

# **House of Representatives Office of Program Research**

## **2021 Interim Plans**

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## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 23	Virtual	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on Use of Funding for Rental Assistance and the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Programs in the Department of Commerce</li> <li>- Update on Use of Funding for Food Assistance Programs in the Department of Agriculture</li> <li>- Update on COVID-19 Related Public Health Funding in the Department of Health</li> </ul>	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on Use of Funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program</li> <li>- Update on Use of Funding for the Dan Thompson Trust Fund</li> <li>- Update on Use of Funding for Transitioning Aging and Long-Term Care Support Administration (AL TSA) Clients from Acute Care Hospitals to Community and Other Settings</li> <li>- 2022 Session Fiscal Preview</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Update on Use of Funding for Rental Assistance and the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Programs in the Department of Commerce**

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The Appropriations Committee (Committee) will receive an update on how the rental assistance funding in House Bill 1368 (early action bill) was used and the use of funding in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092 (ESSB 5092) (2021 supplemental and 2021-23 biennial operating budgets) for rental assistance. For rental assistance, \$355 million in federal funding was appropriated in HB 1368 and \$658 million in federal funding was appropriated in ESSB 5092. The Committee will also receive an update regarding use of the \$24 million Near General Fund-Outlook (\$26.3 million total funds) appropriated in ESSB 5092 for the Housing and Essential Needs program. (One work session)

### **Update on Use of Funding for Food Assistance Programs in the Department of Agriculture**

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The Appropriations Committee will receive a briefing on the food assistance programs administered by the state Department of Agriculture and an update on the use of the funding for food assistance in House Bill 1368 (HB 1368) (early action bill) and Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092 (ESSB 5092) (2021 supplemental and 2021-23 biennial operating budgets). In HB 1368, \$26.4 million in federal funds was appropriated for food assistance. In ESSB 5092, \$124 million in total funds was appropriated for food assistance. (One work session)

### **Update on COVID-19 Related Public Health Funding in the Department of Health**

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The Appropriations Committee will receive an update on the Department of Health's implementation of the public health funding provided in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092 (ESSB 5092) (2021 supplemental and 2021-23 biennial operating budgets) and a summary of how the \$618 million funding for public health in House Bill 1368 (early action bill) was used. In ESSB 5092, \$1 billion in federal funds is provided for COVID-19 related public health activities. (One work session)

### **Update on Use of Funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program**

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The Appropriations Committee will receive an update on the impact of additional funding in House Bill 1368 (HB 1368) (early action bill) and Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5092 (ESSB 5092) (2021 supplemental and 2021-23 biennial operating budgets) on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Federal funding was used for an extension of the 60-month time limit for calendar year 2020 through the unanticipated receipt process. \$9 million in federal funding was provided in HB 1368 and \$17 million in a combination of state and federal funding in ESSB 5092 to continue the extension. In addition, the Appropriations Committee will receive an update on the impact of a 15 percent grant increase for TANF recipients (\$52 million Near General Fund-Outlook in ESSB 5092), as well as Pandemic Emergency Assistance provided to TANF and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients with children (\$12 million federal in HB 1368 and \$23 million federal in ESSB 5092). (One work session)

## **Update on Use of Funding for the Dan Thompson Trust Fund**

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The Appropriations Committee will receive a briefing on the Dan Thompson Developmental Disabilities Trust Fund and an update on planning relating to the \$50 million Near General Fund-Outlook transfer to the trust fund in the 2021-23 Biennial Operating Budget. The funding is provided for supports and services in community settings for eligible individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (One work session)

## **Update on Use of Funding for Transitioning Aging and Long-Term Care Support Administration (AL TSA) Clients from Acute Care Hospitals to Community and Other Settings**

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The Appropriations Committee will receive an update regarding funding for the Department of Social and Health Services to facilitate transitioning Aging and Long-Term Care Support Administration (AL TSA) clients from acute care hospitals to the state-owned Transitional Care Center of Seattle and to community settings. (One work session)

