH PASSAGE BARRIER REMOVAL****WARNICK**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Liias, Takko, and Pearson)

Authorizes 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).

Requires an applicant for a forest practices hydraulic project, that is not otherwise required to submit a joint aquatic resource permit application, to submit a copy of his or her forest practices application to the appropriate local government.

Addresses fish passage barrier removal projects that comply with forest practices rules.

Companion Bill: 1275 Fish passage barrier removal S, Natural Resourc

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5393-s.e.pdf>

S5394**FOREST RIPARIAN EASEMENT PRG****RIVERS**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers, Takko, Hasegawa, Braun, Chase, Warnick, Honeyford, Rolfes, and Zeiger)

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: 1531 Forest riparian easement prg S, Natural Resourc

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5394-s.pdf>

ES5431**COMPOSTING/NUISANCE LAWSUITS****WARNICK**

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Takko, Brown, Hawkins, Liias, 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.e.pdf>

5543**LAND/FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICTS****PADDEN**

Senators Padden and Baumgartner

Revises flood control district provisions.

Changes the criteria for the revision of benefit classification.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5543.pdf>

2S5546**FOREST HEALTH TREAT. ASSESS.****HAWKINS**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Hawkins, McCoy, Fortunato, Pearson, Braun, Sheldon, Rivers, and O'Ban)

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Establish a forest health treatment assessment framework designed to achieve substantial completion of treatment of one million acres of lands by 2033; and

(2) Request the commissioner of public lands to appoint a forest health advisory committee to assist in developing the framework, an assessments and prioritization list, and a report that is consistent with the twenty-year strategic planning process and forest health strategic planning.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5546-s2.pdf>

5754**NOXIOUS WEEDS ON STATE LANDS****SHORT**

Senators Short and Schoesler

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

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ES 5808

AGRITOURISM

WARNICK

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Chase, Walsh, Brown, Becker, Short, and Bailey)

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

Provides immunity from liability for the injury, loss, damage, or death of a participant, engaging in an agritourism activity, resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of agritourism activities.

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