



# Session Watch

Monday, January 27, 2020 (day 15 of the 60-day session)

## Nearly 2000 Bills Already Introduced

We have already completed two weeks of the legislative session and nearly 2000 bills have been introduced. They are likely to continue at that rate for another week.

This coming week is filled with hearings. If you see something of interest, you can watch hearings on TVW online. Most hearings are recorded so you can watch at your leisure. If you are close to Olympia, come on down and watch in person.

## Bills Limiting Initiatives & Referendums

One set of new bills introduced this week would limit initiatives and referendums to even-numbered years. [HB 2529](#) and [SB 6503](#) were introduced respectively by Rep. Mia Gregerson (D-33) and Sen. Joe Nguyen (D-34). The House bill has 10 other House Democrats as co-sponsors. If one of them passes, it is likely it would be challenged in court as unconstitutional.

## Additional Bills to Watch

Numerous bills would add goals related to climate change and salmon recovery to the growth management act. Increased emphasis is placed on reducing miles travelled. For people who live in rural areas, that is often not possible.

Note HB 2317 and SB 6300 concerning animal welfare. These bills eliminate the provision that allows a livestock owner to shoot a dog that is attacking Livestock. Rather than hearing these bills in the agriculture committees, they were referred to public safety and the legal committee. Both are already scheduled to pass out of committee.

As always, I welcome your input.

## Legislative Day Grange Legislative Day

Don't forget to sign up for the Washington State Grange Annual "Legislative Day" on February 20th. 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! Look for more detailed information on the anticipated schedule for the day as well. 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

*"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."* – Ronald Reagan

## Trivia Question of the Week

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

## Last Week's Trivia Answer

January 9, 1873

## Upcoming Events

Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/27 @ 10:00am

- SB 6300 - Public Hearing - Concerning animal welfare. (Oppose/High)

**Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/27 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 2549 - Public Hearing - Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management. (Concerns)  
**Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/27 @ 3:30pm**
- SB 5504 - Public Hearing - Concerning state agency employee access to peer-reviewed journals. (Support/Low)  
**Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/28 @ 8:00am**
- SB 6514 - Public Hearing - Addressing irrigation district elections. (Support/Medium)  
**Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/28 @ 1:30pm**
- SB 6382 - Public Hearing - Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.  
**Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/28 @ 3:30pm**
- HB 2550 - Public Hearing - Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws. (Concerns/Medium)
- HB 2609 - Public Hearing - Addressing climate change through growth management. (Oppose/Medium)  
**Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/29 @ 8:00am**
- HB 2552 - Exec Session - Creating a joint legislative salmon committee. (Oppose/Medium)
- HB 2696 - Public Hearing - Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products. (Support/Medium)
- HB 2712 - Public Hearing - Requiring retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public. (Support/Medium)

**Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1, - 1/29 @ 3:30pm**

- SB 6586 - Public Hearing - Implementing a per mile charge on electric and hybrid vehicles. (Oppose/Medium)  
**Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/30 @ 8:00am**
- SB 6544 - Public Hearing - Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land. (Support/Medium)
- SB 6545 - Public Hearing - Concerning the voluntary stewardship program. (Support/Low)  
**Public Safety (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/30 @ 8:00am**
- HB 2317 - Exec Session - Concerning animal welfare. (Oppose/High)  
**Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/30 @ 10:00am**
- SB 6300 - Exec Session - Concerning animal welfare. (Oppose/High)  
**Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/30 @ 1:30pm**
- SB 6329 - Exec Session - Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products. (Support/Medium)
- SB 6382 - Exec Session - Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.
- SB 6401 - Public Hearing - Concerning noxious weeds. (Support/Medium)
- SB 6518 - Public Hearing - Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides. (Oppose/High)

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/30 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 2811 - Public Hearing - Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program. (Neutral/Low)  
**Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/31 @ 10:00am**
- HB 2765 - Public Hearing - Creating a joint select committee on water.

