



Session Watch

Monday, February 18, 2019 (day 36 of the 105-day session)

First Round of Cutoffs Coming

Next Friday will be the first cutoff for the 2019 session. Any bill that has not passed its policy committee by that time will die. Because of this, you will see the tracking list become shorter and more focused in the coming weeks.

Next week will be especially busy as committees try to get bills passed out of committee before cutoff. The rush is compounded by losing a day of work last week due to snow. Last Monday was only the second time in memory the legislature has stopped work during session. The first time was after the Nisqually earthquake in 2001. As a result of the shorted week and the impending cutoff, the hearing schedule for next week is full.

Shellfish Bills Get Hearing

House and Senate companion bills supporting shellfish growers will be heard next week. The bills require the Department of Ecology to authorize the use of imidacloprid to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay

and Grays Harbor and to transfer their responsibilities for regulating such to the Department of Agriculture.

Taxes, Taxes, Taxes

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it's probably disguising a tax. Sponsors of many of the bills relating to carbon and various taxes got creative this year. There are numerous utopian sounding bill titles that will result in new taxes or increased costs of fuel.

Quote of the Week

"We have nothing to fear from the truth- or the past- if we learn from it." Bishop Wilton Gregory

Trivia Question of the Week

Who was the first Master of the National Grange?

Last Week's Trivia Answer

60 even and 105 odd

Upcoming Hearings of Interest

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/18 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1984 - Public Hearing - Ensuring that attempts to limit greenhouse gas emissions in Washington state do not make Washington's agricultural products and food processing businesses economically uncompetitive, thereby shifting emissions to jurisdictions without similar greenhouse gas policies. (Support/Low)
- HB 1985 - Public Hearing - Providing regulatory relief from greenhouse gas emissions rules for producers of agricultural commodities and food products. (Support/Low)

Public Safety (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 2/18 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1025 - Public Hearing - Concerning the slaughter of horses and other equines for human consumption. (Oppose/Medium)

Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1, - 2/18 @ 3:30pm

- SB 5723 - Public Hearing - Increasing safety on roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other roadway users. (Low)

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/19 @ 10:00am

- HB 1941 - Public Hearing - Conducting a comprehensive review of the impact of catastrophic wildfires on communities as a means of improving government responses for the future. (Support/Medium)
- HB 1983 - Public Hearing - Concerning natural resource management activities. (Support/Low)

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 2/19 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5626 - Public Hearing - Ensuring the safe and productive cultivation of shellfish. (Support/High)
- SB 5543 - Public Hearing - Retaining productive farmland. (Support/Low)

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/19 @ 3:30pm

- HB 1611 - Public Hearing - Ensuring the safe and productive cultivation of shellfish. (Support/High)

Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1, - 2/19 @ 3:30pm

- SB 5743 - Public Hearing - Concerning vehicle taxation. (Support/Medium)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/21 @ 3:30pm

- SHB 1113 - Public Hearing - Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science and with the United States' commitment under the 2015 Paris climate agreement. (Concerns/Medium)
- SHB 1110 - Public Hearing - Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. (If measure is referred to committee.) (Oppose/Medium)

Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/21 @ 3:30pm

HB 1712 - Public Hearing - Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits by two thousand pounds. (Support/Low)

Selected Bills of Interest

Agriculture

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 1429</u> (SB 5447)	Dairy milk assessment fee Delays, until June 30, 2025, the expiration date for the dairy milk assessment fee.	H Approps	Shewmake	Low
<u>HB 1712</u>	Farm products/vehicle weight Authorizing vehicles or combinations of vehicles carrying farm products to exceed total gross weight limits by two thousand pounds.	H Trans	Dye	Low Support
<u>HB 1725</u> (SB 5550)	Pesticide application safety Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group.	H Labor & Workpl	Dent	High Support
<u>HB 1733</u> (SB 5543)	Productive farmland Retaining productive farmland.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Gregerson	Low Support
<u>HB 1863</u> (SB 5804)	Ag., food, nat. resource ed. Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education.	H Education	Blake	Low Support
<u>HB 1875</u>	Ag. crop damage by wildlife Concerning wildlife damage to agricultural crops.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Eslick	Medium Support
<u>HB 2074</u>	Livestock inspection Concerning livestock inspection.		Blake	Medium Support
<u>HB 2075</u>	Livestock brand inspections Removing the authority of the department of agriculture to conduct livestock brand inspections.		Chandler	Medium Support
<u>HB 2087</u>	Retired farmers/prop. tax		Kraft	Low

Exempting land removed from open space or farm and agricultural land classification from interest and other penalties if the land is owned in whole or in part by a retired farmer.

