



Session Watch

Monday, April 17, 2023 (day 99 of the 120-day session)

There is one week left until the April 23rd deadline for all session work to be completed by the legislature. Aside from a few more bill reconciliations, they are down to the budgets and a few compromises therein to get the session finished. On April 12th the final session “cutoff” was accomplished which means the only final work is the reconciliation process, mentioned early and in early versions of this update, and our course the state operating and capital budgets.

Several bills we have been tracking and participating in have seen action taken over the past days and others have yet to receive final action. In the weekly bill report you can follow along and track these pieces of legislation, and we are highlighting a few of them in this week’s update as well.

[SB 5353 – Concerning the Expansion of the Voluntary Stewardship Program-](#)

This bill expands the time from and of the VSP to current times and opens it for the remaining counties to participate. The bill has passed as expected with little opposition and is set to be signed by Governor Inslee.

[SB 5439 – Livestock Brand Identification](#)

This bill was passed through the legislature and already signed by Gov. Inslee. It will take effect July 1, 2026. The effect of the bill extends the current livestock identification fees, the Livestock Identification Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee), and requirement that the Department of Agriculture report on the Livestock Identification Program (Program) to July 1, 2026. It also requires the Advisory Committee to review the costs and operations of the Program

[HB 1019 – Creating the Pesticide Advisory Board -](#)

As expected this has cleared all necessary process checkpoints and has been delivered to the Governor for signature. We have been supporting and tracking this piece of legislation from the beginning and look forward to its implementation.

[HB 1240 – Assault Weapons Ban](#)

This bill has cleared the two chambers to stay alive for reconciliation. At this time the House believes the Senate amendments are not within the scope of the bill and has asked the Senate to recede from their amendments. This will be finalized by April 23rd.

[HB 1736 – Vehicle Odometer Reading](#)

This bill has had several changes along the way before it passed with successful reconciliation this past Friday afternoon. The effect of the changes are as follows: Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to **request** odometer information in the application for vehicle registration and vehicle registration renewal. This has gone from compulsory to voluntary on the citizen’s end, which we believe was a good compromise. The bill still came off the respective floors with bipartisan support against the legislation in both the House and the Senate. It passed the House regardless on Friday night by a vote of 52-44.

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
ESHB 1019 Pesticide advisory board Creating the pesticide advisory board.	H Spkr Signed	Dent	Support
SHB 1720 Riparian grant program Concerning the protection and restoration of riparian areas through the establishment of a fully voluntary, regionally focused riparian grant program designed to improve the ecological functions of critical riparian management zones.	H Cap Budget	Chapman	Support
HB 1792 Water rights procedures Modifying timelines and other initial procedural actions in a water rights adjudication.	Del to Gov	Timmons	Support
ESSB 5143 Pesticide registration comm. Changing the name of and adding a member to the commission on pesticide registration.	C 37 L 23	Torres	Support
SB 5330 Pesticide application Concerning the Washington pesticide application act.	S Pres Signed	Torres	Support

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
SHB 1138 Drought preparedness Concerning drought preparedness.	S Passed 3rd	Chapman	Support
HB 1141 (SB 5188) Operating budget, supp. Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby	Support
E2SHB 1143 (SB 5211) Firearms/purchase & transfer Concerning requirements for the purchase or transfer of firearms.	H Passed FP	Berry	Oppose
SHB 1240 (SB 5265) Firearms/assault weapons Establishing firearms-related safety measures to increase public safety.	H ref/S recede	Peterson	Oppose
SHB 1494 (SSB 5460) Irrigation & rehab districts Concerning collection of assessments for irrigation and rehabilitation districts.	H Rules C	Dent	Support

<u>SHB 1500</u> (SB 5107)	Cottage food sales cap Increasing the cap on gross sales for cottage food operations.	H Spkr Signed	Eslick	Support
<u>ESHB 1736</u>	Vehicle odometer readings Requiring the department of licensing to collect vehicle odometer readings at the time of original vehicle registration and registration renewal.	H Passed FP	Cortes	Oppose
<u>HB 1740</u> (SB 5667)	Forestry riparian easements Concerning eligibility, enrollment, and compensation of small forestland owners volunteering for participation in the forestry riparian easement program.	H Cap Budget	Orcutt	Support
<u>2SHB 1762</u>	Warehouse employees Protecting warehouse employees.	H ref/S recede	Doglio	Oppose
<u>SSB 5156</u>	Farm internship program Expanding the farm internship program.	S Passed FP	Torres	Support
<u>SB 5188</u> (HB 1141)	Operating budget, supp. Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Support
<u>ESB 5341</u>	WA food & ag. products Creating a location-based branding and promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Creating a location-based promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products.)	H Spkr Signed	Muzzall	Support
<u>SSB 5353</u>	Voluntary stewardship prog. Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.	H Spkr Signed	Wagoner	Support
<u>SSB 5439</u>	Livestock identification Concerning livestock identification.	C 46 L 23	Warnick	Support
<u>SB 5457</u>	Small cities/GMA Implementing growth management task force legislative recommendations regarding small cities.	H Spkr Signed	Short	Neutral
<u>SSB 5460</u> (SHB 1494)	Irrigation & rehab districts Concerning collection of assessments for irrigation and rehabilitation districts.	H Passed 3rd	Warnick	Support

Low Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
E2SHB 1170 (SSB 5093) Climate response strategy	H Spkr Signed	Street	Concerns
Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.			
E2SHB 1181 (SSB 5203) Climate change/planning	H Spkr Signed	Duerr	Concerns
Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework.			
HB 1645 (SB 5067) County legislative meetings	Del to Gov	Barnard	Neutral
Concerning meetings of county legislative authorities.			

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