## **2022 Session Fiscal Preview**

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The Appropriations Committee will receive a preview of major budget-related items leading up to the 2022 Legislative session. (One work session)

### **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Behavioral Health Recovery System Transformation Task Force
2. Joint Select Committee on Employment Relations
3. Pension Funding Council

## CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Housing and Homelessness Programs	Full Committee Joint with HHSV

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## **CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Housing and Homelessness Programs**

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The Capital Budget Committee and the Housing, Human Services & Veterans Committee will receive an update on the implementation of various housing and homelessness policies and programs enacted in the 2021 session, including the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program, the right to legal representation for indigent tenants, the Landlord Mitigation Program (Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5160), the Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance Program (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1277), and the new Rapid Capital Housing Acquisition and Grants for Affordable Housing Development Connections capital grant programs. (One work session)

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Virtual	Work Session	- Training for Child Care, Foster Parent, and Youth Homelessness Licensure	Full Committee
October	Virtual	Work Session	- Children and Youth Behavioral Health	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Adolescent Services	Full Committee

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## **CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Training for Child Care, Foster Parent, and Youth Homelessness Licensure**

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The Committee will evaluate the current training requirements for child care licensors, foster parents, and homeless youth service providers, with a focus on how this training is updated following changes in law or policy. (One work session)

### **Children and Youth Behavioral Health**

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The Committee will receive information related to the delivery of behavioral health services for children and youth and areas for improvement related to those services. (One work session)

### **Adolescent Services**

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The Committee will evaluate the current services offered to adolescents and possible areas for improvement in those services. (One work session)



## CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention - Single Point of Contact Firearms Background Check System	Full Committee

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## **CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention**

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The Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention (Office) was created in 2020 to coordinate and promote effective state and local efforts to reduce firearm violence, including by improving data collection and information sharing, coordinating community-based intervention and prevention strategies, and operating a grant program to support firearm violence reduction initiatives. Beginning December 1, 2021, the Office must report to the Legislature every odd-numbered year on its progress, findings, and recommendations for legislative policy options. The Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee will receive a report from the Office on its progress and activities to date as well as planned future initiatives. (One work session)

### **Single Point of Contact Firearms Background Check System**

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Legislation enacted in 2020 requires the Washington State Patrol (WSP) to establish and operate a centralized firearms background check system to operate as a single point of contact for firearms dealers to conduct background checks required under state and federal law. The legislation also created a Washington Background Check Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to oversee the WSP's Firearms Background Check Unit and the operation of the firearms background check system. The Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee will receive a report from the WSP and the Advisory Board on the progress in establishing the centralized firearms background check system. (One work session)

## COLLEGE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Virtual	Work Session	- Credentialing - Examination of Student Loan Debt	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Update from Institutions on COVID-19 Impacts - Workforce Navigators	Full Committee

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## **COLLEGE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Credentialing**

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The College and Workforce Development Committee intends to review policies focused on increasing the transparency, portability, and stacking of credentials. The purpose is to better understand how non-degree credentials can translate to jobs, especially for non-traditional students with previous work experience and competencies, and the different policies and best practices for supporting and expanding high-quality credentials. (One work session)

### **Examination of Student Loan Debt**

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The College and Workforce Development Committee will examine student loan debt with a focus on data and various policy options. The data reviewed will include demographic information on student loan debt held across various student population groups with a focus on equity and data on repayment, forbearance, deferment, and default. Policy options will include a history of legislation previously considered by the Legislature, state tools that are currently available to address student loan debt, and other states' programs. (One work session)

### **Update from Institutions on COVID-19 Impacts**

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The College and Workforce Development Committee will hear an update from the higher education institutions on the continuing impacts of COVID-19, including changes in enrollments, any disproportionate impacts, and how the return to in-person teaching is proceeding. (One work session)