**Bill Tracking**

**High Priority Bills**

<u>Bill Details</u>		<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#"><u>HB2317</u></a> (SB 6300)	<b>Animals</b> Concerning animal welfare.	H Pub Safety	Orwall	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB2427</u></a> (SB 6453)	<b>Climate change/GMA</b> Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	H Env & Energy	Duerr	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB2536</u></a>	<b>Rural character/GMA</b> Updating rural character under the growth management act.	H Env & Energy	Maycumber	Support

<a href="#"><u>HB2624</u></a>	<b>Dept. of Ag./exams</b>	H RDev, Ag&NR	Shewmake	Support
	Concerning the authority of the director of the department of agriculture with respect to certain examinations and examination fees.			
<a href="#"><u>2SSB5947</u></a>	<b>Sustainable farms and fields</b>	H RDev, Ag&NR	McCoy	Oppose
	Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.			
<a href="#"><u>SB6260</u></a>	<b>Water resources/tribes</b>	S Ag/Water/Nat	McCoy	Concerns
	Concerning tribal traditional and cultural interests in water resources.			
<a href="#"><u>SB6300</u></a> (HB2317)	<b>Animals</b>	S Law & Justice	Rivers	Oppose
	Concerning animal welfare.			
<a href="#"><u>SB6453</u></a> (HB2427)	<b>Climate change/GMA</b>	S Local Govt	Saldasa	Oppose
	Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.			
<a href="#"><u>SB6518</u></a>	<b>Pesticide, chlorpyrifos</b>	S Ag/Water/Nat	Rolfes	Oppose
	Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides.			

### Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
<a href="#"><u>HB1979</u></a>	<b>Surface water flow levels</b>	H RDev, Ag&NR	Maycumber	Support
	Concerning the establishment of reasonable surface water flow levels.			
<a href="#"><u>SHB2311</u></a>	<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b>	H ENVIDPS	Slatter	Oppose
	Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.			
<a href="#"><u>HB2413</u></a>	<b>Wildfire activity funding</b>	H Approp	Fitzgibbon	Oppose
	Concerning funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness activities.			
<a href="#"><u>HB2415</u></a>	<b>Special district elections</b>	H State Govt	Hudgins	Oppose
	Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 2529</u></a> (SB6503)	<b>Odd-numbered year elections</b>	H State Govt	Gregerson	Oppose
	Concerning odd-numbered year elections.			

<a href="#"><u>HB2550</u></a>	<b>Net ecologic gain</b> Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.	HEnv&Energy	Lekanoff	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>HB2552</u></a>	<b>Salmon committee</b> Creating a joint legislative salmon committee.	HRDev,Ag&NR	Lekanoff	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB2588</u></a>	<b>Special purpose districts</b> Improving openness, accountability, and transparency of special purpose districts.	H Local Govt	Pollet	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB2609</u></a> (SB6335)	<b>Climate change/GMA</b> Addressing climate change through growth management.	H Env&Energy	Duerr	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB2696</u></a> (SB6329)	<b>Meat and poultry misbranding</b> Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	HRDev,Ag&NR	Dent	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB2697</u></a> (SB6401)	<b>Noxious weeds</b> Concerning noxious weeds.	HRDev,Ag&NR	Dent	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB2712</u></a>	<b>Beef country of origin</b> Requiring retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public.	HRDev,Ag&NR	Kretz	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB2713</u></a>	<b>Compost procuremnt &amp; use</b> Encouraging compost procurement and use.	H State Govt	Walen	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB2866</u></a>	Prohibiting transfers of water rights out of their original water resource inventory area.		Goehner	Support
<a href="#"><u>ESSB5323</u></a> (Dead)	<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="#"><u>SB5412</u></a>	<b>Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels</b> Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. Low carbon fuel standard.	S Enviro, E	Salda?a	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SB6036</u></a>	<b>Droughts/trust water rights</b> Providing opportunities for drought mitigation using trust water rights.	S Ag/Water/Nat	Honeyford	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB6076</u></a> (H2241)	<b>Assault weapons</b> Concerning assault weapons and large capacity magazines.	S Law&Justice	Kuderer	Concerns

