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**House of Representatives
Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
July	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee joint with Labor & Workforce Development Committee	• Pesticide Drift	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Water Resource Management • Organic Feed Grains in Western Washington	Work Session

Project Title: Pesticide Drift

Project Goal:

Review the laws and agency responsibilities regarding pesticide drift to determine if there is a need for additional regulation.

Project Description:

Several state agencies deal with pesticide drift. The Department of Agriculture licenses applicators and adopts rules regarding pesticide use through its administration of state and federal pesticide laws. The Department of Labor and Industries is responsible for worker safety, and the Department of Health tracks and investigates pesticide-related illnesses.

During the 2012 interim, the Committee, jointly with the Labor and Workforce Development Committee, will hear from the Departments of Agriculture, Health, and Labor and Industries regarding the investigation of pesticide drift incidents and enforcement of pesticide laws to determine if there is a need for additional regulation.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Jason Callahan and Joan Elgee

Project Title: Water Resource Management

Project Goal:

Develop 2013 legislation and stay abreast of any ongoing policy changes.

Project Description:

The management of the state's finite water resources will again play a substantial role in the discussions of the Committee in 2013. The Committee will dedicate time this interim to track any ongoing judicial or administrative changes in water resource management policies, develop a deeper comprehension of the issues inherent in water resource management, and seek to foster solutions to known water resource management issues.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jason Callahan

Project Title: Organic Feed Grains in Western Washington

Project Goal:

Investigate ways that access to organic feed grains can be promoted given the existing agricultural environment of western Washington.

Project Description:

The Committee will consider the existing access to organic food grains available to western Washington agricultural operators and investigate ways that increased access to this specialized commodity can be promoted.

The current economic model for western Washington agriculture has changed over the years and there is a potential synergy between regional idle agricultural lands and local demand for the types of organic feed grains that could be grown on those lands. This opportunity will be pursued with discussions on elements such as potential market size, acreage requirements, custom operators, margin opportunity, and potential roadblocks such as grain storage capacity.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Jason Callahan

**House of Representatives
Business & Financial Services
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mileage-Based Auto Insurance• 1031 Exchange Facilitators• Regulation of Debt-Related Business	Work Session

Project Title: Mileage-Based Auto Insurance

Project Goal:

Review subject and discuss possible legislation.

Project Description:

A number of bills have been introduced in the last four years that relate to auto insurance and the manner in which a driver uses a vehicle. HB 2445 (2012), which specifically addressed the use of mileage by insurers, did not pass. HB 2445 focused on providing standards for an insurance product that primarily uses mileage as a rating factor, disclosure to the insured, and providing confidentiality for certain insurer rating information that must be filed with the Insurance Commissioner. The Committee will review HB 2445 and issues related to providing consumers with a mileage-based auto insurance option.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jon Hedegard

Project Title: 1031 Exchange Facilitators

Project Goal:

Review 1031 Exchange Facilitators and discuss possible legislation.

Project Description:

A 1031 exchange is an exchange of similar assets (usually real estate) that are designed to take advantage of federal tax law and avoid capital gains taxes. A 1031 exchange requires the use of a third-party facilitator to whom the assets are entrusted for the purpose of the exchange. In 2009 the Governor signed legislation that established a regulatory framework for facilitators. Facilitators are not directly regulated by a state agency but must comply with a variety of requirements, including bonding to protect against losses suffered by customers. SSB 6295, enacted in the 2012 session, made a number of changes to the facilitator financial responsibility provisions. A stakeholder task force was also created in SSB 6295 to identify effective regulatory procedures for the 1031 exchange facilitator industry. Issues for discussion include the feasibility and cost of regulation, regulatory and enforcement standards, certification or licensing options, and the feasibility of adopting provisions within the Escrow Agency Act. Specific recommendations on these issues are due to the Legislature by December 1, 2012. The Committee will monitor the stakeholder task force and may discuss possible legislative proposals.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jon Hedegard

Project Title: Regulation of Debt-Related Business

Project Goal:

Review Regulation of Debt-Related Business and discuss possible legislation.

Project Description:

The provision of debt adjusting services is regulated by both state and federal law. Debt adjusting services include managing, settling, adjusting, and liquidating a debtor's indebtedness, as well as receiving a debtor's funds for distribution to creditors. ESB 6155, which was enacted during the 2012 session, exempts third-party account administrators from the state Debt Adjusting Act if they comply with specified requirements. It also requires debt adjusters to provide the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) with information about the services they provide in Washington by September 1, 2012. The DFI must in turn submit a report to the Legislature summarizing that information by December 1, 2012. The DFI will provide the Committee with its report, and the Committee may discuss potential legislation to modify regulation of the debt adjusting industry.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Alexa Silver

**House of Representatives
Capital Budget
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with Community & Economic Development & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing 	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 Session Preview • Local Infrastructure Financing - Historical Distribution and Gaps • Reforming the State's Local Infrastructure Financing System • Rental Rates for Marinas on State-Owned Aquatic Lands 	Work Session

Project Title: Affordable Housing

Project Goal:

Monitor housing investments and activities to inform future legislation and/or budget recommendations.

