



Session Watch

Monday, February 3, 2020 (day 22 of the 60-day session)

First Round of Cutoffs Quickly Approaching

This Friday, Feb. 7th is the first cutoff date. Any bill not passed out of committee by that date will die (excluding any budgetary items), so the next list you see should be significantly shorter. Last week was incredibly busy and this week is shaping up to be so too as legislators attempt to pass as many bills as possible before cutoff.

Low-Carbon Fuel Standard Making Momentum

The House passed House Bill 1110 last week on a party line vote. It would create a low-carbon fuel standard similar to California's. During the three-hour debate, representatives who opposed the bill warned it would increase gas prices but have little effect on the state's environment. It's a priority for Gov. Jay Inslee. The measure now advances to the Senate for consideration. If the bill passes, it is expected to increase the cost of gas by up to 57 cents per gallon by 2030 and up to 63 cents per gallon by 2030.

Road Usage Charge Introduced

SB 6586 would direct the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) and the state Department of Licensing to set up a road usage charge (RUC) program for electric and hybrid vehicles. Grange policy opposes a road use charge because it is particularly harmful to rural residents who must drive further based on where they live.

Banning the Insecticide Chlorpyrifos

SB 6518, banning the insecticide chlorpyrifos, was heard last Thursday. The entire Ag industry did an outstanding job of explaining pest control needs, safety and caring for their communities. Unfortunately, this bill is scheduled for Executive Session and there is no clear route to stop its progress. Many crops have been exempted, but it will hit the tree fruit industry especially hard.

Legislative Day – February 20th

The Grange Legislative Day is fast approaching. Have you reserved your spot yet? There are only a few more weeks to go. We will be working this week on scheduling everyone attending; to meet with their

district Senator and Representatives. 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! We should have more specific details for you by next week. We will at that time announce our speakers and a more in depth plan for the day. Let's make an impact and show them the Grange is here.

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.

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

When and Where is this year's state convention being held.

Last Week's Trivia Answer

Walla Walla, WA – June 24th-27th

Upcoming Events

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

- SHB 2311 - Public Hearing - Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science. (Oppose/Medium)
- HB 2811 - Exec Session - Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program. (Neutral/Low)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 2/3 @ 3:30pm

- SB 6306 - Public Hearing - Creating the Washington soil health initiative. (Support/Medium)

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1, - 2/4 @ 10:00am

- SB 5981 - Public Hearing - Implementing a greenhouse gas emissions cap and trade program. (Hearing is on the Draft Proposed Substitute.) (Oppose/Medium)

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/4 @ 10:00am

- HB 2697 - Public Hearing - Concerning noxious weeds. (Support/Medium)

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/4 @ 3:30pm

- HB 2427 - Exec Session - Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act. (Oppose/High)
- HB 2536 - Public Hearing - Updating rural character under the growth management act. (Support/High)
- HB 2550 - Exec Session - Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws. (Concerns/Medium)

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/5 @ 8:00am

- HB 2552 - Exec Session - Creating a joint legislative salmon committee. (Support/Medium)
- HB 2696 - Exec Session - Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products. (Support/Medium)
- HB 2712 - Exec Session - Requiring retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public. (Support/Medium)

State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 2/5 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2713 - Public Hearing - Encouraging compost procurement and use. (Support/Medium)

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 2/6 @ 1:30pm

- SB 6329 - Exec Session - Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products. (Support/Medium)
- SB 6401 - Exec Session - Concerning noxious weeds. (Support/Medium)
- SB 6518 - Exec Session - Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides. (Oppose/High)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 2/6 @ 3:30pm

- HB 2228 - Public Hearing - Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources. (Support/Low)

Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 2/6 @ 3:30pm

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

Bill Tracking

High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
SHB 2317 Animals Concerning animal welfare.	H PSDPS	Orwall	Oppose
HB 2427 (SB 6453) Climate change/GMA Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	H Env & Energy	Duerr	Oppose
HB 2536 Rural character/GMA Updating rural character under the growth management act.	H Env & Energy	Maycumber	Support

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 RDev, Ag&NR	Shewmake	Support
2SSB 5947	Sustainable farms and fields Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.	H RDev, Ag&NR	McCoy	Oppose
SB 6260	Water resources/tribes Concerning tribal traditional and cultural interests in water resources.	S Ag/Water/Natur	McCoy	Oppose
SSB 6300	Animals Concerning animal welfare.	S Rules 2	Rivers	Oppose
SB 6453 (HB 2427)	Climate change/GMA Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	S Local Governme	Salomon	Oppose
SB 6518	Pesticide, chlorpyrifos Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes	Oppose

