



# Session Watch

Monday, February 10, 2020 (day 29 of the 60-day session)

## First Round of Cutoffs

First cutoff just passed. That means any bill that did not pass its policy committee by Friday, Feb. 7 is dead. The next cutoff is Tuesday, Feb. 11. Any bill that does not pass out of fiscal committee by that date will die.

Many bills related to growth management, water rights and guns died. There are numerous bad bills still alive. Several bills relating to inspection and labeling of meat are still alive.

## Education Bill a Concern

SB 5395 & HB 2184 – **Comprehensive Sexual Health Education.** This bill would require public schools to provide medically accurate, comprehensive sex education to children at all grade levels. Both bills would start with grades 6 through 12, and then phase it in to all grades.

The Senate bill was approved by the Senate 28-21 and referred to House Education Committee. HB 2184 approved by the House Education Committee, referred to Appropriations Committee.

We heard from Grange members across the state that believe this should stay at the local level and not be mandated by the state. Please reach out to your legislators to express your concerns for the bill.

## Legislative Day – February 20<sup>th</sup>

The Grange Legislative Day is fast approaching. Have you reserved your spot yet? Call us today! We are working to bring you another great Grange Legislative Day!

Here is what's in store so far:

- 8am to 9:15 – Welcome, introductions and legislative briefing (at state headquarters)
- 9:30 to 12:00 – Meetings with your legislators, committee hearings,

possible floor debates, resolution writing and capitol tours.

- 12:00-1:30 – Lunch at the Capitol Campus with the following speakers:
  - Senator Judy Warnick – Moses Lake, Ranking Minority on Senate Ag Committee
  - Diana Carlen – WA Assn of Wheat Growers, Columbia and Snake River Dams
  - Kathleen Collins – WA Water Policy Alliance – Ag water issues
  - Mark Streuli – WA Cattlemen's Assn – Livestock issues
- 1:30-3:00 – Group photo, meetings with your legislators, committee hearings, possible floor debates, resolution writing and capitol tours.
- 3:15 – Wrap up meeting at state headquarters

Please understand that our schedule could be disrupted by what is happening on that day in the legislature, so flexibility is always needed.

## Quote of the Week

*"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."*  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Trivia Question of the Week

Where is the National Grange Convention in 2020?

## Last Week's Trivia Answer

Walla Walla, WA – June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Events

### Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 2/10 @ 10:00am

- SSB 6518 - Public Hearing - Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides. (Oppose/High)
- SSB 6545 - Public Hearing - Adding counties to the voluntary stewardship program. (Support/Low)

### Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/10 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2166 - Exec Session - Creating special license plates that support working forests. (Support/Low)

### Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1, - 2/10 @ 1:30pm

- SB 6586 - Exec Session - Implementing a per mile charge on electric and hybrid vehicles. (Oppose/Medium)

### Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 2/11 @ 10:00am

- SSB 6382 - Exec Session - Concerning a state-inspected meat and poultry inspection program. (Support/High)
- SSB 6518 - Exec Session - Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides. (Oppose/High)
- SSB 6545 - Exec Session - Adding counties to the voluntary stewardship program. (Support/Low)

## High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2317</u></a> (SSB 6300) <b>Animals</b> Concerning animal welfare.	H Rules R	Orwall	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2427</u></a> (SB 6453) <b>Climate change/GMA</b> Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	H Rules R	Duerr	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB 2624</u></a> <b>Dept. of ag./examinations</b> Concerning the authority of the director of the department of agriculture with respect to certain examinations and examination fees.	H Rules R	Shewmake	Support
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2712</u></a> <b>Beef country of origin</b> Requiring retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public.	H Rules R	Kretz	Support
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5947</u></a> (HB 2095) <b>Sustainable farms and fields</b> Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.	H RDev, Ag&NR	McCoy	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6300</u></a> (SHB 2317) <b>Animals</b> Concerning animal welfare.	S Rules 2	Rivers	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6382</u></a> <b>Meat and poultry inspection</b> Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.	S Ways & Means	Ericksen	Support