Project Description:

The Department of Commerce will present a report containing recommendations for awarding funds from the Housing Trust Fund in a cost-effective manner as required by SHB 2640. Members will use this information to develop legislation and/or budget recommendations. In addition, specific types of affordable housing investments will be reviewed, including: farmworker housing, senior housing, and workforce housing.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with Community & Economic Development & Housing Committee (for one hour meeting)

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Meg VanSchoorl and Jennifer Thornton

Project Title: 2013 Session Preview

Project Goal:

Provide an update on the debt limit, interest rate and revenue forecasts, and agency capital budget requests for the 2013-15 capital budget.

Project Description:

The Committee will be briefed on key capital budget issues for the upcoming legislative session including the debt limit, interest rate and revenue forecasts, and agency priorities as submitted to the Office of Financial Management and the Governor.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Susan Howson, Steve Masse, and Meg VanSchoorl

Project Title: Local Infrastructure Financing - Historical Distribution and Gaps

Project Goal:

Learn whether there are geographic, economic, or other factors that impact the success or failure of communities to access the state's local infrastructure financing.

Project Description:

Sixty-eight percent of the \$2.8 billion appropriated in the 2011-13 Capital Budget is provided for pass-through funding for local government, public school, and community projects. Committee staff will compile a 10-year distribution history of the state's major infrastructure financing sources and answer the following questions:

- From a geographic and economic perspective, where have the state's infrastructure investments gone over time and where have there been investment gaps?
- Is there a relationship between a community's ability to capture state infrastructure dollars and its geographic location, urban or rural base, median income, ratepayer base, or any other demographic or economic condition?
- What policy changes should be considered to fill the investment gaps? Included in the analysis will be the Public Works Assistance Account, the Community Economic Revitalization Board, the DOH Drinking Water and the DOE Wastewater State Revolving Funds, the DOE Storm Water program, and the OSPI School Construction Assistance programs. The Committee staff will present findings and policy options during November 2012 Committee Assembly, and Committee members will determine whether to pursue legislation in the 2013 session.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Meg VanSchoorl and Susan Howson

Project Title: Reforming the State's Local Infrastructure Financing System

Project Goal:

Consider the Public Works Board's findings and recommendations related to reforming the state infrastructure financing system.

Project Description:

The 2011-13 Capital Budget directed the Public Works Board (Board) in conjunction with partner agencies, advocate organizations, and local governments, to prepare a local infrastructure assistance modernization plan. In November 2011, the Board submitted its report titled "Modernizing Infrastructure Assistance" and in January 2012, introduced legislation, HB 2768, updating the Public Works Assistance Account statute. The Committee will consider the findings and recommendations of the Board, the departments of Health and Ecology, and local government stakeholders as preparation for approving a 2013-15 capital budget.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Meg VanSchoorl

Project Title: Rental Rates for Marinas on State-Owned Aquatic Lands

Project Goal:

Review rental rates for marinas on state-owned aquatic lands and the resulting income to the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account.

Project Description:

In 1984, the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) was created to ensure that money generated from aquatic lands was used to protect and enhance those lands. Aquatic lands are all tidelands, shore lands, harbor areas, and the beds of navigable waters. ALEA is funded almost entirely by revenue generated by the Department of Natural Resources' management of state-owned aquatic lands. Revenue sources include leases on state-owned waterfront sites, including marinas, and the sale of harvest rights for geoduck clams. The Committee will study the rental rates for marinas on state-owned aquatic lands and the resulting income to the ALEA over time.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Susan Howson and Steve Masse

**House of Representatives
Community & Economic Development & Housing
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
November Committee Assembly	One hour	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with Capital Budget Committee	• Affordable Housing	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	One hour	Olympia	Full Committee	• What's In and What's Out in the State's Economic Plan?	Work Session

Project Title: Affordable Housing

Project Goal:

Monitor housing investments and activities to inform future legislation and/or budget recommendations.

Project Description:

The Department of Commerce will present a report containing recommendations for awarding funds from the Housing Trust Fund in a cost-effective manner as required by SHB 2640. Members will use this information to develop legislation and/or budget recommendations. In addition, specific types of affordable housing investments will be reviewed, including: farmworker housing, senior housing, and workforce housing.

Number & Type of Meetings: One hour meeting joint with Capital Budget Committee

Completion Date: November Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jennifer Thornton and MegVan Schoorl

Project Title: What's In and What's Out in the State's Economic Plan?

Project Goal:

Inform statute development or budget recommendations on economic development programs.

Project Description:

The Economic Development Commission will present its evaluation of state-funded economic development programs. Information presented will include: the study methodology, program goals, program impacts, agency evaluation practices, data challenges, and recommendations for metrics and methods.

Innovate Washington, which was created in 2011 as the successor to the Washington Technology Center and the Spokane Intercollegiate Research Technology Institute, will provide a progress report. Innovate Washington was created as the primary state agency focused on growing the innovation-based economic sectors of the state and responding to the technology transfer needs of existing businesses in the state.

Number & Type of Meetings: One hour meeting

Completion Date: November Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jennifer Thornton

**House of Representatives
Early Learning & Human Services
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
June 5	TBA	Seattle	Full Committee	• Delivery of Services to Persons with Developmental Disabilities	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Improving Educational Outcomes for Older Foster Youth and Alumni of Care	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Delivery of Substance Abuse Treatment Services	Work Session

Project Title: Delivery of Services to Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Project Goal:

Provide an overview of how services are delivered to clients both from an administrative perspective and the perspective of the client.

