



# Session Watch

Monday, February 1, 2021 (day 21 of the 120-day session)

## Week 3 Recap

Next week is the fourth week of this legislative session with only one more week of hearings in the house of origin before policy committee cutoff on February 15.

Yesterday, SB 5172 dealing with retroactive overtime pay for agricultural workers was heard. Over 500 people signed in supporting the bill. Another 500 signed in opposing the bill. This bill does not change the court ruling applying overtime pay to agricultural workers who work more than 40 hours per week. It prevents them from seeking three years of retroactive overtime pay.

Also heard yesterday were SB 5317 increasing pesticide registration and licensing fees and SB 5318 increasing fertilizer registration fees. Testimony was supportive of the need to update the various data bases and the need to expand technical assistance and education for pesticide applicators however, in light of the strain COVID has placed on the economy, several speakers asked for the fee increases to be delayed, or phased in.

HB 1355, updating noxious weed law, will be heard next week in the House Ag and Natural Resources Committee.

Also, up for hearing next week is house bill 1395, relating to equity in farming. The bill directs the Department of Agriculture to ensure the inclusion of historically underrepresented farmers and ranchers in the development, implementation, and enforcement of food and agriculture laws, rules, regulations, policies, and programs. It further directs the department to consider ways to increase engagement in agricultural education and workforce development opportunities for youth in historically underrepresented groups and to report back to the legislature on ways to improve outreach and resources.

One more bill of interest up next week is SB 5253, implementing the recommendations of the pollinator health task force.

Another carbon bill, SB 5373, was introduced. This is the fourth different strategy to deal with carbon introduced in this session. It creates green bonds to fund carbon reduction projects.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Grange Legislative "Zoom" Meeting

Join us February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for this years' "Legislative Day". Since we can not meet in person, we will be meeting via Zoom to hear the latest happenings in the legislature as well as learning how to effectively lobby this year.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98036971581>  
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Select House or Senate

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Meetings: Choose the date of the hearing

Select the bill you want from the list.

### Select:

I would like to submit written testimony.

I would like to testify live during the hearing.

I would like my position noted for the legislative record.

You may check to see who else has signed in to testify.

On the next screen, fill in all the blanks and submit.

You will receive an email with a link for the hearing. At the appropriate time, join the meeting and wait to be admitted.

When you are called to speak, introduce yourself and speak for 1-2 minutes.

To prepare, write down what you want to say. Read it aloud several times. Time yourself.

To find hearings not listed below, look here: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/>

### 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

### Environment & Energy (House) - Virtual, - 2/2 @ 8:00am

1. HB 1117 - Exec Session - Promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the state's comprehensive planning framework. (Oppose/High)

### Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - Virtual, - 2/2 @ 10:00am

2. HB 1283 - Public Hearing - Including the open carry or display of weapons within the offense of criminal mischief. (Remote testimony.)

### Community & Economic Development (House) - Virtual, - 2/2 @ 10:00am

3. HB 1340 - Public Hearing - Concerning creation of the statewide pandemic preparation and response task force. (Remote testimony.)

### Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - Virtual, - 2/2 @ 10:00am

4. HB 1355 - Public Hearing - Concerning noxious weeds. (Remote testimony.) (Support/Medium)

### Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - Virtual, - 2/2 @ 1:30pm

5. SB 5081 - Public Hearing - Concerning the burden of proof in disputes involving enforcement actions by certain regulatory agencies. (Remote testimony.) (Support/Low)
6. SB 5253 - Public Hearing - Implementing the recommendations of the pollinator health task force. (Remote testimony.) (Neutral/Medium)

### Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - Virtual, - 2/3 @ 10:00am

7. HB 1199 - Exec Session - Providing compensation to department of natural resources lessees whose leases are terminated for reasons other than default. (Support/Medium)

### Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - Virtual, - 2/4 @ 10:30am

8. SB 5141 - Exec Session - Implementing the recommendations of the environmental justice task force. (Concerns/Medium)

### Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - Virtual, - 2/4 @ 1:30pm

9. SB 5081 - Exec Session - Concerning the burden of proof in disputes involving enforcement actions by certain regulatory agencies. (Support/Low)
10. SB 5253 - Exec Session - Implementing the recommendations of the pollinator health task force. (Neutral/Medium)
11. SB 5306 - Public Hearing - Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas. (Remote testimony.) (Concerns/Low)
12. SB 5317 - Exec Session - Concerning pesticide registration and pesticide licensing fees. (Neutral/High)

