



Session Watch

Monday, February 24, 2020 (day 42 of the 60-day session)

Last Week of Public Hearings

This is the last week of the legislative session where policy bills will have public hearings. It's going to be a busy week. See the list of hearings below. At this point in the session, multiple deadlines have passed. That does not prevent determined legislators from introducing new bills.

Firearm Safety Introduced Last Week

HB 2947 regarding firearm safety was introduced last week. The bill title is two pages long. It covers a variety of scenarios related to large capacity magazines. It is scheduled for public hearing Tuesday morning.

Memorials Introduced

Two new memorials were introduced last week. House joint memorial 4012 recognizes the international year of the salmon. A joint memorial is a message to Congress or another government body asking for consideration of some matter of concern to the state. International Year of the Salmon is a global initiative to spread information about wild salmon throughout the northern hemisphere.

Senate joint memorial 8014 concerns logging and mining in the upper Skagit watershed. It is directed to the government of British Columbia. It asks the government of British Columbia to work with the city of Seattle and the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission to prevent logging and mining in the donut hole of the upper Skagit watershed, in order to ensure that

the area's environmental and recreational resources are permanently protected.

Legislative Day a Great Success!

The Washington State Grange Legislative Day was again a great success! We had 32 Grangers in attendance representing 9 legislative districts. The group met with their legislators, were able to attend committee meetings of interest to them and enjoyed a capital tour as well. At lunch they listened to speakers regarding from the Washington Water Policy Alliance on our Agriculture water issues as well as issues important to the Washington Cattleman's Association and Washington State Association of Wheat Growers who discussed the great concerns of potentially eliminating the Columbia and Snake River Dams and what that would look like if it happened.

Quote of the Week

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams

Trivia Question of the Week

Where is next years' state Grange convention being held?

Last Week's Trivia Answer

Albert Goss

Upcoming Events

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/25 @ 8:00am

- HB 2947 - Public Hearing - Establishing firearms-related safety measures.

Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3, - 2/25 @ 8:00am

- ESHB 2427 - Public Hearing - Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act. (Oppose/High)

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/25 @ 10:00am

- SSB 6306 - Public Hearing - Creating the Washington soil health initiative. (Support/Medium)
- 2SSB 6382 - Public Hearing - Creating the meat and poultry processing and marketing assistance program. (Support/High)

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 2/25 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2624 - Public Hearing - Concerning the authority of the director of the department of agriculture with respect to certain examinations and examination fees. (Support/High)

Public Safety (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 2/25 @ 3:30pm

- ESSB 6300 - Public Hearing - Concerning animal welfare. (Oppose/Medium)

Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/26 @ 8:00am

- ESSB 6288 - Public Hearing - Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention. (Oppose/Medium)

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/26 @ 8:00am

- E2SSB 6518 - Public Hearing - Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides. (Oppose/High)

Education (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/27 @ 8:00am

- ESSB 5395 - Exec Session - Concerning comprehensive sexual health education. (Monitoring)

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 2/27 @ 1:30pm

- HJM 4012 - Public Hearing - Recognizing the international year of the salmon.

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 2/28 @ 1:30pm

- SHB 2498 - Public Hearing - Providing compensation to department of natural resources lessees whose leases are terminated for reasons other than default. (Support/Medium)
- HB 2524 - Public Hearing - Expanding the scope of agricultural products subject to requirements in chapter 15.83 RCW related to negotiation concerning production or marketing. (Support/Medium)

Bill Tracking

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
SHB 2317 (SSB 6300) Animals Concerning animal welfare.	H Rules R	Orwall	Oppose
SHB 2427 (SB 6453) Climate change/GMA Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	H Rules R	Duerr	Oppose
HB 2624 Dept. of ag./examinations Concerning the authority of the director of the department of agriculture with respect to certain examinations and examination fees.	H Rules R	Shewmake	Support
SHB 2712 Beef country of origin Requiring retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public.	H Rules R	Kretz	Support

2SSB 5947 (HB 2095)	Sustainable farms and fields Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.	H R Dev, Ag&NR	McCoy	Oppose
SSB 6300 (SHB 2317)	Animals Concerning animal welfare.	S Rules 2	Rivers	Oppose
SSB 6382	Meat and poultry inspection Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.	S Ways & Means	Ericksen	Support
SSB 6518	Pesticide, chlorpyrifos Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	Oppose

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
SHB 2311 (SB 6272)	Greenhouse gas emissions Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	H Approps	Slatter	Oppose
HB 2413	Wildfire activity funding Concerning funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness activities.	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Oppose
SHB 2415	Special district elections Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.	H Approps	Hudgins	Oppose
HB 2524	Ag. product negotiations 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
SHB 2550	Net ecological gain Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.	H Approps	Lekanoff	Concerns
HB 2552	Salmon committee Creating a joint legislative salmon committee.	H Approps	Lekanoff	Support
SHB 2588	Special purpose districts Improving openness, accountability, and transparency of special purpose districts.	H Rules R	Pollet	Oppose
SHB 2696 (SSB 6329)	Meat and poultry misbranding Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	H Rules R	Dent	Support
SHB 2697 (SB 6401)	Noxious weeds Concerning noxious weeds.	H Approps	Dent	Support
SHB 2713	Compost procurement and use Encouraging compost procurement and use.	H Approps	Walén	Support

ESSB 5323 (2SHB 1205)	Plastic bags Reducing pollution from plastic bags by establishing minimum state standards for the use of bags at retail establishments.	H Env & Energy	Das	Concerns
SSB 6261	Farm labor contractor system 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
SSB 6288	Office of firearm violence Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention.	S Ways & Means	Dhingra	Oppose
SSB 6306	Soil health initiative Creating the Washington soil health initiative.	S Rules 2	Lias	Support
SSB 6329 (SHB 2696)	Meat and poultry misbranding Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	S Rules 2	Warnick	Support
SB 6401 (SHB 2697)	Noxious weeds Concerning noxious weeds.	S Ways & Means	Warnick	Support
SSB 6514	Irrigation dist. elections Addressing irrigation district elections.	S Rules 2	Schoesler	Support
SB 6586	Electric vehicles/per mile Implementing a per mile charge on electric and hybrid vehicles.	S Transportation	Salda	Oppose

Low Priority Bills

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

SHB 2816	School & classroom climates Nurturing positive social and emotional school and classroom climates.	H Rules R	Corry	Support
HB 2921	REET on undeveloped land Reducing the real estate excise tax for undeveloped land.	H Finance	Vick	Support
HR 4653	Agricultural producers Honoring Washington's agricultural producers.	H Adopted/Rule	Dent	Support
SB 5504 (HB 1363)	Peer-reviewed journal access 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
SSB 6494 (SHB 2603)	Trust water rights Concerning trust water rights.	S Rules 2	Rolfes	Concerns
SSB 6545	Voluntary stewardship prog. Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.	S Ways & Means	Zeiger	Support

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