Project Description:

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provides services to persons with intellectual disabilities, where the disability is present prior to the individual's 18th birthday and is expected to last through the person's lifetime. Individuals receive services in institutional settings through Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) and in the community. Of approximately 24,000 clients receiving services, just over 900 reside in an RHC and over 23,000 are cared for in the community. In 2011, the DDD closed Frances Hadden Morgan, one of the RHCs, and some of the clients from that facility chose to move to another RHC while others chose to receive services in the community.

Services are also available to those clients who live with their families. The availability of services to clients of the DDD are limited by funding, and approximately 13,800, or one third of DDD's eligible clients, do not receive services from the DDD.

The work session will provide an overview of how services are delivered to clients from both an administrative and client perspective. Participants will examine the range of settings in which clients receive services, from institutional settings to state-operated home settings, supported living, and settings where clients live at home and are taken care of by family. The work session will also address the clients who do not receive services from the DDD. Among other things, the work session will examine the role of federal funding and requirements regarding services provided by the DDD and will also examine services funded solely by the state.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Linda Merelle

Project Title: Improving Educational Outcomes for Older Foster Youth and Alumni of Care

Project Goal:

Understand options to develop and/or expand extended foster care, or other services, to support educational success for foster youth and alumni of care. Prepare legislation if appropriate.

Project Description:

According to a recent report by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP), between 400 and 500 foster youth in Washington age out of the foster care system annually. These youth tend to have fewer resources and less support to transition to adulthood than their peers. Research indicates that youth who exit foster care are more likely to experience homelessness, unemployment, incarceration, and are also more likely to drop out of school. Research also indicates that success in school can be a positive counterweight to the abuse, neglect, separation, and impermanence experienced by foster youth. However, educational outcomes for foster youth continue to lag behind the general population, nationally and in Washington. For example, in 2010, the WSIPP reported that only 59% of foster youth who were enrolled in 11th grade completed high school by the end of 12th grade. Former foster youth participate in post-secondary educational programs at lower rates, and tend to graduate at lower rates.

Several federal and state legislative initiatives have taken aim at improving educational outcomes for older youth and alumni of care. Examples include: 2SHB 2002 (2006) which established the Foster Care to 21 program, the federal Fostering Connections to Success Act (2008), HB 1128 (2011) establishing extended foster care services, and most recently SHB 2592 (2012) and SHB 2254 (2012) which both support post-secondary opportunities.

In 2006, the Legislature authorized statewide implementation of an Educational Advocacy Program to promote educational success for foster youth. Subsequently, youth in grades K-12 who have been placed in out-of-home care or are receiving services from the Department of Social and Health Services' Children's Administration are eligible to receive services from an educational advocate who may help students: (1) access education support and special education services, (2) stay in the same school when possible, (3) deal with enrollment and disciplinary problems, (4) make up school credits, and/or (5) understand their educational rights and responsibilities. In 2011, the Legislature directed the WSIPP to examine the child welfare and educational characteristics of foster youth served by an educational advocate. The WSIPP's final report, evaluating the effectiveness of the Educational Advocacy Program, is due October 2012.

The work session will focus on a review of: (1) federal and state legislative history aimed at supporting older and former foster youth and their educational pursuits; (2) the implementation status of legislative initiatives, subsequent programs, and available outcome data; (3) policy-relevant research, (4) comprehensive approaches taken by other states, and (5) recommendations regarding draft legislation and/or other next steps.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Megan Palchak

Project Title: Delivery of Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Project Goal:

Provide overview of services provided by the Division of Substance Abuse, including the impact of budget cuts and the potential impact of Medicaid expansion.

Project Description:

Individuals with chemical dependency needs often have overlapping needs with other services provided by the Department of Social and Health Services. Many clients of public assistance programs have been assessed as needing substance abuse treatment, including thirty percent of clients receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. A significant number of individuals in need of substance abuse treatment need both substance abuse and mental health treatment. The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (DBHR) offers prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support services for substance abuse. Services are provided for adults and juveniles, and they include assessments, detoxification, inpatient and outpatient treatment, and long-term residential treatment. In the 2012 supplemental budget, the Legislature reduced funding for some residential services.

Medicaid eligibility is limited to certain categories of persons, such as individuals who have a developmental or physical disability, children and juveniles, and others who also meet income eligibility standards. If the Medicaid expansion portion of the Affordable Care Act is upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, Washington state's Medicaid case load may increase by 250,000 - 350,000 clients. The number of clients eligible for substance abuse treatment would also likely increase. Such an increase may affect DBHR's capacity to deliver services as well as they type of services delivered. The work session will examine the impact of recent budget cuts on the delivery of services and the DBHR's and the Health Care Authority's plans for the provision of services for the newly eligible Medicaid population. The work session will also provide perspectives from community stakeholders and clients.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Linda Merelle

STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project Title: Monitor implementation of E2SHB 2264 regarding performance-based contracting for family support and related services.

Project Goal:

Provide oversight of the Department of Social and Health Services Children's Administration (DSHS/CA) and stakeholders progress towards establishing contracts with Network Administrators for family support and related services.

Project Description:

Under E2SHB 2264 (2012), the Department of Social and Health Services, Children's Administration (DSHS/CA) must contract with Network Administrators for "family support and related services" by December 1, 2013. The DSHS/CA must identify categories of family support and related services that will be contracted for by July 2012, and must release an RFP by December 31, 2012.

