



# Session Watch

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 (day 9 of the 105-day session)

## Legislative Session Officially Underway

The Legislature opened the 2019 legislative session on January 14. This is an odd year so it will be a “long” session lasting for 105 days. They hit the ground running with 745 bills introduced the first week. Clean energy and creating new taxes appear to be reoccurring themes.

## New Legislator Sworn In

Our newest legislator, Alex Ybarra from Quincy, was sworn into office this week. He replaces Rep. Matt Manweller from Cle Elum who resigned. Ybarra is an employee of the Grant County PUD, a Quincy School Board member and Vice President of the Washington State School Board Association. He will sit on the House Appropriations Committee.

## Looking at Bills Being Introduced

My bill tracking list is already long. I have not yet assigned priorities and positions for many bills because I would love to hear your thoughts. Please take a moment to glance at some I have highlighted and email me at [legislative@wa-grange.org](mailto:legislative@wa-grange.org) with your thoughts and/or comments.

One bill I am sure we will support is increased funding for agricultural fairs:

HB 1283 and SB 5277 would allow the Fair Fund to increase for the first time in over twenty years. The Fair Fund is in statute at \$2 million/year. It is divided among 65 fairs and youth shows in every county across Washington. (None goes to the Washington State Fair in Puyallup.) The bill would allow the amount of sales tax generated at fairs to set the level of revenue for the Fair Fund. This is like a bill California passed last year.

## Grange Legislative Day

There are still a few days left, don't forget to sign up for the Washington State Grange Annual “Legislative Day” this coming Tuesday, January 29th. The cost is just \$15 and that includes a continental breakfast and a boxed lunch on the hill. Here is a quick look at our day planned so far:

**8:00 am** - Welcome and Legislative Debrief – President, Tom Gwin & WSG Legislative Lobbyist, Heather Hansen

Guest Speaker: Amanda Leigh Brozana-Rios– National Grange

**9:15 am** - Catch DASH bus in front of Wagner’s Bakery

**9:30 am** - Meetings with legislators, hearings, house/senate floor action, Capitol tour

**12:00 pm** - Lunch in Cherberg – Conference Room A – guest speakers:

- Senator Judy Warnick (R), Moses Lake, ranking minority on the Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee.

**1:30 pm** - Meet in front of the Cherberg Building for a group photo

**1:40 pm** - Meetings with legislators, hearings, house/senate floor action, Capitol tour

**3:00 pm** - Catch DASH bus in front of New House Building – back to headquarters

**3:15 pm** - Wrap Up - President, Tom Gwin & Heather Hanson

Look for the sign-up sheet either on our website or in the January Grange News. This will be a great opportunity to talk directly with your legislators!

## Quote of the Week

*"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."*

- Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

## Trivia Question of the Week

When were the Preamble and Constitution of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry first adopted?

## Things to remember

If you do not know who your legislators are, find out here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>. Find your legislators e-mail address here:

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/MemberEmail/Default.aspx?Chamber=H> Legislator phone numbers and office

addresses are available on the individual member pages. Links to the member pages can be found on the [House](#) site, the [Senate](#) site or on the [Member Roster lists](#). If you would like to send a message to your legislators regarding a specific bill, you may use the Bill Comments form. Learn more

here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/pbc/>.

**Toll-Free Hotline** - 1-800-562-6000 allows you to leave a message for your legislators. When leaving a message with the Hotline, please be prepared to give your name and street

address. During the Legislative session, the Hotline is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### **Upcoming Hearings of Interest**

#### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/22 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 1113 - Exec Session - 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.

#### **Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/23 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1167 - Public Hearing - Concerning the protection of composting from nuisance lawsuits.
- HB 1188 - Public Hearing - Concerning rangeland fire protection associations.

#### **Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/23 @ 3:30pm**

- SB 5277 - Public Hearing - Ensuring the funding of agricultural fairs.

#### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/24 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1110 - Exec Session - Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels.
- HB 1113 - Exec Session - 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.
- HB 1114 - Exec Session - Reducing the wasting of food in order to fight hunger and reduce environmental impacts.

#### **Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/25 @ 10:00am**

- HB 1187 - Public Hearing - Revising hydraulic project eligibility standards under RCW 77.55.181 for conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement projects.

### **Selected Bills of Interest**

<a href="#"><u>HB 1025</u></a>	<b>Horse slaughter</b>	H Public Safety	Appleton	Oppose
	Concerning the slaughter of horses and other equines for human consumption. 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 or should know that the horse or its meat will be used for human consumption. Excludes horses, mules, and asses from the definition of "meat food animal."			
<a href="#"><u>HB 1109</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 5153)</u></a>	<b>Operating budget 2019-2021</b>	H Approps	Ormsby	
	Making 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 1110</u></a>	<b>Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels</b>	H Env & Energy	Fitzgibbon	Oppose
	Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. 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.