### **Workforce Navigators**

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The College and Workforce Development Committee (Committee) will hear a presentation on service plan coordinators, also called navigators, who provide a single point of contact for individuals transitioning into the workforce on a chosen career path. Workforce Development Councils, WorkSource Centers, and community and technical colleges have deployed navigator models with grant funding, but the Committee will explore how these efforts could be scaled to achieve a sufficient service level. (One work session)

## **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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Joint Higher Education Committee

## COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Virtual	Work Session	- Cannabis Regulatory Issues and Implementation of Recent Legislation	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Task Force and Report Updates	Full Committee

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## **COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Cannabis Regulatory Issues and Implementation of Recent Legislation**

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The Commerce and Gaming Committee (Committee) will examine current policy and regulatory issues impacting the cannabis industry, and will receive reports from regulatory agencies and input from the industry. Participants will also update the Committee on the implementation of recently enacted cannabis legislation. Issues examined will include lab testing and certification, developments and trends in the types of compounds included in cannabis products, education and compliance programs for cannabis licensees, the traceability system, the Medical Marijuana Authorization Database, and voluntary production and processing standards for certified producers and processors to make related labeling claims. (One work session)

### **Task Force and Report Updates**

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The Commerce and Gaming Committee (Committee) will receive updates from task forces including the Social Equity in Cannabis Task Force and the Joint Legislative Task Force on Problem Gambling. The Committee will also receive an update regarding the work of the University of Washington Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute on the forthcoming initial report related to high tetrahydrocannabinol potency cannabis. (One work session)

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Small Business Assistance</li><li>- State Parks</li><li>- Tourism</li><li>- Washington's Emergency Response to COVID-19</li></ul>	Full Committee

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## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Small Business Assistance**

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The Community and Economic Development Committee will receive an update on the status of small business assistance programs in Washington, including small business grant programs established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (One work session)

### **State Parks**

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The Community and Economic Development Committee will receive an update on the operations of state parks from the State Parks and Recreation Commission. (One work session)

### **Tourism**

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The Community and Economic Development Committee will receive an update on the status of the tourism industry in Washington, including a report from the Washington Tourism Marketing Authority and Washington Tourism Alliance on the use of federal pass-through funds appropriated by the state for tourism recovery in the 2021 operating budget. (One work session)

### **Washington's Emergency Response to COVID-19**

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The Community and Economic Committee will receive an update from the Military Department on the state's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (One work session)



## CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Emerging Issues in Consumer Protection and Business	Full Committee

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## **CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Emerging Issues in Consumer Protection and Business**

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During the 2021 legislative session, the Consumer Protection and Business Committee (Committee) considered legislation related to: (1) a consumer's right to repair digital electronic products; (2) the sale of zero emissions vehicles; and (3) the use of credit history in personal insurance rates. The Committee will hear from stakeholders and review potential new legislation for the 2022 session. (One work session)

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Emerging Issues in Education	Full Committee

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## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Emerging Issues in Education**

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The Education Committee will examine emerging issues in education, with a focus on the state and local impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, families, and educators. (One work session)

## ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Virtual	Work Session	- Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit - Stormwater Chemical Contributors to Salmon Mortality	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Green Hydrogen - Food Waste	Full Committee

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## **ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit**

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The Environment and Energy Committee will receive an update on the status of the Department of Ecology's development of a Clean Water Act Nutrient General Permit for Puget Sound. (One work session)

### **Stormwater Chemical Contributors to Salmon Mortality**

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The Environment and Energy Committee will receive an update on research by the Washington Stormwater Center that linked the stormwater containing derivatives of chemical 6PPD, used in tires, with salmon mortality. The update will include an overview of the research, as well as a status update on efforts to identify safer alternatives to the chemical for use in tire manufacturing. (One work session)

