



SESSION WATCH 2017 WEEK 9

We have officially reached the half-way point of the 105-day regular legislative session. Last week was dedicated to both chambers voting on bills. This Wednesday, March 8th, is the House of Origin cut-off. So, House bills that have not passed out of the House and Senate bills that have not passed out of the Senate are dead after 5 p.m. on March 8th. Of course, bills that the Legislature deems “necessary to implement the budget” are not subject to that deadline. On Thursday, the Legislature will shift back to public hearings on bills. House Committees will begin considering Senate bills and Senate Committees will begin hearing House bills.

At the beginning of last week, the Senate moved all three of Governor Inslee’s tax proposals to the floor calendar. Those proposals include the creation of a carbon tax, a 1% increase in the Business and Occupation Tax on services and the creation of a capital gains tax. Under Senate Rules, it would take a 2/3 vote of the Senate to even consider these proposals. Ultimately, the Senate did not bring those bills up for a vote. The status of key high priority bills is provided below.

Don’t forget that the Grange Legislative Day is March 16th! Please join us for a full day of legislative activities.

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
HB 1327 (Dead)	Presidential electors	Changing provisions relating to presidential electors.	H State Governme	Shea
HB 1372 (Dead)	Greenhouse gas framework	Updating the framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Washington based upon best available climate science.	H Environment	Farrell
SHB 1465	Wolf depredation/public recs	Exempting from public disclosure certain information regarding reports on wolf depredations.	H 2nd Reading	Short
HB 1469 (Dead) (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	H Finance	Lytton

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		greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.		
HB 1872 (Dead)	Gray wolf partial delisting	Providing for the partial delisting of the gray wolf by the fish and wildlife commission.	H Ag & Nat Res	Kretz
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.	H Ag & Nat Res	Warnick
SB 5024 (Dead)	Groundwater supply avail.	Concerning groundwater supply availability in areas with ground and surface water interaction.	S Ag/Water/Trade	McCoy
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 2nd Reading	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 2nd Reading	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.	H Environment	Warnick
SSB 5208 (Dead) (HB 1422)	Rural jobs	Creating the Washington rural jobs act.	S Ways & Means	Warnick
SB 5331	Irrigation district admin.	Concerning irrigation district administration.	S 2nd Reading	Takko