SB 5349	Products identified as milk Prohibits the sale, offer for sale, or delivery of a product that is identified by the word "milk" and, is intended for human consumption as food or drink, if the product is not milk or does not contain milk or milk products.	S Ag/Water/Natura	Ericksen	High	Support
SB 5447 (HB 1429)	Dairy milk assessment fee Delays, until June 30, 2025, the expiration date for the dairy milk assessment fee.	S Rules 2	Van De Wege	Low	
SB 5543 (HB 1733)	Productive farmland Requires the state conservation commission to develop a form and process for an agricultural land assessment to be completed by a state agency before the acquisition of an interest in real property when the interest includes agricultural land. Requires state agencies, including state departments, boards, councils, commissions, state universities, colleges, and community colleges, to complete an agricultural land assessment in the form and process described and adopted by the state conservation commission before acquisition of an interest in real property.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Takko	Low	Support
SB 5550 (HB 1725)	Pesticide application safety Creates the pesticide application safety committee and requires it to: (1) Explore how the department of agriculture, the department of labor and industries, the department of health, and the Washington poison center collect and track data; and (2) Consider the feasibility and requirements of developing a shared database, including how the department of health could use existing tools, to better display multiagency data regarding pesticides. Creates an advisory work group to collect information and make recommendations to the full committee on topics requiring unique expertise and perspectives on issues within the jurisdiction of the committee. Expires July 1, 2025.	S Ways & Means	Saldaña	High	Support
SB 5552	Native pollinators Requires the department of agriculture to establish a program to: (1) Promote and protect native pollinator habitat and the health and sustainability of pollinator species; (2) Create and chair a pollinator health task force; and (2) Develop educational materials regarding the best practices for avoiding adverse effects from pesticides on populations of bees and other pollinating insects. Requires the task force to build upon existing pollinator plans and pollinator habitat plans at the national and state level to develop a state pollinator health strategy. Provides a January 1, 2020, expiration date for the task force.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Lias	High	
SB 5719 (HB 1401)	Hemp production Concerning hemp production.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Hasegawa		

Broadband

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>	
SHB 1498 (SSB 5511)	Broadband service Expanding affordable, resilient broadband service to enable economic development, public safety, health care, and education in Washington's communities.	Hudgins	High	Support	
HB 1800	Rural internet infra./taxes Allowing a local sale and use tax as a credit against the state sales tax for rural high-speed internet infrastructure without increasing the total sales and use tax rate.	H Finance	Orcutt	Medium	Support

SB 5085	Broadband internet access	S Environment, E	McCoy	Medium	Support
	Authorizes a unit of local government or other subdivision of the state to provide broadband services when approved by the utilities and transportation commission pursuant to certain requirements.				
SSB 5511 (SHB 1498)	Broadband service	S RecComm	Wellman	High	Support
	Expanding affordable, resilient broadband service to enable economic development, public safety, health care, and education in Washington's communities.				

