



# Session Watch

Monday, April 3, 2023 (day 85 of the 120-day session)

As the legislature wraps up its committee portion of policy making this week, we wanted to revisit in an earlier version of this update where we discussed the process of “Necessary to Implement Budget” or NTIB bills. These are bills that may have missed a cutoff deadline, but funding has been allocated within the budget based on the passage of the bill. When a majority caucus identifies a bill as NTIB, it can remain live and unrestricted from the cutoff calendar until the final day of the legislative session.

There will many of these bills brought for consideration in the next couple weeks.

This week the House Agriculture Committee held a workshop around the future of agriculture. Presentations were made by members of the WSDA, Washington State FFA, and Washington State Farm Bureau. Presenters talked about overall farmgate market value changes, labor, input costs, the dollar, carbon pricing, and other topics.

You can view the entire work session here... [House Agriculture and Natural Resources - TVW](#). It has very interesting and pertinent industry information.

## Updates

\*Grant funding for the riparian buffer bill language has been included in the capital budget language as a proviso and awaits a floor vote for confirmation. At this point the Governor’s office is threatening a veto of these voluntary stewardship grants if further concessions aren’t made around the use and direction of the funding. Stay tuned for updates as this makes it was towards the Governor. The underlying bill failed in committee after pressure from the Governor’s office. This proviso in the capital budget is a to get the stewardship dollars moving while bypassing the policy portion of the initiative.

\*The mandator odometer reading bill has been moved to the final phase, the Senate Rules committee, before passage. You can still reach out to members of the Senate Rules committee and urge them to NOT vote on this bill on the floor of the Senate. Members of that committee can be found [here](#). Their emails and their staff emails can be found [here](#).

**Please see our current bill tracking list for a comprehensive list of bills still up for consideration.**

## Upcoming Events

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 4/3 @ 9:00am**

- [ESB 5341](#) - Exec Session - Creating a location-based branding and promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Creating a location-based promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products.) (Support/Medium)
- [SSB 5353](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the voluntary stewardship program. (Support/Medium)

## Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 4/3 @ 10:00am

- [SHB 1138](#) - Exec Session - Concerning drought preparedness. (Support/Medium)
- [E2SHB 1170](#) - Exec Session - Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy. (Concerns/Low)
- [E2SHB 1181](#) - Exec Session - Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework. (Concerns/Low)
- [2SHB 1746](#) - Exec Session - Concerning a state broadband map. (Support/Medium)
- [ESHB 1789](#) - Exec Session - Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services. (Oppose/Medium)

## Support

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
<a href="#">ESHB 1019</a>	Pesticide advisory board	Creating the pesticide advisory board.	S 2nd Reading	Dent	High
<a href="#">SHB 1138</a>	Drought preparedness	Concerning drought preparedness.	S Ways & Means	Chapman	Medium
<a href="#">SHB 1494</a> (SSB 5460)	Irrigation & rehab districts	Concerning collection of assessments for irrigation and rehabilitation districts.	H Rules C	Dent	Medium
<a href="#">SHB 1500</a> (SB 5107)	Cottage food sales cap	Increasing the cap on gross sales for cottage food operations.	S Passed 3rd	Eslick	Medium
<a href="#">ESHB 1705</a> (SB 5645)	Stormwater facilities/county	Concerning stormwater control facilities and county jurisdiction.	S Loc Gov, Land U	Griffey	Medium
<a href="#">SHB 1720</a>	Riparian grant program	Concerning the protection and restoration of riparian areas through the establishment of a fully voluntary, regionally focused riparian grant program designed to improve the ecological functions of critical riparian management zones.	H Cap Budget	Chapman	High
<a href="#">HB 1740</a> (SB 5667)	Forestry riparian easements	Concerning eligibility, enrollment, and compensation of small forestland owners volunteering for participation in the forestry riparian easement program.	H Cap Budget	Orcutt	Medium
<a href="#">2SHB 1746</a> (SB 5718)	State broadband map	Concerning a state broadband map.	S Ways & Means	Ryu	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1792</a>	Water rights procedures	Modifying timelines and other initial procedural actions in a water rights adjudication.	S 2nd Reading	Timmons	High
<a href="#">ESSB 5143</a>	Pesticide registration comm.	Changing the name of and adding a member to the commission on pesticide registration.	Del to Gov	Torres	High
<a href="#">ESSB 5150</a>	Beef commission	Concerning the beef commission's levied assessment. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning the beef commission.)	H Ag&Nr	Shewmake	Low

<a href="#">SSB 5156</a>	Farm internship program	Expanding the farm internship program.	H Rules R	Torres	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5277</a> (HB 1573)	Dairy, etc. tax preferences	Extending tax preferences for dairy, fruit and vegetable, and seafood processors.	S Passed 3rd	Wilson	Low
<a href="#">SB 5330</a>	Pesticide application	Concerning the Washington pesticide application act.	H Rules R	Torres	High
<a href="#">ESB 5341</a>	WA food & ag. products	Creating a location-based branding and promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Creating a location-based promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products.)	H Approps	Muzzall	Medium
<a href="#">SSB 5353</a>	Voluntary stewardship prog.	Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.	H Approps	Wagoner	Medium
<a href="#">SSB 5460</a> (SHB 1494)	Irrigation & rehab districts	Concerning collection of assessments for irrigation and rehabilitation districts.	H FINDP	Warnick	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5645</a> (ESHB 1705)	Stormwater facilities/county	Concerning stormwater control facilities and county jurisdiction.	S Loc Gov, Land U	MacEwen	Medium

## Oppose

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
<a href="#">E2SHB 1143</a> (SB 5211)	Firearms/purchase & transfer	Concerning requirements for the purchase or transfer of firearms.	S Rules 2	Berry	Medium
<a href="#">SHB 1240</a> (SB 5265)	Firearms/assault weapons	Establishing firearms-related safety measures to increase public safety.	S 2nd Reading	Peterson	Medium
<a href="#">ESHB 1736</a>	Vehicle odometer readings	Requiring the department of licensing to collect vehicle odometer readings at the time of original vehicle registration and registration renewal.	S Rules 2	Cortes	Medium
<a href="#">2SHB 1762</a>	Warehouse employees	Protecting warehouse employees.	S 2nd Reading	Doglio	Medium
<a href="#">ESHB 1789</a>	Ecosystem services	Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services.	S Ways & Means	Reeves	Medium

## Neutral

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1645</a> (SB 5067)	County legislative meetings	Concerning meetings of county legislative authorities.	S Passed 3rd	Barnard	Low
<a href="#">SB 5067</a> (HB 1645)	County legislative meetings	Concerning meetings of county legislative authorities.	H Local Govt	Dozier	Low
<a href="#">SB 5457</a>	Small cities/GMA	Implementing growth management task force legislative recommendations regarding small cities.	H Rules R	Short	Medium

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## Concerns

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
<a href="#">E2SHB 1170</a> (SSB 5093)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	S Ways & Means	Street	Low
<a href="#">E2SHB 1181</a> (SSB 5203)	Climate change/planning	Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework.	S Ways & Means	Duerr	Low

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