Staff will monitor progress made towards identifying services that will be contracted for, as well as the development and release of the subsequent RFP, and provide periodic updates to committee members.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Megan Palchak

Project Title: Monitor Implementation of ESSB 6555 Regarding Family Assessment Response

Project Goal:

Provide oversight of the Department of Social and Health Services and stakeholders' progress towards establishing a "family assessment response."

Project Description:

ESSB 6555 (2012) requires the Department of Social and Health Services' Children's Administration (DSHS/CA) to establish a "family assessment response" as an alternative to responding to certain reports of child abuse and neglect with an investigation. This legislation amended the abuse and neglect statutes to incorporate family assessment response, effective December 2013. It also required the DSHS/CA to develop an implementation plan in collaboration with stakeholders. An implementation report is due by December 31, 2012.

Staff will monitor implementation planning progress and provide updates to committee members.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Megan Palchak

Project Title: Monitor Title IV-E/IV-B Waiver Demonstration Progress

Project Goal:

Provide oversight of the Department of Social and Health Services' progress towards establishing a Title IV-E/IV-B waiver demonstration project.

Project Description:

The federal government spends more than \$12 billion each year to support state child welfare programs. This represents nearly half of the funds that states spend on child welfare. The largest source of federal funding is Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, which governs federal funding of foster care and adoption support. Title IV-E funding is dedicated to a percentage of foster care maintenance costs paid to foster parents for the care of eligible children and a percentage of states' administrative costs, such as caseworkers' salaries and benefits, expenditures for management information systems, training, eligibility determinations and other overhead. Title IV-E is an uncapped entitlement, and depends on the percentage of children in foster care. In contrast, family support and prevention services are provided through much smaller funding sources such as Title IV-B and Social Service Block Grant (SSBG), and are capped programs.

The federal Children's Bureau is now authorized to approve up to ten child welfare demonstration projects in each of fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014 (per Section 1130 of the Social Security Act as amended by Public Law 112-34). The demonstration waiver projects involve waiving certain requirements of title IV-E and IV-B. The demonstration projects do not involve providing additional funding to carry out new services, but allow for more flexible use of federal funds to test new approaches to service delivery or financing structures to improve outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system.

Washington's Department of Social and Health Services' Children's Administration (DSHS/CA), has expressed intent to apply for a waiver as soon as June 2012, and has hired a professional consulting group to complete the application. The DSHS/CA has independently formed a Title IV-E waiver advisory committee, which is co-chaired by the chair of the House committee on Early Learning and Human Services. Advisory committee meetings are ongoing. Additionally, several pieces of legislation were passed during the 2012 legislative session, in part, to assure that Washington will be competitive when applying for a waiver (HB 2264 regarding performance-based contracting for family support and related services, HB 2263 regarding child welfare savings reinvestment, and SB 6555 regarding family assessment response).

In this project, staff will: 1) monitor progress towards establishing a demonstration site, 2) provide briefings to legislators upon request, and 3) provide other related staff support to legislators upon request.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Megan Palchak

Project Title: Developmental Disability Service System Task Force

Project Goal:

Make recommendations regarding the operation and capacity of residential habilitation centers.

Project Description:

Washington state operates four residential habilitation centers (RHCs) which are established in statute to provide services and housing for persons with developmental disabilities. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) also provides community-based services through a number of programs. These are designed as alternatives to the RHCs for eligible persons with developmental disabilities who have living arrangements in the community.

Legislation enacted in 2011 (2SSB 5459) created the Developmental Disability Service System Task Force (Task Force). It also required the closure of the Frances Hadden Morgan RHC by December 31, 2011 and required the DSHS to use a person-center approach to transition residents out of the RHC.

The membership of the Task Force included two members from each chamber of the Legislature, representatives from executive branch agencies, and other stakeholders.

The Task Force is required to make recommendations regarding: (1) the development of a system of services to provide a balanced range of health, social, and supportive services at home or in another residential setting; (2) the state's long-term needs for residential habilitation center (RHC) capacity; (3) efficient consolidation of institutional capacity; (4) mechanisms through which any savings that result from downsizing, consolidation, or closure of RHCs can be used to create additional community-based capacity; (5) strategies for the use of surplus property that results from the closure of one or more entities; and (6) strategies for reframing the mission of Yakima Valley School. Staff of the Office of Program Research, Senate Committee Services, and the Department of Social and Health Services will provide support to the Task Force.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Linda Merelle

Project Title: WorkFirst Oversight Task Force

Project Goal:

Oversight of the redesign of the WorkFirst program by the legislative and executive branches.

Project Description:

Washington's WorkFirst program was created by the Washington state Legislature in 1997 following the passage of federal legislation governing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, a public assistance program for adults with children. WorkFirst implemented the provision of the federal legislation that required the adults receiving assistance under TANF to participate in activities designed to lead to employment.

A Legislative-Executive Task Force was established in SSB 5921. Its duties are to: (1) oversee implementation of the redesign of the WorkFirst program and operation of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; (2) determine evidence-based outcome measures for the WorkFirst program; (3) develop accountability measures for WorkFirst recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding early identification of recipients likely to have short or long stays on the program and characteristics of families who have been unsuccessful in the program and subject to sanctions.