**Appropriations (House) - Virtual, - 2/4 @ 3:30pm**

13. SHB 1091 - Public Hearing - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel. (Remote testimony.) (Concerns/Medium)

**Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - Virtual, - 2/5 @ 8:00am**

14. HB 1283 - Exec Session - Including the open carry or display of weapons within the offense of criminal mischief.

**Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - Virtual, - 2/5 @ 8:00am**

15. HB 1395 - Public Hearing - Ensuring equity in farming. (Remote testimony.) (Support/Low)

**Community & Economic Development (House) - Virtual, - 2/5 @ 8:30am**

16. HB 1263 - Exec Session - Concerning rural infrastructure. (Support/Low)  
 17. HB 1336 - Exec Session - Creating and expanding unrestricted authority for public entities to provide telecommunications services to end users. (Support/High)

**High Priority Bills**

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#"><u>HB 1036</u></a> <b>Transportation fuel/carbon</b> Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel.	H Env & Energy	Fitzgibbon	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>HB 1117</u></a> <b>Comp. planning/salmon</b> Promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the state's comprehensive planning framework.	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB 1135</u></a> <b>Transp. budget 2021-2023</b> (SB 5165) Making transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>HB 1285</u></a> <b>Fruit &amp; vegetable businesses</b> (SB 5281) Modifying the business and occupation tax exemption for certain fruit and vegetable businesses.	H Finance	Ormsby	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB 1336</u></a> <b>Public telecomm. service</b> Creating and expanding unrestricted authority for public entities to provide telecommunications services to end users.	H Comm & Econ De	Hansen	Support
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5045</u></a> <b>Meat &amp; poultry inspection</b> Establishing a state meat and poultry inspection program.	S Ways & Means	Warnick	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5165</u></a> <b>Transp. budget 2021-2023</b> (HB 1135) Making transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Hobbs	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SB 5172</u></a> <b>Overtime claim retroactivity</b> (HB 1217) Concerning the retroactivity of overtime claims in exceptional cases.	S Labor, Comm &	King	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5231</u></a> <b>Transportation fuel/carbon</b> (SHB 1091) Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel.	S Environment, E	Stanford	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SB 5281</u></a> <b>Fruit &amp; vegetable businesses</b> (HB 1285) Modifying the business and occupation tax exemption for certain fruit and vegetable businesses.	S Labor, Comm &	Rolfes	Oppose

<a href="#">SB 5317</a>	<b>Pesticide registration</b> Concerning pesticide registration and pesticide licensing fees.	S Ag/Water/Natura	Warnick	Neutral
<a href="#">SB 5373</a>	<b>Carbon pollution</b> Concerning carbon pollution.	S Environment, E	Lovelett	Concerns
<b>Medium Priority Bills</b>				
<u>Bill Details</u>		<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#">HB 1004</a>	<b>Emergency health orders/leg.</b> Concerning legislative oversight of emergency health orders.	H State Govt & Tr	Klippert	Support
<a href="#">SHB 1091</a> (SB 5231)	<b>Transportation fuel/carbon</b> Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel.	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 1099</a>	<b>Comprehensive planning</b> Improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's comprehensive planning framework.	H Exec Action	Duerr	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 1102</a>	<b>Intrastate meat inspection</b> Establishing an intrastate meat inspection program.	H R Dev, Ag & NR	Walsh	Support
<a href="#">HB 1132</a>	<b>Water supply/farming &amp; rural</b> Concerning the protection of water supply for farming and rural economic development.	H R Dev, Ag & NR	Kretz	Support
<a href="#">HB 1199</a>	<b>DNR lease termination</b> Providing compensation to department of natural resources lessees whose leases are terminated for reasons other than default.	H R Dev, Ag & NR	Corry	Support
<a href="#">HB 1321</a> (SB 5114)	<b>Reopening/public health</b> Concerning safely reopening Washington.	H HC/Wellness	MacEwen	Support
<a href="#">HB 1355</a>	<b>Noxious weeds</b> Concerning noxious weeds.	H R Dev, Ag & NR	Dent	Support
<a href="#">HB 1380</a>	<b>Custom farming, etc./tax</b> Restoring the business and occupation and public utility tax exemption for custom farming and hauling farm products.	H Finance	Dufault	Support
<a href="#">HB 1434</a>	<b>Ag. mental health hotline</b> Concerning agricultural community mental health hotline services.		Dent	Support
<a href="#">SB 5096</a>	<b>Capital gains tax</b> Concerning an excise tax on gains from the sale or exchange of certain capital assets.	S Ways & Means	Robinson	Oppose

