



SESSION WATCH 2017 WEEK 7

Last Friday, February 17th, was the first cut-off of the legislative session. Bills that did not pass out of their policy committee by the end of the day on Friday and are not necessary to implement the budget, are dead. Friday, February 24th, is the fiscal committee cut-off. The fiscal committees will meet all week to consider and pass bills. Those bills that do not pass out of their fiscal committee by Friday and are not necessary to implement the budget, will be dead at that time.

Don't forget to sign up for the Washington State Grange Annual "Legislative Day" on March 16th. As you can tell, the Legislature is considering multiple bills regarding taxes, transportation, elections and water. This will be a great opportunity to talk directly with your legislators!

Upcoming Legislative Hearings

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/20 @ 1:30pm

- SHB 1404 - Public Hearing - 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.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/21 @ 1:30pm

- SHB 1404 - Exec Session - 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.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
HB 1132 (SB 5075)	Seed buyer & dealer disputes	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	H 2nd Reading	Buys
SHB 1299 (SSB 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 Rules R	Blake
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 Approps	Tarleton

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
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 1885	Water resources/local gov.	Clarifying the roles of state and local governments in the regulation and mitigation of water resources.	H Approps	Springer
HB 1918	Groundwater treatment	Addressing treatment of groundwater under state water codes to support rural development while protecting instream flows.	H Approps	Stanford
SSB 5004	Berry growers/burning waste	Concerning outdoor burning of organic waste derived from pruning by commercial berry growers.	S Rules 2	Honeyford
SB 5010	Water rights relinquishment	Promoting water conservation by protecting certain water rights from relinquishment.	S 2nd Reading	Warnick
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 5111 (HB 1730)	Capital gains excise tax	Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.	S Ways & Means	Braun
SB 5113 (HB 1550)	B&O tax/education	Investing in education by modifying the business and occupation tax and providing small business tax relief.	S Ways & Means	Braun
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
SSB 5196 (SHB 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 Rules 2	Warnick
SSB 5208 (HB 1422)	Rural jobs	Creating the Washington rural jobs act.	S Ways & Means	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
SB 5720 (HB 2049)	Production-based comp. wages	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.	S Rules 2	Hawkins