The Task Force met in October 2011 and in January 2012 and is expected to meet throughout the 2012 interim. The next meeting will specifically focus on the determination of outcome measures. The composition of the task force includes eight legislative members, four from each chamber of the Legislature and representatives from state agencies, including the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), the Department of Early Learning, the Employment Security Department, and others. The two co-chairs are Senator Regala and the Secretary of DSHS. Staff from the Department of Social and Health Services provide the primary staff support, with House and Senate legislative nonpartisan staff providing additional support to the Task Force.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Linda Merelle

Project Title: Psychotropic Medication

Project Goal:

Monitor work focused on the use of psychotropic medications on youth accessing health and/or child welfare services in Washington.

Project Description:

The potential mismanagement of psychotropic medication for children and youth who access medicaid and/or are engaged in the child welfare system has been a subject of national and state-level media and policy attention. Washington stakeholders in the children's mental health and child welfare arenas will convene during the interim to discuss the status of the problem in Washington, their work on the issue (including activities related to SS HB 1088 (2007) regarding children's mental health services), and next steps. Committee staff will monitor results of the meeting.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Megan Palchak

**House of Representatives
Education
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
May	All Day	Seattle	Full Committee, Joint with Education Appropriations and Oversight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Learning in Urban Schools 	Site Visit
September	All Day	Renton	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School and District Accountability: Required Action • The Educational Opportunity Gap and the Educator Workforce 	Site Visit and Work Session
November (Pre Committee Assembly)	Afternoon	Olympia (North Thurston SD)	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports • Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems 	Site Visit
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems • Basic Education Funding • Alternative Learning Experience Programs 	Work Session

Project Title: Student Learning in Urban Schools

Project Goal:

Explore the characteristics and needs of urban schools, particularly those serving low-income communities.

Project Description:

In 2011, the Education Committee focused on issues of concern to rural school districts. In 2012, the Committee seeks a greater understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities of education provided in urban schools, particularly in low-income communities with large numbers of English language learners, high student mobility, and other socioeconomic challenges. The Committee, jointly with the Education Appropriations and Oversight Committee, will conduct a site visit to four schools in the Seattle School District that represent an array of learning environments in a single neighborhood: a traditional neighborhood elementary school; a K-8 school that enrolls students from across the district with significant supplemental support from a private organization; an alternative high school focused on dropout prevention and retrieval; and a comprehensive high school.

Number & Type of Meetings: One site visit

Completion Date: May 2012

Staff Assigned: Barbara McLain, Cece Clynych, and Jessica Harrell

Project Title: School and District Accountability: Required Action

Project Goal:

Monitor progress and implementation of the state school and district accountability system.

Project Description:

Legislation enacted in 2010 authorized a new system of school and district accountability focused on persistently lowest-performing schools as defined by federal rules and guidelines. Four schools were identified in 2011 under a new state Required Action process to receive federal school improvement grants to implement three-year turnaround plans beginning in 2011-12. The Committee will visit one of these schools, Lakeridge Elementary School in the Renton School District, to meet with school and district administrators and educators and observe how the school's plan and the Required Action process are being implemented.

Number & Type of Meetings: One site visit

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Barbara McLain and Cece Clynych

Project Title: The Educational Opportunity Gap and the Educator Workforce

Project Goal:

Examine programs and policies associated with recruiting and preparing an educator workforce with the background, knowledge, and skills to close the educational opportunity gap.

Project Description:

The overall proportion of K-12 students who are English language learners, low-income, or minority students continues to increase. The educational opportunity gap in student achievement between disadvantaged students and other students is not decreasing measurably. As a matter of state policy, it is important that the next generation of educators have the background, knowledge, and skills to teach diverse learners. The Committee will examine data regarding the characteristics of the educator workforce, as well as hear updates on the impact of the First Peoples' Language and Culture Certification Program and the WEST-B Basic Skills Test. Representatives of preparation programs will be invited to discuss the implementation of cultural competency standards and knowledge and skills in educating English language learners. The Committee will conduct a brief site visit to meet Renton High School students in the Recruiting Washington Teachers Program. The Committee will conclude with a roundtable discussion with the members of the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee regarding barriers and possible future policies to support the capacity of future educators to close the educational opportunity gap.

Number & Type of Meetings: Combined work session and site visit

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Barbara McLain and Cece Clynych

Project Title: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Project Goal:

Examine a research-based model of prevention and intervention for student behavior.

Project Description:

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) is a research-based model that teaches students appropriate behavior to create a positive learning environment in a school, provides appropriate interventions and strategies to address identified problems, and uses data to identify problems and monitor effectiveness. The model is often used in conjunction with Response to Intervention (RTI), a similar approach focused on academic outcomes. The North Thurston School District in Olympia has implemented both PBIS and RTI in all schools in the district. The Committee will visit a school to see how PBIS has been implemented and learn about its impact on student outcomes.

Number & Type of Meetings: One site visit

Completion Date: November 2012 (Pre Committee Assembly)

Staff Assigned: Barbara McLain and Cece Clynych

Project Title: Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems

Project Goal:

Monitor ongoing implementation of revised teacher and principal evaluation systems.