### **Green Hydrogen**

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The Environment and Energy Committee will host a work session to learn more about policy mechanisms to encourage the in-state production of hydrogen using Washington's clean electricity, including but not limited to policy mechanisms that provide pathways for electric utilities to use electricity to charge both hydrogen fuel cells and lithium-ion batteries for use as a zero-emission electric vehicle fuel for the transportation sector and to store variable renewable electricity and regenerate that clean electricity for later use. (One work session)

### **Food Waste**

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The Environment and Energy Committee will receive an overview of the Use Food Well Washington Plan developed by the Department of Ecology with assistance from other state agencies and stakeholders as a result of legislation enacted in 2019. The overview will include a review of the accompanying recommendations to the Legislature for further state action to reduce food waste. (One work session)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Tax Structure Work Group - November Economic and Revenue Forecast	Full Committee

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Tax Structure Work Group**

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Created by the Legislature to identify options to make Washington's tax code more equitable, adequate, stable, and transparent, the Tax Structure Work Group (TSWG) continues its multi-year work. The TSWG includes members from both caucuses in the House of Representatives and the Senate as well as representatives of the Office of the Governor, the Department of Revenue, the Washington Association of Counties, and the Association of Washington Cities. The TSWG has overseen the development of several models to evaluate potential revenue alternatives. During this interim, the TSWG will continue to examine and evaluate tax structure options and engage in public outreach with taxpayers and stakeholders. The Finance Committee will receive a briefing on the work the TSWG has done during the past year. (One work session)

### **November Economic and Revenue Forecast**

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In preparation for the 2022 session, the Finance Committee will receive a briefing on the November economic and revenue forecast as adopted by the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council. (One work session)



## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Virtual	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accountable Communities of Health</li> <li>- Behavioral Health</li> <li>- Rural Health Care Financing</li> </ul>	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health Care Cost Transparency Board</li> <li>- State Pharmaceutical Purchasing</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Accountable Communities of Health**

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The Health Care and Wellness Committee will receive an update from the Health Care Authority regarding the work and financing of the Accountable Communities of Health. (One work session)

### **Behavioral Health**

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The Health Care and Wellness Committee will receive an update from agencies regarding the transition from treating persons with a mental health condition pursuant to a civil commitment order in state hospitals to treating them in community-based treatment facilities. (One work session)

### **Rural Health Care Financing**

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The Health Care and Wellness Committee will hold a work session to receive an update on models for financing health care delivery in rural areas, including global payments and the Washington Rural Health Access Project. (One work session)

### **Health Care Cost Transparency Board**

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The Health Care and Wellness Committee will receive a progress report from the Health Care Authority on the establishment and activities of the Health Care Cost Transparency Board, including the preliminary report due to the Legislature under RCW 70.390.070. (One work session)

### **State Pharmaceutical Purchasing**

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The Health Care and Wellness Committee (Committee) will receive updates on issues relating to state pharmaceutical purchasing, including the Apple Health Preferred Drug List and state purchasing of Naloxone. The Committee will also receive an update on the implementation of Engrossed Substituted Senate Bill 5203 (2021), which allows the state to enter into partnerships to produce, distribute, or purchase generic prescription drugs and purchase and distribute insulin. (One work session)

## **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight
2. Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Planning for Aging and Disability

## HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES & VETERANS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Virtual	Work Session	- Housing after Reentry	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Housing and Homelessness Programs	Full Committee Joint With CB

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## **HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES & VETERANS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Housing after Reentry**

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The Housing, Human Services and Veterans Committee (Committee) will receive an overview of housing and related services available to individuals reentering the community. The Committee will examine barriers to housing stability for individuals exiting incarceration and the housing-related resources required for successful reentry. (One work session)

### **Housing and Homelessness Programs**

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The Housing, Human Services and Veterans Committee and the Capital Budget Committee will receive an update on the implementation of various housing and homelessness policies and programs enacted in the 2021 session, including the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program, the right to legal representation for indigent tenants, the Landlord Mitigation Program (Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5160), the Eviction Prevention Rental Assistance Program (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1277), and the new Rapid Capital Housing Acquisition and Grants for Affordable Housing Development Connections capital grant programs. (One work session)