<a href="#">SSB 6518</a>	<b>Pesticide, chlorpyrifos</b> Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Oppose
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## Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
<a href="#">SHB 2311</a> (SB 6272)	<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b> Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	H Approps	Slatter	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 2413</a>	<b>Wildfire activity funding</b> Concerning funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness activities.	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Oppose
<a href="#">SHB 2415</a>	<b>Special district elections</b> Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.	H Approps	Hudgins	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 2524</a>	<b>Ag. product negotiations</b> Expanding the scope of agricultural products subject to requirements in chapter 15.83 RCW related to negotiation concerning production or marketing.	H Approps	Chandler	Support
<a href="#">SHB 2550</a>	<b>Net ecological gain</b> Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.	H Approps	Lekanoff	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 2552</a>	<b>Salmon committee</b> Creating a joint legislative salmon committee.	H Approps	Lekanoff	Support
<a href="#">SHB 2588</a>	<b>Special purpose districts</b> Improving openness, accountability, and transparency of special purpose districts.	H Rules R	Pollet	Oppose
<a href="#">SHB 2696</a> (SSB 6329)	<b>Meat and poultry misbranding</b> Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	H Rules R	Dent	Support
<a href="#">SHB 2697</a> (SB 6401)	<b>Noxious weeds</b> Concerning noxious weeds.	H Approps	Dent	Support
<a href="#">SHB 2713</a>	<b>Compost procurement and use</b> Encouraging compost procurement and use.	H Approps	Walen	Support
<a href="#">ESSB 5323</a> (2SHB 1205)	<b>Plastic bags</b> Reducing pollution from plastic bags by establishing minimum state standards for the use of bags at retail establishments.	H Env & Energy	Das	Concerns

<a href="#">SSB 6261</a>	<b>Farm labor contractor system</b> Regulating farm labor contractors by removing an exemption for nonprofits, prohibiting retaliation and the use of farm labor contractors in certain circumstances, and establishing liability for related violations.	S Rules 2	McCoy	Oppose
<a href="#">SSB 6288</a>	<b>Office of firearm violence</b> Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention.	S Ways & Means	Dhingra	Oppose
<a href="#">SSB 6306</a>	<b>Soil health initiative</b> Creating the Washington soil health initiative.	S Rules 2	Liias	Support
<a href="#">SSB 6329</a> (SHB 2696)	<b>Meat and poultry misbranding</b> Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	S Rules 2	Warnick	Support
<a href="#">SB 6401</a> (SHB 2697)	<b>Noxious weeds</b> Concerning noxious weeds.	S Ways & Means	Warnick	Support
<a href="#">SSB 6514</a>	<b>Irrigation dist. elections</b> Addressing irrigation district elections.	S Rules 2	Schoesler	Support
<a href="#">SB 6586</a>	<b>Electric vehicles/per mile</b> Implementing a per mile charge on electric and hybrid vehicles.	S Transportation	Saldaña	Oppose

### Low Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
<a href="#">2SHB 1733</a> (SSB 5543)	<b>Productive farmland</b> Retaining productive farmland.	H Rules R	Gregerson	Support
<a href="#">HB 1983</a>	<b>Natural resource management</b> Concerning natural resource management activities.	H 2nd Reading	Maycumber	Support
<a href="#">HB 2166</a>	<b>Working forest license plate</b> Creating special license plates that support working forests.	H Trans	Orcutt	Support
<a href="#">HB 2228</a>	<b>State fire service deploy.</b> Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources.	H Approps	Springer	Support
<a href="#">SHB 2603</a> (SSB 6494)	<b>Trust water rights</b> Concerning trust water rights.	H Rules R	Springer	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 2811</a> (SB 6124)	<b>Environmental education</b> Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.	H Rules R	Johnson	Neutral

<a href="#"><u>SHB 2816</u></a>	<b>School &amp; classroom climates</b> Nurturing positive social and emotional school and classroom climates.	H Rules R	Corry	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 2921</u></a>	<b>REET on undeveloped land</b> Reducing the real estate excise tax for undeveloped land.	H Finance	Vick	Support
<a href="#"><u>HR 4653</u></a>	<b>Agricultural producers</b> Honoring Washington's agricultural producers.	H Adopted/Rule	Dent	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5504</u></a> (HB 1363)	<b>Peer-reviewed journal access</b> Concerning state agency employee access to peer-reviewed journals. Directs the state institute for public policy to conduct a study that addresses potential funding, organizational structure, and policy mechanisms that would provide relevant state employees with comprehensive electronic access to peer-reviewed journals. Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the state institute for public policy for conducting the study. Expires June 30, 2021.	S Rules 2	Warnick	Support
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6494</u></a> (SHB 2603)	<b>Trust water rights</b> Concerning trust water rights.	S Rules 2	Rolfes	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6545</u></a>	<b>Voluntary stewardship prog.</b> Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.	S Ways & Means	Zeiger	Support

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