Project Description:

Legislation enacted in 2010 established new minimum criteria for evaluating the performance of teachers and principals. Legislation enacted in 2012 (ESSB 5895) added specificity to the evaluation systems and procedures. The Committee intends to continue monitoring closely the development and implementation of revised evaluation systems (TPEP). During the 2012 Interim, this monitoring will occur through a site visit and discussion with teachers and principals of the North Thurston School District, one of the pilot school districts established under the 2010 legislation. In addition, the Committee will hold a work session to hear updates and recommendations from the TPEP Steering Committee and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Number & Type of Meetings: One site visit and one work session.

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Barbara McLain and Cece Clynych

Project Title: Basic Education Funding

Project Goal:

Monitor the implementation of the McCleary Supreme Court decision on Basic Education funding.

Project Description:

In late 2011, the state Supreme Court held in the case of McCleary v. State that the state is not meeting its Constitutional obligation to fully fund Basic Education. The Court intends to retain jurisdiction over the case. The 2012 Legislature established a task force to develop a reliable and dependable funding plan for education in response to the McCleary decision. The Committee will monitor the implementation of the McCleary decision by receiving periodic written updates on the funding task force and subsequent activities by the Court, and holding a work session during the November Committee Assembly.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Barbara McLain and Cece Clynych

Project Title: Alternative Learning Experience Programs

Project Goal:

Consider modifications of policies and regulation pertaining to alternative learning experience programs.

Project Description:

Enrollment in alternative learning experience (ALE) programs has doubled over the last ten years, with much of the increase in online and parent-partnership programs. In recent years, questions have been raised about the appropriate type of accountability and oversight of these programs at the state level. Legislation establishing state approval of certain online learning programs was enacted in 2009, and legislation to provide further oversight of ALE was enacted in 2011. Additional legislation was proposed but not enacted in 2012. The Education Committee will continue to consider possible modifications of policies pertaining to state oversight of ALE programs.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Barbara McLain and Cece Clynych

**House of Representatives
Education Appropriations & Oversight
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Update • Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant Update • K-12 Institutional Education • Impact of Tuition Policies on Students • Update on the Implementation of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2483 (Higher Education Coordination) • Performance/Accountability Update (per Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1795) • Update on Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Solvency 	Work Session
November 28	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Human Services Programs on Educational Outcomes 	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on McCleary and the Joint Task Force on Education Funding • Quality Education Council Compensation Working Group Recommendations 	Work Session

Project Title: Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Update

Project Goal:

Receive an update on statewide implementation of the Quality Rating and Improvement System.

Project Description:

The Department of Early Learning will provide an update on statewide expansion and implementation of the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). The aim of the QRIS is to increase the quality of child care provided in the state. Early Learning Race to the Top Grant award funds are being used for this expansion.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Wendy Polzin

Project Title: Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant Update

Project Goal:

Receive an update on implementation of Race to the Top Early Learning grant funds.

Project Description:

The Department of Early Learning will provide an overview of the Race to the Top Grant funds awarded to the state, including funds used for the WaKids, Quality Rating Improvement System, professional development and quality incentives. The Department will update the Committee on: expenditure of funds and implementation of programs, new information or directives from the federal government on implementation of the grant, data on children served through the grant, and how outcomes of the programs will be tracked.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Wendy Polzin

Project Title: K-12 Institutional Education

Project Goal:

Review institutional education funding formulas.

Project Description:

Recent legislation included a revision to education funding formulas in which the state now allocates appropriations utilizing a prototypical school model. Institutional education funding formulas were unchanged in the new prototypical school funding model. The Committee will review the institutional education funding formulas.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Jessica Harrell

Project Title: Impact of Tuition Policies on Students

Project Goal:

Gain a better understanding of the impact of recent changes in tuition policies on students.

Project Description:

Tuition at state-supported institutions of higher education has increased significantly since 2008. Additionally, E2SHB 1795, which passed the legislature in 2011, gave tuition setting authority for resident undergraduate students to all state-supported, four-year institutions. The Committee will explore the impact of tuition increases on students and will hear from students and financial aid administrators to gain a better understanding of the current and potential future impact of these recent changes.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Trista Zugel

Project Title: Update on the Implementation of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2483 (Higher Education Coordination)

Project Goal:

Update the Committee on the implementation of E2SHB 2483, which reconstitutes and redesigns the Higher Education Coordinating Board as the Student Achievement Council.

Project Description:

During 2011, the Legislature passed E2SSB 5182, which abolished the Higher Education Coordinating Board (Board) effective July 1, 2012. The legislation replaced the Board with two agencies, the Council for Higher Education and the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Additionally, the bill created the Higher Education Steering Committee, which met throughout the interim in 2011. The steering committee made several recommendations, many of which were addressed in E2SHB 2483 in 2012. The Committee will hear from representatives of the new Student Achievement Council and other representatives of higher education to discuss the bill's implementation.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Trista Zugel

Project Title: Performance/Accountability Update (per Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1795)

Project Goal:

Review the implementation of accountability measure reporting as required by E2SHB 1795 (2011).

Project Description:

The Committee will hear from the Education Research and Data Center (ERDC) at the Office of Financial Management on the implementation of the Compete to Complete performance measures. The legislation requires the ERDC to collect and manage the performance data. Each four-year institution of higher education and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges will provide an update on their performance.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Trista Zugel

Project Title: Update on Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Solvency

Project Goal:

To receive an update on the actuarial solvency of the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program.