### **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force
2. Joint Committee on Veterans' & Military Affairs

## LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June 15	Virtual	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employment Security Department Update on Claims, Status, and Resolution</li> <li>- State Auditor's Office Report on Data Breach Response and Resources Offered to Affected Individuals</li> </ul>	Full Committee Joint With Senate LCTA Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unemployment Insurance and the Labor Market During the COVID-19 Pandemic</li> <li>- Unemployment Insurance Relief Programs</li> <li>- Unemployment Insurance Registration and Reporting Requirements</li> <li>- Railroad Employee Leave</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Employment Security Department Update on Claims, Status, and Resolution**

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The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee will hear an update from the Employment Security Department regarding how the agency is addressing the backlog of unemployment insurance claims and other claims resolution issues. (One work session joint with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs Committee)

### **State Auditor's Office Report on Data Breach Response and Resources Offered to Affected Individuals**

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The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee will hear from the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO) regarding the recent data breach of unemployment benefit claims information that occurred in the course of the SAO's audits of the Employment Security Department. (One work session joint with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs Committee)

### **Unemployment Insurance and the Labor Market During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee will explore the ways unemployment insurance (UI) has played a role in health and safety during the pandemic, including assessments and assumptions of cost/benefit valuations, and the effects UI has had on the labor market, including labor market trends. (One work session)

### **Unemployment Insurance Relief Programs**

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During the 2021 session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5061 (ESSB 5061) and Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5478 (ESSB 5478), both of which provided significant unemployment insurance tax relief. The Employment Security Department will brief the Labor and Workplace Standards Committee on its implementation of the different forms of relief provided by ESSB 5061 and ESSB 5478. (One work session)

### **Unemployment Insurance Registration and Reporting Requirements**

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The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee (Committee) will examine issues regarding registration, payroll, hours, and wage reporting, and unpaid premiums within the unemployment insurance system. The Committee will hear from the Employment Security Department (ESD) and other stakeholders regarding the enforcement tools currently available to the ESD, as well as what is needed to address these issues going forward. (One work session)

### **Railroad Employee Leave**

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The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee (Committee) has considered bills related to leave programs for railroad employees in several recent sessions, including Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5065 in the 2021 session. The Committee will hear from stakeholders on the existing types of leaves available to railroad employees in Washington, as well as any existing barriers to railroad employees taking those leave types per their intended purpose. (One work session)

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June 17	Virtual	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Government Planning</li> <li>- Local Government Permitting</li> <li>- Department of Commerce Growth Management Act Planning and Environmental Review</li> </ul>	Full Committee
September 16	Virtual	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local Government Planning</li> <li>- Local Government Permitting</li> <li>- Department of Commerce Growth Management Act Planning and Environmental Review</li> <li>- Department of Enterprise Services/Capital Projects Advisory Review Board Study of Government Procurement</li> </ul>	Full Committee
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## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Local Government Planning**

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The Local Government Committee (Committee) will review the resources available to local governments to conduct planning, including the amount, source, and allocation of resources, and the impact of state planning directives on local government planning. An initial work session in June will cover stakeholder feedback on planning topics that the stakeholders would like to see covered by the Department of Commerce's Growth Management Act task force. Interested Committee members will also examine planning topics on an informal basis. Later work sessions in September and November will provide an opportunity for stakeholders and Committee members to provide updates on the task force, any informal work, and ultimately, potential future legislation. (Three work sessions)

### **Local Government Permitting**

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The Local Government Committee (Committee) will review local government permitting practices, including the resources available for permitting, the costs associated with permitting, and the time needed to process permits. An initial work session in June will cover stakeholder feedback on permitting topics that the stakeholders would like to see covered by the Department of Commerce's Growth Management Act task force. Interested Committee members will also examine permitting topics on an informal basis. Later work sessions in September and November will provide an opportunity for stakeholders and Committee members to provide updates on the task force, any informal work, and ultimately, potential future legislation. (Three work sessions)