Elections

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>	
SHB 1063	Primary elections/age 17	H Rules R	Bergquist	Low	Concerns
	Permits a person to vote in a primary election or presidential primary election if the person is registered to vote and is not at least eighteen years old at the time of the election, but is or will be at least eighteen years old by the next general election.				
HB 1209 (SB 5063)	Ballots, prepaid postage	H Approps	Hansen	Low	
	Requires the state to reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for elections. Requires return envelopes for election ballots to include prepaid postage.				
HB 1262 (SB 5229)	Presidential primary	H State Govt & T	Walsh	Medium	Support
	Changes the dates for the presidential primary and for which the secretary of state may propose an alternative date for the primary.				
HB 1310 (ESB 5273)	Presidential primary	H State Govt & T	Valdez	Medium	Support
	Changes the dates for the presidential primary; and for the secretary of state to propose an alternative date for the primary, including to coordinate a regional primary with Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, or Utah. Prohibits the proposed date from being before the earliest date permitted by the national rules of the major political parties. Requires each party to determine which candidates are to be placed on the presidential primary ballot for that party. Requires a ballot, if requested by a party chair, to contain a place for a voter to indicate a preference for having delegates to the party's national convention remain uncommitted.				
SB 5063 (HB 1209)	Ballots, prepaid postage	S Ways & Means	Nguyen	Low	
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SB 5229 (HB 1262)	Presidential primary	S State Govt/Tri	Zeiger	Medium	Support
	Changes the dates for the presidential primary and for which the secretary of state may propose an alternative date for the primary.				
ESB 5273 (HB 1310)	Presidential primary	H State Govt & Tr	Hunt	Medium	Neutral
	Changes the dates for the presidential primary; and for the secretary of state to propose an alternative date for the primary, including to coordinate a regional primary with Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, or Utah. Prohibits the proposed date from being before the earliest date permitted by the national rules of the major political parties. Requires each party to determine which candidates are to be placed on the presidential primary ballot for that party. Requires a ballot, if requested by a party chair, to contain a place for a voter to indicate a preference for having delegates to the party's national convention remain uncommitted.				

Energy / Carbon

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
SHB 1110 (SB 5412)	Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels H Trans	Fitzgibbon	Medium	Oppose
Supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies through a carefully designed program that reduces the carbon intensity of fuel used in the state, in order to: (1) Reduce levels of conventional air pollutants from diesel and gasoline that are harmful to public health; (2) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels, which are the state's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions; and (3) Create jobs and spur economic development based on innovative clean fuel technologies. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to: (1) Analyze, by December 1, 2027, the impacts of the initial five years of clean fuels program implementation; and (2) Submit a report to the legislature that summarizes the analysis.				
SHB 1113	Greenhouse emission limits H Approps	Slatter	Medium	Concerns
Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science and with the United States' commitment under the 2015 Paris climate agreement.				
SHB 1211 (SSB 5116)	Clean energy H Finance	Tarleton	Medium	Concerns
Establishes the Washington clean energy transformation act. Addresses the elimination of coal-fired electricity and the transition of the state's electricity supply to one hundred percent carbon neutral by 2030. Provides that it is the policy of the state that all retail sales of electricity to the state's customers be greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030. Requires the department of commerce to convene an energy and climate policy advisory committee to develop recommendations to the legislature for the coordination of existing resources, or the establishment of new ones, to: (1) Examine the costs and benefits of energy-related policies, programs, functions, activities, and incentives; and (2) Conduct other energy-related studies and analyses as may be directed by the legislature. Requires the department of health to conduct a cumulative impact analysis to designate the communities highly impacted by fossil fuel pollution and climate change.				
HB 1984	Ag competitiveness/emissions H Env & Energy	Maycumber	Low	Support
Ensuring that attempts to limit greenhouse gas emissions in Washington state do not make Washington's agricultural products and food processing businesses economically uncompetitive, thereby shifting emissions to jurisdictions without similar greenhouse gas policies.				
HB 1985	Ag/greenhouse emission rules H Env & Energy	Maycumber	Low	Support
Providing regulatory relief from greenhouse gas emissions rules for producers of agricultural commodities and food products.				
SSB 5116 (SHB 1211)	Clean energy S Ways & Means	Carlyle	Medium	Concerns
Establishes the Washington clean energy transformation act to support the clean energy economy and to transition to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.				
SB 5412 (SHB 1110)	Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels S Environment, E	Saldaña	Medium	Oppose
Supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies through a carefully designed program that reduces the carbon intensity of fuel used in the state, in order to: (1) Reduce levels of conventional air pollutants from diesel and gasoline that are harmful to public health; (2) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels, which are the state's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions; and (3) Create jobs and spur economic development based on innovative clean fuel technologies. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to: (1) Analyze, by December 1, 2027, the impacts of the initial five years of clean fuels program implementation; and (2) Submit a report to the legislature that summarizes the analysis.				