<a href="#"><u>SB6161</u></a>	<b>Ammunition excise tax</b> Imposing an excise tax on ammunition.	S Law&Justice	Dhingra	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SB6261</u></a>	<b>Farm labor contractor system</b> 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 Comm	McCoy	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SB6272</u></a> (SB62311)	<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b> Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	S Enviro, E	Das	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SSB6288</u></a>	<b>Office of firearm violence</b> Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention.	S Ways Means	Dhingra	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SB6306</u></a>	<b>Soil health initiative</b> Creating the Washington soil health initiative.	S Ways Means	Lias	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB6329</u></a> (HB2696)	<b>Meat and poultry misbranding</b> Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.	S Ag/Water/Nat	Warnick	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB6401</u></a> (HB2697)	<b>Noxious weeds</b> Concerning noxious weeds.	S Ag/Water/Nat	Warnick	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB6454</u></a>	<b>Salmon habitat planning</b> Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.	S Local Govt	Salda?a	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SB6503</u></a> (HB2529)	<b>Odd-numbered year elections</b> Concerning odd-numbered year elections.	S Stat Govt/Tri	Nguyen	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SB6514</u></a>	<b>Irrigation dist. elections</b> Addressing irrigation district elections.	S Local Govt	Schoesler	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB6544</u></a>	<b>GMA/agricultural land</b> Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.	S Local Govt	Zeiger	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB6586</u></a>	<b>Electric vehicles/per mile</b> Implementing a per mile charge on electric and hybrid vehicles.	S Transpor	Salda?a	Oppose

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**Low Priority Bills**

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#"><u>SHB1733</u></a> <b>Productive farmland</b> Retaining productive farmland.	H Approps	Gregerson	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB1983</u></a> <b>Natural resource management</b> Concerning natural resource management activities.	H 2nd Reading	Maycumber	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB2603</u></a> <b>Trust water rights</b> (SB6494) Concerning trust water rights.	HRDev,Ag&NR	Springer	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>HB2811</u></a> <b>Environmental education</b> (SB6124) Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.	H Approps	Johnson	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB5504</u></a> <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.	SWays&Means	Warnick	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB6124</u></a> <b>Enviro Education</b> (HB2811) Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.	S EL/K-12	Hunt	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB6301</u></a> <b>Surface water rights</b> Concerning public interest considerations in the transfer or change of surface water rights.	S Ag/Water/Nat	Van De Wege	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SB6335</u></a> <b>Climate change/GMA</b> (HB2609) Addressing climate change through growth management.	S Local Govt	Salomon	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SB6345</u></a> <b>Water infrastru program</b> Establishing the water infrastructure program.	S Ag/Water/Nat	Honeyford	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB6347</u></a> <b>Pistol license expiration</b> Extending the expiration date for a concealed pistol license.	S Law & Justice	Wagoner	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB6494</u></a> <b>Trust water rights</b> (HB2603) Concerning trust water rights.	S Ag/Water/Nat	Rolfes	Neutral

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<a href="#"><u>SB6545</u></a>	<b>Voluntary stewardship prog.</b> Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.	S Local Govt	Zeiger	Support
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**Other Bills**

<u>Bill Details</u>		<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#"><u>HB2228</u></a>	<b>State fire service deploy.</b> Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources.	H Approps	Springer	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB2519</u></a>	<b>Ammunition</b> Concerning reasonable public safety measures to prevent dangerous individuals from acquiring ammunition.	H Civil R&Jud	Walen	
<a href="#"><u>HB2524</u></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 RDev, Ag&NR	Chandler	
<a href="#"><u>HB2549</u></a>	<b>Salmon recovery efforts/GMA</b> Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management.	H Env& Energy	Lekanoff	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>HB2553</u></a>	<b>Water resource policy group</b> 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	
<a href="#"><u>HB2765</u></a>	<b>Committee on water</b> Creating a joint select committee on water.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	
<a href="#"><u>SB6093</u></a>	<b>Park and land public access</b> Concerning free public access to state parks and lands.	S Ag/Water/Nat	Schoesler	
<a href="#"><u>SB6382</u></a>	<b>Custom meat facilities</b> Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.	S Ag/Water/Nat	Ericksen	

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