<a href="#"><u>SB 5110</u></a>	<b>Telecommunications companies</b> Promoting greater access to the internet by modifying permitting, taxation, and other standards for telecommunications companies and facilities.	S Environment, E	Ericksen	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5114</u></a> (HB 1321)	<b>Reopening/public health</b> Concerning safely reopening Washington.	S State Govt & E	Braun	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5126</u></a>	<b>Climate commitment act</b> Concerning the Washington climate commitment act.	S Environment, E	Carlyle	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SB 5141</u></a>	<b>Env. justice task force recs</b> Implementing the recommendations of the environmental justice task force.	S Environment, E	Salda	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SB 5159</u></a>	<b>WDFW payments/property tax</b> Concerning payments in lieu of real property taxes by the department of the fish and wildlife.	S Ways & Means	Warnick	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5253</u></a>	<b>Pollinator health</b> Implementing the recommendations of the pollinator health task force.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Liias	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB 5362</u></a>	<b>Agricultural fair funding</b> Ensuring the funding of agricultural fairs.	S Ag/Water/Natur	McCune	Support

### Low Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
<a href="#"><u>HB 1185</u></a>	<b>Discounted hunting licenses</b> Providing discounted hunting licenses to seniors.	H Approps	Sutherland	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 1263</u></a>	<b>Rural infrastructure</b> Concerning rural infrastructure.	H Comm & Econ De	Abbarno	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 1395</u></a>	<b>Equity in farming</b> Ensuring equity in farming.	H R Dev, Ag & NR	Morgan	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5063</u></a>	<b>Invasive species council exp</b> Concerning the expiration date of the invasive species council.	S Ways & Means	Honeyford	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5081</u></a>	<b>Regulatory enforce. /burden</b> Concerning the burden of proof in disputes involving enforcement actions by certain regulatory agencies.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Wagoner	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5300</u></a>	<b>Feeding of garbage to swine</b> Prohibiting the feeding of garbage to swine.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Van De Wege	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5306</u></a>	<b>Salmon habitat planning</b>	S Ag/Water/Natur	Salomon	Concerns

Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.

<a href="#">SB 5359</a>	<b>Motor vehicle sales tax</b> Dedicating the state sales tax on motor vehicles to transportation improvements.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Support
<b>Other Bills</b>				
<u>Bill Details</u>		<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#">SHB 1050</a>	<b>Fluorinated gases</b> Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fluorinated gases.	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	
<a href="#">HB 1080</a> (SB 5083)	<b>Capital budget 2021-2023</b> Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger	
<a href="#">HB 1094</a> (SB 5092)	<b>Operating budget 2021-2023</b> Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby	
<a href="#">HB 1229</a> (SB 5217)	<b>Assault weapons</b> Concerning assault weapons.	H Civil R & Judi	Peterson	
<a href="#">HB 1234</a>	<b>Weapons/government buildings</b> Prohibiting weapons in state capitol buildings and grounds and certain other governmental buildings and facilities.	H Civil R & Judi	Senn	
<a href="#">HB 1283</a>	<b>Criminal mischief/weapons</b> Including the open carry or display of weapons within the offense of criminal mischief.	H Civil R & Judi	Senn	
<a href="#">HB 1313</a>	<b>Local gov firearm regulation</b> Relating to local government authority to regulate firearms.	H Civil R & Judi	Hackney	
<a href="#">HB 1340</a>	<b>Pandemic task force</b> Concerning creation of the statewide pandemic preparation and response task force.	H Comm & Econ De	Lovick	
<a href="#">HB 1385</a>	<b>Water rights transfers</b> Limiting transfers of water rights out of their original water resource inventory area.	H R Dev, Ag & NR	Goehner	
<a href="#">SSB 5038</a>	<b>Open carry of weapons</b> Prohibiting the open carry of certain weapons at public demonstrations and the state capitol.	S Rules 2	Kuderer	
<a href="#">SB 5217</a> (HB 1229)	<b>Assault weapons</b> Concerning assault weapons.	S Law & Justice	Kuderer	

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