SB 5947	Sustainable farms and fields Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.	McCoy	Medium	Support
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Guns

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 1203 Lost or stolen firearms Requires an owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm that has been lost or stolen to report the loss or theft to the local law enforcement agency within five days after the loss or theft. Requires a law enforcement agency that receives a report of a lost or stolen firearm to enter certain information about the firearm into the national crime information center database.	H Civil R & Judi	Doglio		
HB 1286 (SB 5340) Assault weapons ban Prohibits a person, unless certain conditions are met, from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, importing, transferring, selling, offering for sale, or purchasing an assault weapon or large capacity magazine.	H Civil R & Judi	Peterson		
HB 1319 Firearm open carry/local gov Authorizes cities, towns, counties, and other municipalities to enact laws and ordinances that restrict the open carrying of firearms at a public meeting of the governing authority of the city, town, county, or other municipality.	H Civil R & Judi	Wylie		
HB 1374 Local gov firearm regulation Finds that: (1) Gun violence is a public health crisis in the state; (2) Local governments have been blocked from taking action to prevent gun violence because of the statewide preemption of local regulations; (3) Local jurisdictions must have the ability to build upon state standards and adopt approaches to regulations to address the epidemic of firearm violence in their communities.	H Civil R & Judi	Macri	Medium	Oppose
HB 1530 (SB 5434) Weapons in certain locations Prohibits a person from carrying or possessing the following weapons on licensed child care center premises, child care center-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by a child care center: A firearm; any other dangerous weapon; an air gun, air pistol, or air rifle; a portable device manufactured to function as a weapon that is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun; or a device, object, or instrument that is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse. Prohibits a person from entering the following places when he or she possesses or has a weapon under his or her control: The premises of a library; or the premises of a local government's neighborhood, community, or regional park facilities at which children and youth are likely to be present.	H Civil R & Judi	Davis		
HB 1541 Weapon possession/orders Specifies that a person is guilty of unlawful possession of a firearm in the second degree, if he or she does not qualify for unlawful possession of a firearm in the first degree and he or she owns, possesses, or controls a firearm, after having previously been convicted, or found not guilty by reason of insanity, of the following: (1) Unlawful aiming or discharge of a firearm or dangerous weapon; and (2) Animal cruelty in the second degree.	H Civil R & Judi	Jinkins		

Domestic violence/firearms

S Rules 2

Dhingra

Requires a peace officer, who responds to a domestic violence call and has probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed, to seize all firearms and ammunition that he or she believes were used or threatened to be used in the commission of the offense and may seize all firearms and ammunition in plain sight or discovered under a consensual or other lawful search. Requires a law enforcement agency to: (1) Comply with certain domestic violence requirements before returning a seized firearm or ammunition to the owner or individual from whom the firearm or ammunition was obtained; and (2) Forward the offense report regarding any incident of domestic violence to the appropriate prosecutor within ten days of making the report. Requires the criminal justice training commission to implement a course of instruction for training law enforcement officers in the handling of domestic violence complaints. Provides immunity from liability to appointed or elected public officials, public employees, public agencies, or units of local government and its employees, for damages arising out of the seizure or failure to seize a firearm.

[SSB 5143](#)**Hunting/visible clothing**

S 2nd Reading

Wilson

Low

Requires the fish and wildlife commission to adopt rules determining the times and manner when a person who is hunting must wear fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink clothing.

[SSB 5148](#)**Assault weapons ban**

S Law & Justice

Kuderer

Prohibits a person, unless certain conditions are met, from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, importing, transferring, selling, offering for sale, or purchasing an assault weapon or large capacity magazine.

[SB 5340](#)
(HB 1286)**Weapons in certain locations**

S Law & Justice

Wilson

Prohibits a person from carrying or possessing the following weapons on licensed child care center premises, child care center-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by a child care center: A firearm; any other dangerous weapon; an air gun, air pistol, or air rifle; a portable device manufactured to function as a weapon that is commonly known as a stun gun, including a projectile stun gun; or a device, object, or instrument that is used or intended to be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse. Prohibits a person from entering the following places when he or she possesses or has a weapon under his or her control: The premises of a library; or the premises of a local government's neighborhood, community, or regional park facilities at which children and youth are likely to be present.

