



Session Watch

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 (day 9 of the 60-day session)

Legislative Session Officially Underway

The 2020 legislative session began January 13 with a bang. One thousand sixty-seven new bills were introduced during the first week. Bills from last year are still alive, so there are potentially thousands of bills that could move.

There are trends emerging already. There are long lists of bills related to climate change, the growth management act and gun control. There are bills adding climate change and/or salmon recovery as new goals under the growth management act. This has the potential to further limit property development, building permits, road building and more.

There are numerous bills related to how special purpose districts elect board members. Currently, for irrigation districts, drainage districts, and several other types of special purpose districts, only landowners who pay into the district are allowed to vote. Many of these bills would allow any registered voter in the district to vote. These bills are of great concern to irrigation districts.

Senate bill 6518 would ban the insecticide chlorpyrifos. This product is widely used in the production of tree fruit, vegetables and grain. Losing it as a tool would be extremely harmful to Washington agriculture.

Other bills of interest related to agriculture would prohibit the labeling of non-meat food as meat; repeal the law that allows livestock owners to kill dogs that attack livestock; and update noxious weed control laws.

Stay tuned, the legislative session ends March 12, 2020. Much will happen between now and then. As always, if you have concerns about a bill don't hesitate to contact me.

Grange Legislative Day

The Washington State Grange Annual "Legislative Day" this coming Thursday, February 20th. The cost is just \$15 and that includes a continental breakfast and a boxed lunch.

The day will begin at 8am and will go until approximately 3pm. I have attached a sign-up sheet to this email. Reserve your spot today! This will be a great opportunity to talk directly with your legislators!

Quote of the Week

"Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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 Events

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/22 @ 8:00am

- HB 2552 - Public Hearing - Creating a joint legislative salmon committee.

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/23 @ 8:00am

- HB 2427 - Public Hearing - Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act. (High)
- HB 2549 - Public Hearing - Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management. (Concerns)

Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/23 @ 8:00am

- SB 6454 - Public Hearing - Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/23 @ 1:30pm

- SB 6329 - Public Hearing - Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.

State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/24 @ 8:00am

- HB 2415 - Public Hearing - Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/24 @ 10:00am

- 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.
- 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)

Agriculture

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 2311 (SB 6272)	Greenhouse gas emissions Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	H Env & Energy Slatter		
HB 2415	Special district elections Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.	H State Govt & Tr Hudgins		
HB 2427 (SB 6453)	Climate change/GMA Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	H Env & Energy Duerr	High	
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		
HB 2536	Rural character/GMA Updating rural character under the growth management act.	H Env & Energy Maycumber	High	Support
HB 2549	Salmon recovery efforts/GMA Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management.	H Env & Energy Lekanoff		Concerns
	Salmon committee	H RDev, Ag&NR Lekanoff		

HB 2552	Creating a joint legislative salmon committee.				
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		
HB 2588	Special purpose districts Improving openness, accountability, and transparency of special purpose districts.	H Local Govt	Pollet		
HB 2603	Trust water rights Concerning trust water rights.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Springer		
HB 2609 (SB 6335)	Climate change/GMA Addressing climate change through growth management.	H Env & Energy	Duerr	Low	Concerns
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	High	Support
HB 2696 (SB 6329)	Meat and poultry misbranding Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent		
HB 2697 (SB 6401)	Noxious weeds Concerning noxious weeds.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent		
HB 2712	Beef country of origin Requiring retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public.		Kretz		
HB 2713	Compost procurement and use Encouraging compost procurement and use.		Walen	Medium	Support
SB 6036	Droughts/trust water rights Providing opportunities for drought mitigation using trust water rights.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Honeyford	Medium	Support
SB 6272 (HB 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		
SB 6306	Soil health initiative Creating the Washington soil health initiative.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Lias		
SB 6329 (HB 2696)	Meat and poultry misbranding Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	S Ag/Water/Natura	Warnick		
	Climate change/GMA	S Local Governme	Salomon	Low	Concerns

[SB 6335](#)
(HB 2609) Addressing climate change through growth management.

[SB 6382](#) **Custom meat facilities** S Ag/Water/Natur Ericksen
Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.

[SB 6401](#) **Noxious weeds** S Ag/Water/Natur Warnick
(HB 2697) Concerning noxious weeds.

[SB 6453](#) **Climate change/GMA** S Local Governme Salda?a High
(HB 2427) Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.

[SB 6514](#) **Irrigation dist. elections** Schoesler
Addressing irrigation district elections.

[SB 6518](#) **Pesticide, chlorpyrifos** Rolfes High Oppose
Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides.

Energy / Carbon

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 2405 Comm. property/clean energy (SB 6222) Concerning commercial property assessed clean energy and resilience.	H Local Govt	Duerr		
SB 6222 Comm. property/clean energy (HB 2405) Concerning commercial property assessed clean energy and resilience.	S Environment, E	Lovelett		

Guns

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 2240 High capacity magazines (SB 6077) Concerning high capacity magazines.	H Civil R & Judi	Valdez		
HB 2519 Ammunition Concerning reasonable public safety measures to prevent dangerous individuals from acquiring ammunition.	H Civil R & Judi	Walen		
SB 6076 Assault weapons (HB 2241) Concerning assault weapons and large capacity magazines.	S Law & Justice	Kuderer	Medium	Concerns
SB 6077 High capacity magazines (HB 2240) Concerning high capacity magazines.	S Law & Justice	Kuderer	Medium	Concerns

[SB 6161](#) **Ammunition excise tax** S Law & Justice Dhingra
Imposing an excise tax on ammunition.

[SB 6288](#) **Office of firearm violence** S Law & Justice Dhingra
Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention.

[SB 6347](#) **Pistol license expiration** S Law & Justice Wagoner
Extending the expiration date for a concealed pistol license.

Uncategorized Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 2228 State fire service deploy. Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources.	H HOUSDP	Springer		Support
HB 2413 Wildfire activity funding Concerning funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness activities.	H Approps	Fitzgibbon		
SB 6093 Park and land public access Concerning free public access to state parks and lands.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Schoesler		
SB 6454 Salmon habitat planning Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.	S Local Governmen	Salda?a		

Legislative Department

Heather Hansen, Legislative Lobbyist

legislative@wa-grange.org

(360) 943-9911