



SESSION WATCH 2017 WEEK 6

The fifth week of the legislative session was busy, but relatively quiet compared to the first few weeks. The number of bills introduced by legislators slowed down and the House still has a little over 1000 bills introduced, with the Senate at slightly over 800.

The House Appropriations Committee heard both the House education funding bill (HB 1843) and the Senate education funding bill (SB 5607) on Monday. The House bill passed out of the Appropriations Committee on Thursday. Also on Thursday, the Governor's office released an analysis of the Senate plan. The Governor's office analysis found that the plan would give more money to every school district in the state, with half of that funding coming from Seattle. The average Seattle homeowner would see an overall property-tax increase of \$628 in 2019. The plan also cuts property taxes in other districts around the state by about \$403 million.

The cut-off for policy bills to get out of their respective policy committees is the end of the day on Friday, February 17th. The following week will be dedicated to fiscal committee hearings and will start shifting to floor action.

Upcoming Committee Hearings

Environment (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/13 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1372 - Public Hearing - Updating the framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Washington based upon best available climate science.

Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 2/14 @ 8:00am

- SB 5720 - Public Hearing - Addressing the payment of production-based compensation wages for the employment and use of labor in agricultural activities and in the production, handling, and storage of farm products.

Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/15 @ 8:00am

- HB 1872 - Public Hearing - Providing for the partial delisting of the gray wolf by the fish and wildlife commission.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
HB 1132 (SB 5075)	Seed buyer & dealer disputes	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	H Rules R	Buys
HB 1299 (SB 5196)	Cattle feedlots/odor & dust	Including cattle feedlots implementing best management practices within the statutory exemption for odor or fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity.	H Environment	Blake
HB 1327	Presidential electors	Changing provisions relating to presidential electors.	H State Governme	Shea
HB 1372	Greenhouse gas framework	Updating the framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Washington based upon best available climate science.	H Environment	Farrell
SHB 1404 (SSB 5285)	Workforce study/ag., etc.	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.	H HEDPS	Tarleton
HB 1469 (SB 5333)	Presidential primary	Modifying presidential primary provisions.	H State Governme	Hudgins
HB 1555 (SB 5127)	Carbon pollution tax	Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.	H Finance	Lytton
HB 1872	Gray wolf partial delisting	Providing for the partial delisting of the gray wolf by the fish and wildlife commission.	H Ag & Nat Res	Kretz
HB 1885	Water resources/local gov.	Clarifying the roles of state and local governments in the regulation and mitigation of water resources.	H Ag & Nat Res	Springer
HB 1918	Groundwater treatment	Addressing treatment of groundwater under state water codes to support rural development while protecting instream flows.	H Ag & Nat Res	Stanford
SB 5002	Water banks/permanent avail.	Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.	S Ag/Water/Trade&	Honeyford
SB 5003	Minimum flows/ecology auth.	Clarifying the authority of the department of ecology regarding minimum flows.	S Ag/Water/Trade&	Honeyford
SB 5010	Water rights relinquishment	Promoting water conservation by protecting certain water rights from relinquishment.	S Rules 2	Warnick
SB 5024	Groundwater supply avail.	Concerning groundwater supply availability in areas with ground and surface water interaction.	S Ag/Water/Trade	McCoy

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SSB 5051	State land lease provisions	Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.	S Rules 2	Brown
SB 5075 (HB 1132)	Seed buyer & dealer disputes	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	S Rules 2	Takko
SB 5151	Ballot measure committees	Authorizing the county auditor or his or her designee to appoint committees to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval and rejection of certain measures.	S Rules 2	Fain
SB 5196 (HB 1299)	Cattle feedlots/odor & dust	Including cattle feedlots implementing best management practices within the statutory exemption for odor or fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity.	S Ag/Water/Trade&	Warnick
SB 5208 (HB 1422)	Rural jobs	Creating the Washington rural jobs act.	S Ag/Water/Trade	Warnick
SB 5331	Irrigation district admin.	Concerning irrigation district administration.	S Rules 2	Takko
SB 5385	Carbon pollution tax	Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.	S Energy, Enviro	Hobbs