[SB 5434](#)
(HB 1530)**Taxes****Bill Details****Status****Sponsor****Priority****Position**[HB 1172](#)
(SB 5314)**Capital gains tax/prop. tax**
Enacting a capital gains tax.

H Finance

Santos

High

Oppose

[HB 1228](#)
(SB 5130)**Fish barrier removal funding**

Helps fund state fish barrier removal by implementing a graduated real estate excise tax and moving up to August 1, 2019, the increase in certain vehicle weight fees.

H Finance

Chapman

Medium

Concerns

[HB 1343](#)
(SB 5129)**Revenue**

Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of selling or exchanging long-term capital assets or receiving Washington capital gains. Allows a business and occupation tax deduction against a person's gross income of the business to the extent necessary to avoid taxing the same amounts under chapter 82.04 RCW and section 102 of this act. Authorizes the department of revenue to enter into reciprocal tax collection agreements with the taxing officials of any other state imposing a specified tax. Increases the business and occupation tax rate on certain services.

H Finance

Tarleton

High

Oppose

HB 1881	Custom farming/tax exemption Making the custom farming and hauling farm products tax exemptions permanent.	H Finance	Ybarra	Medium	Support
SB 5129 (HB 1343)	Revenue Capital gains tax.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	High	Oppose
SB 5130 (HB 1228)	Fish barrier removal funding Helps fund state fish barrier removal by implementing a graduated real estate excise tax and moving up to August 1, 2019, the increase in certain vehicle weight fees.	S Transportation	Rolfes	High	Oppose
SB 5314 (HB 1172)	Capital gains tax/prop. tax Capital gains tax.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	High	Oppose
SB 5743	Vehicle taxation Concerning vehicle taxation. Clarifies that tractors are not vehicles for purposes of taxation.	S Transportation	Fortunato	Medium	Support

Uncategorized Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 1025 Horse slaughter Prohibits a person from: (1) Slaughtering a horse if the person knows or should know that the meat from the slaughtered animal is intended to be used for human consumption; and (2) Possessing, purchasing, bartering, selling, or transporting horses if the person knows that the horse or its meat will be used for human consumption. Excludes horses, mules, and asses from the definition of "meat food animal."	H Public Safety	Appleton	Medium	Oppose
SHB 1114 Food waste reduction Establishes a goal for the state to reduce by fifty percent the amount of food waste generated annually by 2030, relative to 2015 levels. Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of agriculture and the department of health, to develop and adopt a state wasted food reduction and food waste diversion plan designed to achieve the goal.	H Approps	Doglio	Low	Support
HB 1167 (SB 5476) Composting/nuisance lawsuits Confirms that composting activities are recognized as agricultural activities and protected from nuisance lawsuits.	H Rules R	Walen	Medium	Support
HB 1187 Fish habitat projects Allows a fish habitat enhancement project to be approved by conservation districts as conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement or restoration projects in order to receive a permit review and approval process.	H Passed 3rd	Dent	Low	Support
SHB 1188 Rangeland fire associations Concerning rangeland fire protection associations.		Dent	Low	Support
HB 1283 (SB 5277) Agricultural fair funding Changes the funding source and the amount of funding for the fair fund.	H Approps	Dent	High	Support
HB 1287 (SB 5103) Natural areas Requires the department of natural resources to recommend to the governor a prioritized list of all property acquisitions for the purpose of creating: (1) Washington natural resources conservation areas; and (2) A	H Cap Budget	Griffey	Medium	Support

Washington natural area preserve. Authorizes the governor to remove projects from the list and submit the amended list in the capital budget request to the legislature.