### **Department of Commerce Growth Management Act Planning and Environmental Review**

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The Local Government Committee (Committee) will review the process for, and provide input to, the Department of Commerce's review of the Growth Management Act. This work with the Department of Commerce may include discussions about potential future changes to the Growth Management Act based on bills passed out of the Committee during the 2021 session but not enacted by the Legislature. An initial work session in June will provide information to the Committee on the Department of Commerce's Request for Proposal, and allow stakeholders to provide feedback on the topics they would like to see covered by the task force. Later work sessions in September and November will allow for updates on the progress of the task force, as well as for additional opportunities for stakeholder and Committee feedback. (Three work sessions)

### **Department of Enterprise Services/Capital Projects Advisory Review Board Study of Government Procurement**

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The Local Government Committee (Committee) will receive the report commissioned by the Legislature from the Department of Enterprise Services with support from the Municipal Resources and Services Center and the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board regarding the lack of uniformity in local government procurement practices, bidding requirements, and threshold levels for foregoing competitive contracting. An initial work session in September will allow the Committee to receive and review the report, while a later work session in November will allow the Committee to hear from stakeholders on how to improve the participation of minority and women-owned businesses in local government contracting. (Two work sessions)



## **Review of 2021 Legislation**

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The Local Government Committee will review legislation enacted during the 2021 session, and will receive reactions to the legislation from local government stakeholders to see if the issues that were intended to be addressed by the legislation were addressed, and to see if any issues still remain. (One work session)

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Virtual	Work Session	- Domestic Violence Prevention and Response - State Correctional and Reentry Policies	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Drug Policy Reform	Full Committee

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Domestic Violence Prevention and Response**

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The Public Safety Committee (Committee) will examine policy trends relating to domestic violence prevention and response, including risk assessments and perpetrator treatment, as well as emerging legislative proposals on coercive control. The Committee will receive an update from the Domestic Violence Work Groups of the Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission, which will include recommendations arising from Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1517 (2019). (One work session)

### **State Correctional and Reentry Policies**

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The Public Safety Committee (Committee) will explore a range of issues pertaining to state correctional policies and practices. The Committee will receive reports from the Department of Corrections, Office of Corrections Ombuds, and Statewide Reentry Council. The Committee will focus on correctional operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and will explore broader efforts to reform and improve services and treatment in correctional facilities. (One work session)

### **Drug Policy Reform**

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In February 2021 the Washington State Supreme Court issued an opinion in *State v. Blake*, invalidating the crime of possession of a controlled substance. In response, the Legislature passed Engrossed Senate Bill 5476, which made various changes, including temporarily reinstating the crime with pre-arrest diversion measures and making numerous changes to, and related investments in, the behavioral health system. The Committee will receive an update on the effects of the decision and the implementation of the bill. In addition, the Committee will undertake a general review of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. (One work session)

## RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Early to mid October	Virtual	Work Session	- Commercial Crab Rulemaking Updates - Small-Scale Agriculture in Washington	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Wildfire Season Review and Implementation of Wildfire Resilience Legislation - Water Transfers	Full Committee

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## **RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Commercial Crab Rulemaking Updates**

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After high levels of biotoxin contamination in coastal waters closed commercial crab harvests in 2020 and 2021, legislation was introduced but did not pass to authorize the Department of Health to regulate the health and safety of commercially-harvested crab. The Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee will invite a panel to discuss the impacts of biotoxin contamination in crab, lessons learned during the 2021 commercial crabbing season, and management options to ensure safe harvests in the future. (One work session.)

### **Small-Scale Agriculture in Washington**

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Washington is home to a number of small farms that grow and raise a diverse array of agricultural products, both crops and livestock. In recent years, the Legislature has considered a variety of bills directed at streamlining inspection processes and providing resources for small-scale farmers. The Rural Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee will hold a work session to learn more about the needs of small-scale farmers. (One work session.)