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
HB 1979	Surface water flow levels Concerning the establishment of reasonable surface water flow levels.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Maycumber	Support
SHB 2311	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
HB 2415	Special district elections Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.	H State Govt & T	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 RDev, Ag&NR	Chandler	Support
HB 2529 (SB 6503)	Odd-numbered year elections Concerning odd-numbered year elections.	H State Govt & T	Gregerson	Oppose
HB 2549	Salmon recovery efforts/GMA Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management.	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	Concerns

<u>HB 2550</u>	Net ecological gain Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	Concerns
<u>HB 2552</u>	Salmon committee Creating a joint legislative salmon committee.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	Support
<u>SHB 2588</u>	Special purpose districts Improving openness, accountability, and transparency of special purpose districts.	H Rules R	Pollet	Oppose
<u>HB 2609 (SB 6335)</u>	Climate change/GMA Addressing climate change through growth management.	H Env & Energy	Duerr	Oppose
<u>HB 2696 (SB 6329)</u>	Meat and poultry misbranding Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent	Support
<u>HB 2697 (SB 6401)</u>	Noxious weeds Concerning noxious weeds.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent	Support
<u>HB 2712</u>	Beef country of origin Requiring retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Kretz	Support
<u>HB 2713</u>	Compost procurement and use Encouraging compost procurement and use.	H State Govt & T	Walen	Support
<u>HB 2866</u>	Transfer of water rights Prohibiting transfers of water rights out of their original water resource inventory area.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Goehner	Support
<u>ESSB 5323</u>	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
<u>SB 5412 (E2SHB 1110)</u>	Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. Low carbon fuel standard.	S Environment, E	Saldaña	Oppose
<u>SB 6036</u>	Droughts/trust water rights Providing opportunities for drought mitigation using trust water rights.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Honeyford	Support
<u>SB 6076 (HB 2241)</u>	Assault weapons Concerning assault weapons and large capacity magazines.	S Law & Justice	Kuderer	Concerns

SB 6161	Ammunition excise tax Imposing an excise tax on ammunition.	S Law & Justice	Dhingra	Oppose
SB 6261	Farm labor contractor system Strengthening the farm labor contractor system 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 Labor & Commer	McCoy	Oppose
SB 6272 (SHB 2311)	Greenhouse gas emissions Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	S Environment, E	Das	Oppose
SSB 6288	Office of firearm violence Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention.	S Ways & Means	Dhingra	Oppose
SB 6306	Soil health initiative Creating the Washington soil health initiative.	S Ways & Means	Lias	Support
SB 6329 (HB 2696)	Meat and poultry misbranding Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Warnick	Support
SB 6401 (HB 2697)	Noxious weeds Concerning noxious weeds.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Warnick	Support
SB 6454	Salmon habitat planning Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.	S Local Governmen	Salomon	Oppose
SB 6503 (HB 2529)	Odd-numbered year elections Concerning odd-numbered year elections.	S State Govt/Tri	Nguyen	Oppose
SB 6514	Irrigation dist. elections Addressing irrigation district elections.	S Local Governme	Schoesler	Support
SB 6544	GMA/agricultural land Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.	S Local Governme	Zeiger	Support
SB 6586	Electric vehicles/per mile Implementing a per mile charge on electric and hybrid vehicles.	S Transportation	Salda?a	Oppose

Low Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
2SHB 1733 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
HB 2553	Water resource policy group Creating a joint executive, legislative, and interagency work group on water resource policy for the purpose of developing a statewide water action plan.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	Concerns
HB 2603 (SB 6494)	Trust water rights Concerning trust water rights.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Springer	Concerns
HB 2765	Committee on water Creating a joint select committee on water.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	Support
HB 2811 (SB 6124)	Environmental education Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.	H Approps	Johnson	Neutral
HR 4653	Agricultural producers Honoring Washington's agricultural producers.		Dent	Support
SB 5504	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
SB 6124 (HB 2811)	Environmental education Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.	S EL/K-12	Hunt	Neutral
SB 6301	Surface water rights Concerning public interest considerations in the transfer or change of surface water rights.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Van De Wege	Concerns
SB 6335 (HB 2609)	Climate change/GMA Addressing climate change through growth management.	S Local Governme	Salomon	Concerns
SB 6345	Water infrastructure program Establishing the water infrastructure program.	S Ag/Water/Natura	Honeyford	Support

SB 6347	Pistol license expiration Extending the expiration date for a concealed pistol license.	S Law & Justice	Wagoner	Neutral
SB 6494 (HB 2603)	Trust water rights Concerning trust water rights.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes	Concerns
SB 6545	Voluntary stewardship prog. Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.	S Local Governme	Zeiger	Support

Other Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
HB 2519	Ammunition Concerning reasonable public safety measures to prevent dangerous individuals from acquiring ammunition.	H Civil R & Judi	Walen	
SB 6093	Park and land public access Concerning free public access to state parks and lands.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Schoesler	
SSB 6382	Meat and poultry inspection Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.	S Ways & Means	Ericksen	

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