Project Description:

The Guaranteed Education Tuition program (GET) is a savings plan whose participant's investments are guaranteed to keep pace with tuition increases. Each participant purchases GET units and each GET unit represents 1/100th of the actual value of resident, undergraduate tuition, and state-mandated fees at Washington's most expensive public university. Recent changes in tuition policy have the potential to alter the solvency of the program. The Committee will receive a briefing from the State Actuary regarding the solvency of the program.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Trista Zugel

Project Title: Impact of Human Services Programs on Educational Outcomes

Project Goal:

Explore the impact of effective human services programs on educational attainment measures.

Project Description:

Housing, food, income instability, and other adverse childhood experiences can be highly detrimental to student learning and other educational outcomes. They are also experienced disproportionately more by members of minority communities. In light of the state's constitutional duty to the education of all children, the Committee will examine the role that human services, including school-based programs, play in improving educational outcomes and the impacts on educational attainment when such programs are eliminated.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with the Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight Committee

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Jessica Harrell, Melissa Palmer, and Andy Toulon

Project Title: Update on McCleary and the Joint Task Force on Education Funding

Project Goal:

Review the current status of the Washington Supreme Court's McCleary decision and the preliminary findings of the joint task force on education funding.

Project Description:

The recent McCleary decision by the Washington Supreme Court (Court) found that the current system is not operating at its constitutionally mandated levels and that recent legislative efforts to revise the program of basic education will meet the paramount duty if fully implemented and fully funded in a timely manner. The Court also retained judicial oversight over the case. The Legislature passed HB 2824, creating the Joint Task Force on Education Funding (Task Force) that was directed to develop a proposal to fully fund the program of basic education, including the implementation of programmatic enhancements required under SHB 2776. The Committee will receive a briefing on the current status of the judicial oversight and other pertinent updates with respect to the McCleary decision. The Committee will also review the preliminary findings and proposals of the Task Force on Education Funding.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Jessica Harrell and Kristen Fraser

**Project Title: Quality Education Council Compensation Working Group
Recommendations**

Project Goal:

Review the findings and recommendations of the Quality Education Council Compensation Working Group.

Project Description:

In ESHB 2261 (2009) and SHB 2776 (2010) the Quality Education Council Compensation Working Group (Working Group) was tasked with developing a new model for allocating compensation and for implementing the new model. The Committee will review the Working Group's findings.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jessica Harrell

**House of Representatives
Environment
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
June 26	1:00 PM	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nexus between Air and Water Quality and Environmental Justice Issues • Current Priorities for the Model Toxics Control Act Programs 	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Phase I & II Municipal Stormwater General Permits and Addressing Source Control Pollution and Stormwater Runoff • End of Life Cycle Management of Consumer Products 	Work Session
November Committee Assembly		Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nexus between Air and Water Quality and Environmental Justice Issues • Renewable Energy Standards • Reducing Toxins in Fish, Sediment, and Water 	Work Session

Project Title: The Nexus between Air and Water Quality and Environmental Justice Issues

Project Goal:

Develop a better understanding of environmental justice issues in Washington, examine policies implemented in other states to address environmental justice concerns, and consider developing legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Project Description:

A number of issues within the jurisdiction of the Committee, as well as a number of bills the Committee heard during the 2012 legislative session, have a nexus with emerging environmental justice issues, including air quality, water quality, and siting of hazardous waste facilities. Environmental justice is a concept that is defined as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

The Committee will work with interested stakeholders to understand various environmental justice concerns and to consider possible ideas for developing legislation for the 2013 legislative session to address these concerns. The committee will first work jointly with the General Government Appropriations Committee, and then hold a second, individual work session to continue this work. Specific environmental concerns that will be discussed include human health effects (like asthma) resulting from emissions, the effect on local fishing industries from impaired water quality, and the impact on residents of transport emissions from ports and related transport. The Committee will also consider Oregon as a possible case study for addressing environmental justice issues statewide, as Oregon recently created an environmental justice task force for this purpose, as well as consider laws and policies implemented in other states and at the federal level.

Number & Type of Meetings: One joint work session with the General Government Appropriations Committee, and one additional work session

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Anna Jackson

Project Title: Current Priorities for the Model Toxics Control Act Programs

Project Goal:

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the various programs funded by the Model Toxics Control Act accounts, as well as the process the Department of Ecology uses to prioritize funding for both accounts, and consider developing legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Project Description:

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) which is administered and enforced by the Department of Ecology (DOE), requires liable parties to clean up sites contaminated with hazardous materials. Both the State and Local Toxics Control Accounts were created at the same time as the MTCA became law to provide funding for activities such as state programs for hazardous and solid waste planning, management, and enforcement; financial assistance for local hazardous and solid waste programs; and assistance for potentially liable persons to pay for remedial actions under certain circumstances. The primary source of revenue into the State Toxics Control Account is payments of the hazardous substance tax, and the DOE must use monies in the Local Toxics Control Account to fund grants and loans to local governments, with priority given for funding remedial actions.

The Committee, jointly with the General Government Appropriations Committee, will work with the DOE to gain a comprehensive understanding of the various programs funded by the MTCA accounts, as well as the process the DOE uses to prioritize funding for both accounts. Committee members will work with the DOE to discuss these issues and possibly prepare related legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Number & Type of Meetings: One joint work session with the General Government Appropriations Committee

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Anna Jackson, Kara Durbin, Michael Bennion, and Alex MacBain

Project Title: Changes to the Phase I & II Municipal Stormwater General Permits and Addressing Source Control Pollution and Stormwater Runoff

Project Goal:

Develop a better understanding of the process and status of the Department of Ecology's proposed updates to three municipal stormwater general permits, and explore how other states are addressing issues that contribute to stormwater run-off.