### **Wildfire Season Review and Implementation of Wildfire Resilience Legislation**

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The Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee will invite the Department of Natural Resources and others to provide a review of the 2021 wildfire season and a status update on implementation of legislation enacted during the 2021 session focused on improving statewide wildfire resilience. (One work session.)

### **Water Transfers**

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There have been several bills introduced in the last two years related to the transfer of water rights out of their basin of origin. In addition, the 2021-23 Capital Budget provides funding for water banking related to the preservation of water rights in their county of origin. The Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee will invite a panel to provide a status update and discuss progress on issues related to out-of-basin water transfers. (One work session.)

## **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation
2. Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply

## STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Virtual	Work Session	- State Redistricting Update	Full Committee Joint with Senate SGTE Committee
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Special Purpose District Elections - State Contracting: Overview of Procedures and Review of Practices and Performance - Office of Equity Update - Overview of State Information Technology	Full Committee

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## **STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **State Redistricting Update**

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A state redistricting plan is due to the Legislature by November 15, 2021. The State Government and Tribal Relations Committee will invite the Redistricting Commission to provide an update on the status of the state redistricting process, in a joint session with the Senate State Government & Elections Committee. (One work session)

### **Special Purpose District Elections**

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In 2020, the State Government and Tribal Relations Committee (Committee) held two work sessions providing an overview of special purpose district elections for certain special purpose districts. The Committee previously heard several bills addressing certain special purpose district elections, such as House Bill 2675 (2018), House Bill 2415 (2020), and Substitute Senate Bill 5342 (2021). The Committee will continue to discuss the practices and procedures for elections in special purpose districts, with particular focus on land-based elections. (One work session)

### **State Contracting: Overview of Procedures and Review of Practices and Performance**

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The State Government and Tribal Relations Committee will invite state agencies, such as the Department of Enterprise Services, to provide information on state contracting relating to various topics, such as the current and potential uses of master contracts and contracts with women and minority-owned businesses. (One work session)

### **Office of Equity Update**

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The State Government and Tribal Relations Committee will invite the Office of Equity (Office) to provide a briefing of the work being done by the Office and an update on the progress of carrying out its duties established under Chapter 332, Laws of 2020. (One work session)

### **Overview of State Information Technology**

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In 2021, Engrossed Second Senate Substitute Bill 5432 was enacted, which created the Office of Cybersecurity (OCS) within the Consolidated Technology Services agency (WaTech). The State Government and Tribal Relations Committee will invite WaTech to provide an overview of state information technology and an update on the status of establishing the OCS and the progress of the work being done by the OCS. (One work session)

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	TBD	Work Session	- Transportation Revenue: An Update - Capital Project Delivery: Department of Transportation Update	Full Committee

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## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Transportation Revenue: An Update**

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The Transportation Committee will monitor the recovery of the transportation revenue forecast from COVID-19 impacts. Since the onset of the pandemic, the decline in transportation revenue has reflected a persistent reduction in transportation system demand and may signify some permanent changes in travel patterns. The transportation revenue sources most negatively affected by these changes have been tolls, ferry fares, and fuel tax revenues. Staff will provide a summary of the forecasted revenue changes included in the November 2021 transportation revenue forecast as well as a review of revenue developments over the past two years. (One work session)

### **Capital Project Delivery: Department of Transportation Update**

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The Transportation Committee (Committee) will review the Department of Transportation's (Department) delivery of capital projects, with a specific focus on the Connecting Washington program. The Department will provide an overview and details on the process by which Connecting Washington capital projects are managed to implement the legislatively-approved plans. The Department will present information on the various challenges encountered in delivering the capital program and on how the challenges have been addressed. The Committee will seek to determine any barriers to the efficient utilization of appropriated funds and to identify mechanisms to improve project delivery efficiency. (One work session)