



# SESSION WATCH 2017 WEEK 3

Two weeks into the Legislative session, over 700 bills have been introduced. Several legislators and staff have been hit hard by the flu and as a result, the general pace does seem slightly slower than the typical start of a legislative session. The schedule for the upcoming week includes many bills that may be of interest to Grange members. Below are some of the higher priority bills.

Both HB 1299 and SB 5196 are helpful bills for cattle feedlots that have broad support from the agriculture and business community.

The Senate Agriculture, Water, Trade and Economic Development Committee will hear two bills focused on the *Hirst* decision on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Senator Warnick sponsored SB 5239, which clarifies that cities and counties may rely on applicable water resources management rules adopted by Ecology regarding groundwater. Generally, the agriculture and business communities support this bill. Senator McCoy, sponsored SB 5024, which allows for a county-sponsored mitigation process and Ecology must approve the water rights that will be used for mitigation. There are some concerns with this proposal.

**Don't forget to sign up for the Washington State Grange Annual "Legislative Day" on March 16th.** 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 Committee Hearings

### Environment (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/23 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1144 – Public Hearing – Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessments of climate change science.
- HB 1299 - Public Hearing - Including cattle feedlots implementing best management practices within the statutory exemption for odor or fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity.

### Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 1/24 @ 8:00am

- SB 5024 - Public Hearing - Concerning groundwater supply availability in areas with ground and surface water interaction. (Remote Testimony Opportunity from Spokane Community College).
- SB 5239 – Public Hearing – Ensuring that water is available to support development. (Remote Testimony Opportunity from Spokane Community College)

### Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/25 @ 8:00am

- HB 1132 - Public Hearing - Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.

**State Government (Senate) - SHR 2, JACB - 1/25 @ 8:00am**

- SB 5151 - Public Hearing - Authorizing the county auditor or his or her designee to appoint committees to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval and rejection of certain measures.

**Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 1/26 @ 8:00am**

- SB 5075 - Public Hearing - Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.
- SB 5196 - Public Hearing - Including cattle feedlots implementing best management practices within the statutory exemption for odor or fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
<a href="#">HB 1132</a> (SB 5075)	Seed buyer & dealer disputes	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	H Ag & Nat Res	Buys
<a href="#">HB 1245</a>	Product labeling tax incent.	Providing a tax incentive for the labeling of products.	H Ag & Nat Res	Taylor
<a href="#">HB 1299</a> (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
<a href="#">HB 1327</a>	Presidential electors	Changing provisions relating to presidential electors.	H State Governme	Shea
<a href="#">HB 1372</a>	Greenhouse gas framework	Updating the framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Washington based upon best available climate science.	H Environment	Farrell
<a href="#">HB 1469</a> (SB 5333)	Presidential primary	Modifying presidential primary provisions.	H State Governme	Hudgins
<a href="#">SB 5002</a>	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
<a href="#">SB 5003</a>	Minimum flows/ecology auth.	Clarifying the authority of the department of ecology regarding minimum flows.	S Ag/Water/Trade &	Honeyford
<a href="#">SB 5004</a>	Berry growers/burning waste	Concerning outdoor burning of organic waste derived from pruning by commercial berry growers.	S Ag/Water/Trade &	Honeyford
<a href="#">SB 5010</a>	Water rights relinquishment	Promoting water conservation by protecting certain water rights from relinquishment.	S Ag/Water/Trade &	Warnick

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<a href="#">SB 5024</a>	Groundwater supply avail.	Concerning groundwater supply availability in areas with ground and surface water interaction.	S Ag/Water/Trade	McCoy
<a href="#">SB 5051</a>	State land lease termination	Concerning nondefault termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.	S Ag/Water/Trade	Brown
<a href="#">SB 5075</a> (HB 1132)	Seed buyer & dealer disputes	Concerning dispute resolution between seed buyers and dealers.	S Ag/Water/Trade &	Takko
<a href="#">SB 5151</a>	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 State Governmen	Fain
<a href="#">SB 5196</a> (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
<a href="#">SB 5208</a> (HB 1422)	Rural jobs	Creating the Washington rural jobs act.	S Ag/Water/Trade	Warnick