

# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Weekly Report

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The State Capital was extremely busy this week as the legislature tried to get itself on track to adjourn with Operating, Transportation, and Capital Budgets enacted. The House released its Operating Budget on Monday, and plans to move it out of the House sometime tomorrow. Having already released, and passed, its Operating Budget, the Senate did the same with its Capital Budget earlier today. The House Capital Budget is scheduled to be released next Wednesday.

Unfortunately, even with all of this recent activity, it looks like only the Transportation Budget has a realistic chance of being passed before the 2017 Session adjourns on April 23rd. The reason for this is pretty simple. The Senate has indicated it will not even negotiate with the House on the Operating Budget unless the House passes the \$3B in new taxes necessary to fund its Operating Budget, and the Houses has indicated that it will not pass those tax increases until the House and Senate agree on an Operating Budget. I'd call it a "stalemate", but I think that would give them too much credit. It's pretty hard to hit a stalemate if you're not even meeting.

While all of the main activity this week focused on the release and passage of the various budgets, the Policy Committees were also passing the first major deadline of the second half of the 2017 Session. Known as the "Opposite Chamber – Policy Committee" cutoff deadline, this deadline will "kill" any House bills that have not moved out of the Senate Committee it was referred to, and any Senate bills that have not moved out of the House Committee they were referred to. Any measures that have made it this far into the legislative process have a pretty good chance of becoming law.

The good news for Conservation Districts this week was that the House Operating Budget not only removed the \$1M cut proposed to the Conservation Commission's Maintenance Level Budget, but also increased that appropriation by \$750,000. Though it has been a very slow and difficult process to dig out of the hole we found ourselves in after the release of Gov. Inslee's budget last December, we are now roughly 12% above the funding level proposed by the Governor.

The disappointing news this week was that there was no additional funding to the "Non-shellfish" project money in the Conservation Commission's Capital Budget released and passed by the Senate. In fact, the Senate Capital Budget essentially mirrored the one proposed by Gov. Inslee last December. Since the House is expected to do the same thing next week, it is unlikely that we will see any funding increases from this biennium's funding level in the final Capital Budget that is enacted sometime in June.

Finally, two measures that WACD has been supporting as small first steps in reforming the public disclosure system we now struggle under, (HB 1594 & HB 1595), continued to move forward this week. With some support for these measures actually showing up in several newspaper editorials across the state, coupled with an incredibly determined bipartisan group of cosponsors, these measures may actually have a significant chance of making their way down to Gov. Inslee for his (hoped for) signature sometime before the legislature adjourns.

## BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

### HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
<a href="#">S1067</a>	Making 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	Ormsby	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">1068</a>	Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.	Ormsby	Monitor	H, Approps

<a href="#">ES1594</a>	Improving public records administration. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/03/17)	McBride	Support	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">E1595</a>	Concerning costs associated with responding to public records requests.	Nealey	Support	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">S1694</a>	Providing state funding assistance for public school construction. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	MacEwen	Support	H, Approps
<a href="#">5047</a>	Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.	Braun	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">ES5048</a>	Making operating appropriations for the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/23/17)	Braun	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">ES5086</a>	Concerning the capital budget.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">5087</a>	Concerning the evaluation and prioritization of capital budget projects at the public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.	Honeyford	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">5088</a>	Concerning the financing of local infrastructure.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">S5090</a>	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Honeyford	Monitor	S, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">ES5263</a>	Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	H, Rules R

### **MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS**

<a href="#">1051</a>	Concerning financing essential public infrastructure.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">1075</a>	Concerning the capital budget.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">1080</a>	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">S1086</a>	Promoting the completion of environmental impact statements within two years. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Monitor	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">S1275</a>	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, Rules 2
<a href="#">S1417</a>	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, Rules 2
<a href="#">S1429</a>	Concerning aquatic invasive species management. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Chandler	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">ES1531</a>	Concerning the forest riparian easement program. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/02/17)	Chapman	Monitor	S, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">E2S1562</a>	Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)	Gregerson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">1613</a>	Making expenditures from the budget stabilization account for 2015 wildfires.	Dent	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">S1677</a>	Concerning local government infrastructure funding. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Peterson	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">E2S1711</a>	Prioritizing lands to receive forest health treatments. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/17)	Kretz	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">S1820</a>	Concerning the maintenance and operations of parks and recreational land acquired through the conservation futures program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Volz	Monitor	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">E1924</a>	Concerning small forest landowners. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/02/17)	Dent	Support	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">ES2126</a>	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, Ways & Means
<a href="#">S5051</a>	Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED	Brown	Monitor	H, Rules R

1ST SUBSTITUTE)

