



Session Watch

Monday, March 1, 2020 (day 49 of the 60-day session)

11 Days Left Before Session Ends

As the 2020 Legislative session approaches the March 12 finish line, more bills died, and others took on added significance.

Bills that Died this Week

In Fridays' policy committee cutoff, HB 2498 died. The bill would have provided compensation to farmers who leased land from DNR if DNR broke the lease for any reason other than payment default. There was no testimony opposing the bill.

Another bill that died was HB 2906 concerning the use of radio collars by the department of fish and wildlife to track gray wolves.

And one that died after a major kerfuffle was HB 2712 which would have required retailers to indicate the country of origin on beef sold to the public.

This caught the attention of the Canadian government, which has not yet ratified the new US, Mexico, Canada trade agreement (USMCA). Lots of cattle move across the border between Washington State and Canada. Calls flew across the border between legislators and government officials indicating the passage of the bill could jeopardize the trade agreement.

The trade agreement is about much more than cattle, in the past, retaliatory tariffs have harmed potato and wheat exports and have been very costly to Washington growers. In the end, it agreed not to move the bill.

Carbon Fuel Bill Still Alive

On Monday afternoon, HB 1110, which would create a low carbon fuel standard, is scheduled for a hearing. Large crowds of concerned citizens are expected.

Fiscal Committee Cut-off Today

Monday, March 2 is fiscal committee cutoff. Any bill that does not pass its fiscal committee will die. (Appropriations, Finance, Capital Budget, Transportation, and Ways & Means are all fiscal committees.) At this point in session, the rules become for flexible and dead bills sometimes come back to life.

Resolutions Due May 24th for the 2020 Convention

Now is the time to be discussing issues that were of concern to your Grange but there was not state Grange legislative policy. Watch for the March Grange News for more information on how to write a resolution. Do remember that your resolution must have a title and the resolved must stand alone. Also don't forget to send your resolutions in with your Grange seal along with both your Masters' and your Secretaries' signatures. We are always here to help if you have any questions. Happy writing!

Quote of the Week

Leaders are fascinated by future. You are a leader if and only if, you are restless for change, impatient for progress and deeply dissatisfied with status quo. Because in your head, you can see a better future. The friction between 'what is' and 'what could be' burns you, stirs you up, propels you. This is leadership.

Marcus Buckingham

Trivia Question of the Week

Who is this years' National Grange Youth Ambassador?

Last Week's Trivia Answer

Port Townsend, WA

Upcoming Events

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 3/2 @ 8:00am

- ESSB 5323 - Public Hearing & Exec Session - Reducing pollution from plastic bags by establishing minimum state standards for the use of bags at retail establishments. (Concerns/Medium)

Capital Budget (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/2 @ 9:00am

- 2SSB 5947 - Public Hearing & Exec Session - Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program. (Oppose/Low)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 3/2 @ 10:00am

- ESHB 1622 - Exec Session - Concerning drought preparedness and response. (Neutral/Medium)
- EHB 2228 - Exec Session - Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources. (Support/Low)
- E2SHB 2311 - Exec Session - Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science. (Oppose/Medium)
- ESHB 2713 - Exec Session - Encouraging compost procurement and use. (Support/Medium)

Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1, - 3/2 @ 1:30pm

- E2SHB 1110 - Public Hearing - Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. (Oppose/High)
- EHB 2166 - Exec Session - 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>
E2SHB 1110 Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. Creates low carbon fuel standard.	S Transportation	Fitzgibbon	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.	S Rules 2	Shewmake	Support
ESSB 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.	H Rules R	McCoy	Neutral
2SSB 6382 Meat and poultry processing Concerning state-inspected commercial custom meat facilities.	H Approps	Ericksen	Support
E2SSB 6518 Pesticide, chlorpyrifos Reducing prenatal exposure and harm to children by limiting environmental exposure to certain pesticides.	H Approps	Rolfes	Oppose

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
ESHB 1622 Drought preparedness Concerning drought preparedness and response.	S Ways & Means	Blake	Neutral
E2SHB 2311 Greenhouse gas emissions Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	S Ways & Means	Slatter	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.	S Rules 2	Chandler	Support
ESHB 2588 Special purpose districts Improving openness, accountability, and transparency of special purpose districts.	S Rules 2	Pollet	Oppose
ESHB 2713 Compost procurement and use Encouraging compost procurement and use.	S Ways & Means	Walén	Support
ESSB 5323 Plastic bags Reducing pollution from plastic bags by establishing minimum state standards for the use of bags at retail establishments.	H Finance	Das	Concerns
ESSB 6288 Office of firearm safety Creating the Washington office of firearm violence prevention.	H Approps	Dhingra	Oppose
ESSB 6300 Animals Concerning animal welfare.	H Rules R	Rivers	Oppose
SSB 6306 Soil health initiative Creating the Washington soil health initiative.	H Approps	Lias	Support
SSB 6455 Children's meal beverage Requiring default beverages for children's meals.	H Rules R	Lias	Oppose
SJM 8014 Upper Skagit watershed Concerning logging and mining in the upper Skagit watershed.	H Rules R	McCoy	Concerns

Low Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 1983 Natural resource management Concerning natural resource management activities.	S Rules 2	Maycumber	Support
EHB 2166 Working forest license plate Creating special license plates that support working forests.	S Transportation	Orcutt	Support

EHB 2228	State fire service deploy. Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources.	S Ways & Means	Springer	Support
EHB 2811	Environmental education Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.	S Rules 2	Johnson	Neutral
ESHB 2816	School & classroom climates Nurturing positive social and emotional school and classroom climates.	S Rules 2	Corry	Support
ESSB 5504	Peer-reviewed journal access (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning state agency employee and postsecondary student access to peer-reviewed journals.)	H Approps	Warnick	Support
2SSB 5947	Sustainable farms and fields Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.	H Cap Budget	McCoy	Oppose

Monitoring Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
ESSB 5395	Sexual health education Concerning comprehensive sexual health education.	H Rules R Wilson
HJM 4012	Year of the salmon Recognizing the international year of the salmon.	S Rules 2 Lekanoff

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