<u>HB 1309</u>	Studded tires	H Trans	Ryu	Medium	Oppose
	Increases the fee, from five dollars to one hundred dollars, on the retail sale of each new tire sold that contains studs. Decreases the amount, from ten percent to one percent, that the seller can retain. Prohibits a person, firm, or corporation from selling or offering for sale a studded tire or a stud for installation in a tire. Prohibits the use of metal studs imbedded within a tire on any vehicle on public highways.				
<u>HB 1401</u> <u>(SB 5719)</u>	Hemp production	H Commerce & Gam	Shea	Low	Support
	Requires the department of agriculture to develop: (1) An agricultural commodity program to replace the industrial hemp research pilot program; (2) A proposal outlining the state's plan for regulating hemp production in accordance with this act and the agricultural improvement act; and (3) A post-harvest test protocol for testing hemp that includes testing of whole plant samples. Creates the legislative task force on the availability of crop insurance for hemp producers to ensure that crop insurance is available in this state for hemp producers. Creates the hemp regulatory account. Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the department of agriculture for the purposes of this act. Repeals, effective January 1, 2020, chapter 15.120 RCW (the industrial hemp research program).				
<u>HB 1516</u>	DFW dog training, nonlethal	H RDev, Ag&NR	Blake	Medium	Support
	Requires the fish and wildlife commission to adopt by rule: (1) A process and criteria to select persons, who may act as agents of the state, for using one or more dogs to hunt or pursue black bear, cougar, or bobcat to protect livestock, domestic animals, private property, or the public safety; and (2) Requirements an applicant must comply with when applying for the program, including a criminal background check. Requires the department of fish and wildlife to administer a training program that provides dog training opportunities, for selected people, using nonlethal pursuit.				
<u>SHB 1579</u>	Chinook abundance	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Medium	Oppose
	Implementing recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force related to increasing chinook abundance.				
<u>HB 1611</u> <u>(SB 5626)</u>	Cultivation of shellfish	H Env & Energy	Blake	High	Support
	Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Authorize the use of imidacloprid to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor for the 2019 treatment season; (2) Issue a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit for the use of pesticides to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in association with the cultivation of shellfish; and (3) Delegate certain authorities, regarding the regulation of pesticides used to control burrowing shrimp on tidelands, to the department of agriculture through a memorandum of understanding. Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of ecology, pertaining to chapter 90.48 RCW as it relates to the regulation of the pesticides, to the department of agriculture. Exempts the following from the requirements of the state environmental policy act: The issuance of a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit or waste discharge permit for the use of the pesticides. Makes appropriations from the state general fund to the department of ecology for conducting a study on the use of imidacloprid for control of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor; and from the state toxics control account to the department of agriculture for studying the impacts of the use of imidacloprid as a means to control burrowing shrimp.				
<u>HB 1622</u> <u>(SB 5675)</u>	Drought preparedness	H RDev, Ag&NR	Blake	Medium	Concerns
	Authorizes the department of ecology to: (1) Issue a drought advisory when it appears that drought conditions may develop; (2) Upon issuance of a drought emergency order, notify the public of the order; (3) Issue grants to eligible public entities to reduce current or future hardship caused by drought conditions; and (4) Develop and update a drought contingency plan in collaboration with other affected federal, state, and local governments. Requires the department to initiate a pilot program to explore the cost, feasibility,				

and benefits of entering into long-term water right lease agreements. Permits a person to petition the department to declare a drought emergency for the state or portions of the state.