<a href="#">S5196</a>	Including cattle feedlots implementing best management practices within the statutory exemption for odor or fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Support	H, Rules R
<a href="#">2S5285</a>	Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, 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 2ND SUBSTITUTE)	Wilson	Support	H, Approps
<a href="#">ES5393</a>	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, Rules R
<a href="#">S5394</a>	Concerning the forest riparian easement program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Rivers	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">2S5546</a>	Concerning proactively addressing wildfire risk by creating a forest health treatment assessment. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/01/17)	Hawkins	Support	H, Approps
<a href="#">ES5808</a>	Concerning agritourism. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/17)	Warnick	Monitor	H, Rules R

### **LOW PRIORITY BILLS**

<a href="#">S1010</a>	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, Rules 2
<a href="#">1132</a>	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	Buys	Monitor	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">1324</a>	Concerning the financing of local infrastructure.	Tharinger	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">ES1489</a>	Concerning private wildland fire suppression contractors. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Kretz	Monitor	S, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">5066</a>	Concerning state budgeting through zero-based budget reviews.	Miloscia	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">ES5431</a>	Concerning the protection of composting from nuisance lawsuits. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">5543</a>	Concerning a reexamination of the classification of land in flood control districts.	Padden	Monitor	H, Rules R

### **DEAD BILLS**

<a href="#">1008</a>	Concerning the acquisition of land by state natural resources agencies.	Shea	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">1009</a>	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
<a href="#">1050</a>	Concerning the financing of Chehalis basin flood damage reduction and habitat restoration projects.	DeBolt	Monitor	H, Rules R
<a href="#">1074</a>	Creating the community wildfire protection assessment.	Lytton	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">1207</a>	Requiring agreements between state agencies and the federal government to be reported to the legislature.	Young	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">1348</a>	Concerning the priority in the state water code assigned to various beneficial uses.	Taylor	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">1382</a>	Establishing a rebuttable presumption that permit-exempt groundwater withdrawals do not impair instream flows or base flows.	Shea	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">S1404</a>	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	Tarleton	Support	H, Approps

	fields. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)			
<a href="#">S1422</a>	Creating the Washington rural jobs act. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Support	H, Finance
<a href="#">1453</a>	Promoting agriculture science education in schools.	Blake	Support	H, Education
<a href="#">1455</a>	Limiting the enforcement of policies of the department of ecology.	Holy	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">S1516</a>	Requiring a study of the feasibility of implementing an internet site for public records information. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	MacEwen	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">1542</a>	Concerning dropout prevention through engaging youth in farming.	Doglio	Monitor	H, Education
<a href="#">S1544</a>	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
<a href="#">1552</a>	Concerning fostering economic growth in Washington by supporting the in-state production, processing, and distribution of food supply.	Tarleton	Monitor	H, Tech & Econ D
<a href="#">1608</a>	Restoring resources to the capital budget beginning with the 2017-2019 biennium.	Pike	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">1609</a>	Concerning small parcels of land used for agricultural or rural development purposes.	Pike	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">1660</a>	Creating a demonstration project for preserving public infrastructure and agricultural lands in floodplains.	McDonald	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">S1692</a>	Concerning agriculture and farming. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Buys	Monitor	H, Rules C
<a href="#">1726</a>	Concerning impacts from wildlife damage.	Koster	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">S1736</a>	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
<a href="#">S1760</a>	Concerning off-site mitigation for projects permitted under chapter 77.55 RCW. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">1799</a>	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
<a href="#">1873</a>	Concerning lead-based paint certification fees.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">2083</a>	Limiting the dates for holding special elections.	Hudgins	Monitor	H, State Govt, Ele
<a href="#">2125</a>	Providing funding for a community-based approach to provide assistance with nonlethal management methods to reduce livestock depredations by wolves.	Blake	Monitor	H, Approps
<a href="#">4200</a>	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
<a href="#">5002</a>	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&
<a href="#">5010</a>	Promoting water conservation by protecting certain water rights from relinquishment.	Warnick	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res
<a href="#">5024</a>	Concerning groundwater supply availability in areas with ground and surface water interaction.	McCoy	Monitor	S, Ag/Water/Trade
<a href="#">ES5033</a>	Concerning financing essential public infrastructure. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Keiser	Monitor	H, Cap Budget
<a href="#">5078</a>	Concerning impacts from wildlife damage.	Pearson	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">5089</a>	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	Honeyford	Monitor	S, Rules X

making technical corrections.