<a href="#"><u>HB 1113</u></a>	<b>Greenhouse emission limits</b>	H Env & Energy	Slatter		
	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.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 1114</u></a>	<b>Food waste reduction</b>	H Env & Energy	Doglio		
	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.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 1167</u></a>	<b>Composting/nuisance lawsuits</b>	H RDev, Ag&NR	Walen		
	Confirms that composting is an agricultural activity and protected from nuisance lawsuits.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 1172</u></a> (SB 5314)	<b>Capital gains tax/prop. tax</b>	H Finance	Santos		
	Imposes a tax, beginning January 1, 2020, on all individuals for the privilege of selling or exchanging long-term capital assets or receiving capital gains.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 1187</u></a>	<b>Fish habitat projects</b>	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent		
	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.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 1188</u></a>	<b>Rangeland fire associations</b>	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent		
	Addresses rangeland fire protection associations which are defined as a nonprofit corporation or nonprofit unincorporated association that has entered into an agreement for the detection, prevention, or suppression of wildfires with the state or an agency of the state. Authorizes an association to enter into agreements with fire protection service agencies for the detection, prevention, or suppression of wildfires. Requires an association to identify the physical boundaries within which it will provide detection, prevention, and suppression of wildfire services and resources. Requires a local wildland fire liaison to provide information to an association concerning the department of natural resources wildfire detection, prevention, and suppression activities taking place within the boundaries of the association. Authorizes the department of natural resources and fire protection service agencies to enter into agreements for the detection, prevention, or suppression of fires with an association.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 1283</u></a> (SB 5277)	<b>Agricultural fair funding</b>	H Approps	Dent	High	Support
	Ensuring the funding of agricultural fairs.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 1309</u></a>	<b>Studded tires</b>	H Trans	Ryu		
	Phasing out the use of studded tires.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 1343</u></a> (SB 5129)	<b>Revenue</b>	H Finance	Tarleton		
	Increasing revenues for the support of state government.				

<a href="#">SB 5010</a>	<b>Protected lands/fire levies</b>	S Local Governme	Rolfes	Addresses parcels of land that do not pay the forest fire protection assessment or a local fire district levy.
<a href="#">SB 5026</a>	<b>Parcel &amp; planning boundaries</b>	S Local Governme	Honeyford	Support Requires, under the growth management act, urban growth area boundaries to follow existing parcel boundary lines and make reasonable efforts to avoid unnecessary divisions. Requires any changes to be made as part of the next comprehensive plan periodic update.
<a href="#">SB 5085</a>	<b>Broadband internet access</b>	S Environment, E	McCoy	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.
<a href="#">SB 5116</a> (HB 1211)	<b>Clean energy</b>	S Environment, E	Carlyle	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.
<a href="#">SB 5129</a> (HB 1343)	<b>Revenue</b>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	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.
<a href="#">SB 5130</a> (HB 1228)	<b>Fish barrier removal funding</b>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	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.
<a href="#">SB 5153</a> (HB 1109)	<b>Operating budget 2019-2021</b>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Makes 2019-2021 biennium operating appropriations.
<a href="#">SB 5255</a>	<b>Road usage charges/rural</b>	S Transportation	Sheldon	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.

<a href="#">SB 5258</a>	<b>Isolated worker protection</b>	S Labor & Commer	Keiser	Medium	Support
	Requires every hospitality, retail, behavioral health care, or custodial employer, or labor contractor who employs a custodian, security guard, hotel or motel housekeeper, or worker who spends a majority of his or her working hours alongside two or fewer coworkers at a location that is not his or her home to: (1) Adopt a sexual harassment policy; (2) Provide mandatory training to the managers, supervisors, and employees; (3) Provide a list of resources for the employees to use; and (4) Provide a panic button to each worker that spends most of his or her working hours alongside two or fewer coworkers at a location that is not his or her home. Requires the director of the department of labor and industries to establish procedures for licensing property service contractors.				
<a href="#">SB 5277</a> (HB 1283)	<b>Agricultural fair funding</b>	S Ways & Means	Warnick	High	Support
	Changes the funding source and the amount of funding for the fair fund.				
<a href="#">SB 5314</a> (HB 1172)	<b>Capital gains tax/prop. tax</b>	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
	Assisting Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief.				
<a href="#">SB 5412</a> (HB 1110)	<b>Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels</b>		Saldana		
	Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels.				
<a href="#">SB 5447</a>	<b>Dairy milk assessment fee</b>		Van De Wege		
	Extending the dairy milk assessment fee to June 30, 2025.				

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