HB 1731	WA food policy forum Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Gregerson	Low	Support
HB 1784	Wildfire prevention Concerning wildfire prevention.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Kretz	Medium	Support
HB 1941	Wildfires impact review Conducting a comprehensive review of the impact of catastrophic wildfires on communities as a means of improving government responses for the future.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Kretz	Medium	Support
HB 1966 (SB 5723)	Pedestrian, etc. safety Increasing safety on roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other roadway users.	H Trans	Kilduff		
HB 1983	Natural resource management Concerning natural resource management activities.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Maycumber	Low	Support
HR 4611	Washington FFA Association Recognizing Washington FFA Association.		Dye	Low	Support
SSB 5010	Protected lands/fire levies Addresses parcels of land that do not pay the forest fire protection assessment or a local fire district levy.	S Passed 3rd	Rolfes	Medium	Support
SSB 5026	Parcel & planning boundaries Concerning the placement of planning boundaries in conjunction with parcel boundaries.	S Rules 2	Honeyford	Low	Support
SB 5100	Cougar control pilot program Requires the department of fish and wildlife, in cooperation and collaboration with the county legislative authorities of Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Chelan, Okanogan, Mason, and Klickitat counties, to recommend rules to establish a five-year pilot program within select game management units of these counties, to pursue or kill cougars with the aid of dogs. Requires the development of dangerous wildlife task teams in each county. Allows the department of fish and wildlife to authorize five seasons in which cougars may be pursued or killed with dogs, subject to conditions of the pilot program. Authorizes a county legislative authority to request inclusion in the pilot project after taking certain actions.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Sheldon	Low	Support
SB 5103 (HB 1287)	Natural areas Requires the department of natural resources to recommend to the governor a prioritized list of all property acquisitions for the purpose of creating: (1) Washington natural resources conservation areas; and (2) A Washington natural area preserve. Authorizes the governor to remove projects from the list and submit the amended list in the capital budget request to the legislature.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Sheldon	Medium	Support
SB 5139	Daylight saving time Declares an intent to observe daylight saving time year-round, if authorized by the United States congress, and review the potential impact the time zone has on communities along the border between this state and other states to determine whether the state should seek authorization through the United States department of transportation to change the state to mountain standard time year-round if year-round	S State Govt/Tri	Honeyford	Low	Oppose

daylight saving time is not authorized by congress. Requires the department of commerce to review impacts the state time zone and daylight-saving time have on commerce in the state.

<u>SB 5255</u>	Road usage charges/rural Prohibits the state from imposing or collecting any new road usage charge, vehicle miles traveled fee, or other similar type of comparable charge, tax, or fee, in rural counties.	S Transportation	Sheldon	Low	Support
<u>SB 5277</u> <u>(HB 1283)</u>	Agricultural fair funding Changes the funding source and the amount of funding for the fair fund.	S Ways & Means	Warnick	High	Support
<u>SB 5451</u>	Hydraulic projects Revises the definition of "hydraulic project," for purposes of chapter 77.55 RCW (construction projects in state waters), to include work at or below the ordinary high-water line.	S Ag/Water/Natur	King	Medium	Support
<u>SB 5476</u> <u>(HB 1167)</u>	Composting/nuisance lawsuits Confirms that composting activities are recognized as agricultural activities and protected from nuisance lawsuits.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Kuderer	Medium	Support
<u>SB 5580</u>	Orca whales/habitat & fish Implementing recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force related to increasing habitat and forage fish abundance. Addresses the need to increase the amount of chinook salmon in the state's waters by implementing recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes	Medium	Oppose
<u>SB 5620</u>	Elk fencing pilot project Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Conduct a pilot project to test New Zealand design elk fencing and determine the cost and effectiveness of the fence design in reducing damage; and (2) Work with at least two agricultural property owners that volunteer to build and test the elk fence design.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Wagoner	High	Support
<u>SB 5626</u> <u>(HB 1611)</u>	Cultivation of shellfish Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Authorize the use of imidacloprid to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor for the 2019 treatment season; (2) Issue a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit for the use of pesticides to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in association with the cultivation of shellfish; and (3) Delegate certain authorities, regarding the regulation of pesticides used to control burrowing shrimp on tidelands, to the department of agriculture through a memorandum of understanding. Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of ecology, pertaining to chapter 90.48 RCW as it relates to the regulation of the pesticides, to the department of agriculture. Exempts the following from the requirements of the state environmental policy act: The issuance of a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit or waste discharge permit for the use of the pesticides. Makes appropriations from the state general fund to the department of ecology for conducting a study on the use of imidacloprid for control of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor; and from the state toxics control account to the department of agriculture for studying the impacts of the use of imidacloprid as a means to control burrowing shrimp.	S Ag/Water/Natura	Takko	High	Support
<u>SB 5693</u>	Agricultural supply chains Creating transparency in agricultural supply chains.	S Labor & Commerc	Saldaña	Medium	Oppose
<u>SB 5723</u> <u>(HB 1966)</u>	Pedestrian, etc. safety Increasing safety on roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other roadway users.	S Transportation	Saldaña	Low	
<u>SJR 8204</u>	Right to fish, hunt, etc.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Braun	Low	Support

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to guarantee the right to fish, hunt, and otherwise harvest wildlife.

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