<a href="#">55208</a>	Creating the Washington rural jobs act. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Warnick	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">5318</a>	Promoting agriculture science education in schools.	Hunt	Support	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">5422</a>	Protecting salmon and steelhead spawning beds.	Chase	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
<a href="#">5466</a>	Concerning construction projects in state waters.	McCoy	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
<a href="#">5496</a>	Concerning local government infrastructure funding.	Rivers	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">5524</a>	Removing diking districts in Snohomish county from county surface water management fees.	Hobbs	Monitor	S, Rules X
<a href="#">5611</a>	Creating a demonstration project for preserving public infrastructure and agricultural lands in floodplains.	Zeiger	Monitor	S, Natural Resour
<a href="#">5710</a>	Concerning penalties awarded for violations of the public records act.	Kuderer	Support	S, State Governmen
<a href="#">5718</a>	Concerning the governance of the department of fish and wildlife.	Chase	Monitor	S, Natural Resourc
<a href="#">5754</a>	Concerning the management of noxious weeds on state lands.	Short	Monitor	H, Ag & Nat Res

### CALENDAR ITEMS

<a href="#">3/31/2017</a>	ES1594	Public records admin.	Ways & Means	TVW	1:00 PM	SHR 4
<a href="#">3/31/2017</a>	E2S1711	Forest health treatments	Ways & Means	TVW	1:00 PM	SHR 4
<a href="#">3/31/2017</a>	ES2126	Wolves/livestock depredation	Ways & Means	TVW	1:00 PM	SHR 4
<a href="#">4/6/2017</a>	1075	Capital budget 2017-2019	Capital Budget		8:00 AM	HHR B
<a href="#">4/7/2017</a>	1075	Capital budget 2017-2019	Capital Budget		8:00 AM	HHR B

### BILL TRACKING DETAILS

**S 1010** 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://lawfilesexp.leg.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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesexp.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1051.pdf>

**S 1067** OPERATING BUDGET **ORMSBY**  
Representative Ormsby Requested by

Makes 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.

**Companion Bill:** 5048 Operating budget H, 2nd Reading  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1067-s.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  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1068.pdf>

**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, Passed 3rd  
**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, 2nd Reading  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1080.pdf>

**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, Rules R  
**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, Rules R  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.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, Rules R  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1275-s.pdf>

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

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

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

**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.

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1417-s.pdf>

**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, 2nd Reading  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.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.

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

**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, Rules R

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

**E2S1562****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.****M C B R I D E**

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>



**E1595**

**PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST COSTS**

**NEALEY**

Representatives Nealey, McBride, Senn, Springer, Koster, Klippert, Dye, Schmick, J. Walsh, Haler, Manweller, Harris, Dent, Peterson, Bergquist, Gregerson, Clibborn, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Dolan, Wilcox, Lytton, Griffey, Hayes, Muri, Goodman, Robinson, Sells, Steele, Kraft, Smith, Tharinger, Stanford, Kloba, Jinkins, Hargrove, Slatter, and Kagi

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

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

**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.

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**S1677**

**LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

**PETERSON**

House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by 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

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**S1694**

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

**MAC EWEN**

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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**E S 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.

Full Text URL: <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2126-s.e.pdf>

**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>

**E S 5048**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

**BRAUN**

Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Braun and Ranker)

Requested by  
Office of Financial Management

Makes operating appropriations for the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia.

Companion Bill: 1067 Operating budget H, Rules R

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

**S 5051**

**STATE LAND LEASE PROVISIONS**

**BROWN**

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

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

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

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

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

**Companion Bill:** 1817 Zero-based budget reviews H, Appropriations

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**ES5086** **CAPITAL BUDGET 2017-2019** **HONEYFORD**  
Senators Honeyford and Frockt  
Requested by  
Office of Financial Management

Funds capital projects.

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

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5086-s.e.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://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5087.pdf>

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

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

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

**Companion Bill:** 1324 Local infrastruct. financing H, Cap Budget

**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5088.pdf>

**S5090** **STATE GEN. OBLIGATION BONDS** **HONEYFORD**  
Senators Honeyford and Frockt  
Requested by  
Office of Financial Management

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds to provide funds to finance the projects described and

authorized by the legislature in the omnibus capital and operating appropriations acts for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium.

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

**S 5196** **CATTLE FEEDLOTS/ODOR & DUST** **WARNICK**  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Hobbs, Takko, King, Chase, and Honeyford)

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  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5196-s.pdf>

**ES 5263** **SEEDS, AGENCY PROCUREMENT OF** **WARNICK**  
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Warnick)

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

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

**2S 5285** **WORKFORCE STUDY/AG., ETC.** **WILSON**  
Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Wilson and Palumbo)

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, outdoor recreation, 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.  
Expires June 30, 2019.

**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>

**ES 5393** **FISH PASSAGE BARRIER REMOVAL** **WARNICK**  
Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Lias, Takko, and Pearson)

Authorizes a fish habitat enhancement project to 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, Rules 2  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5393-s.e.pdf>

**S 5394** **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, Passed 3rd  
**Full Text URL:** <http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2017-18/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/5394-s.pdf>

**ES 5431** 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 Ways & Means (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 assessment and treatment framework designed to proactively and systematically address the forest health issues facing the state;  
(2) Use the framework to assess and treat acreage in an incremental fashion each biennium;  
(3) Identify and assess two hundred thousand acres of fire prone lands and communities that are in need of forest health treatment; and  
(4) Establish a forest health advisory committee to assist in developing and implementing the framework.

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

**ES5808** 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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