Project Description:

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is in the process of updating three municipal stormwater general permits that authorize stormwater discharges from public stormwater systems in urban areas: (1) the Phase I Municipal Stormwater General Permit; (2) the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater General Permit; and (3) the Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater General Permit. The DOE develops and administers National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) municipal stormwater permits in Washington, and must reissue the permits every five years. The DOE issued the current permits in 2007 and they expire in 2012.

The Committee will receive an update from the DOE regarding the process and status of its proposed updates to these three municipal stormwater permits, all of which will be effective in 2013. The Committee will also explore and discuss certain issues that contribute to toxic stormwater run-off, such as transmission fluid leaks from vehicles, and learn how other states are currently addressing these issues. In addition, the Committee will work with the DOE in order to understand the DOE's role in stormwater prevention and education in local communities.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Anna Jackson

Project Title: End of Life Cycle Management of Consumer Products

Project Goal:

Examine policies to promote end of life cycle management of toxic consumer products in ways that complement existing collection systems for waste.

Project Description:

During the 2012 legislative session, the Committee considered legislation creating product recycling or stewardship programs for toxic items such as paint, carpet, and rechargeable batteries. These programs varied in the extent to which they relied upon existing systems for collecting and processing waste.

The Committee will review past legislative efforts, examine product stewardship programs in other states, explore locally-based options, and consider how the creation of end of life cycle management programs for certain toxic consumer products can best be integrated with existing local collection systems for waste.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Kara Durbin

Project Title: Renewable Energy Standards

Project Goal:

Examine ways to improve Washington's Energy Independence Act and consider developing legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Project Description:

The Energy Independence Act (EIA) requires electric utilities with 25,000 or more customers to meet targets for energy conservation and for using eligible renewable resources. Each qualifying utility must use eligible renewable resources or acquire equivalent renewable energy credits, or a combination of both, to meet the annual targets specified in the EIA.

During the 2012 legislative session, the Committee considered a number of legislative proposals related to the EIA. Two proposals were enacted, which allow: (1) certain qualified biomass energy resources to qualify under the EIA; and (2) a consumer-owned utility to seek an upfront determination from the Department of Commerce as to whether a proposed project or resource qualifies under the EIA. The Committee will monitor implementation of these new laws and also consider what legislation, if any, should be developed for the 2013 legislative session.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Kara Durbin

Project Title: Reducing Toxins in Fish, Sediment, and Water

Project Goal:

Explore how the Department of Ecology's proposal to update its rules concerning fish consumption rates intersects with other environmental issues, and consider developing related legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Project Description:

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is currently in the process of updating its rules concerning fish consumption rates, which were developed in the 1980s and 1990s. These rates drive water quality standards, as well as sediment and cleanup standards. The DOE recently released a draft report that focuses on identifying a range of fish consumption rates that would be protective of at least 85 to 95 percent of the people who consume fish in Washington. Draft rules from both the DOE's Toxics Cleanup Program and Water Quality Program are anticipated in the summer of 2012.

The Committee will receive an update from the DOE concerning the status and content of the rule proposals. The Committee will also work with the DOE, the regulated community, and other interested stakeholders to review and understand the draft rule proposals, including reviewing and commenting on any legislation developed for the 2013 legislative session.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Anna Jackson

**House of Representatives
General Government Appropriations & Oversight
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
June 4	9:30 AM	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with Judiciary Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Justice and Trial Court Operations 	Work Session
June 6	1:30 PM	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of ESSB 5931 (Reorganizing and Streamlining Central Services) • Implementation of the Department of Enterprise Services' Procurement Policy • Review of the Central Services Rate Model 	Work Session
June 26	1:00 pm	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with the Environment Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Priorities for the Model Toxics Control Act Programs • The Nexus between Air and Water Quality and Environmental Justice Issues 	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency Performance Measurement: Tools and Systems Used to Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness 	Work Session

Project Title: Access to Justice and Trial Court Operations

Project Goal:

Review the status of the Justice in Jeopardy Initiative and access to justice issues and discuss local trial court operation and funding issues.

Project Description:

In 2004 the Board for Judicial Administration issued a "Justice in Jeopardy" report highlighting a need for a long-term effort to improve the operation and funding of Washington's courts, including trial court operations, civil legal aid, criminal indigent defense, and parent representation in dependency proceedings. Legislation enacted in 2005 (E2SSB 5454) increased a number of court-related fees to provide state funding for civil legal aid, criminal indigent defense, parent representation, and contributions to district and qualifying municipal court judges' salaries. E2SSB 5454 also required local jurisdictions to establish trial court improvement accounts funded at the same level as the state contribution to local district and municipal judges' salaries.

The Committee will hold a joint work session with the Judiciary Committee to discuss a variety of issues relating to the structure, operation, and funding of the courts. The work session will include an update on the Justice in Jeopardy Initiative and access to justice issues, including the provision of criminal indigent defense, civil legal aid, parent representation in dependencies, and other issues impacting access to justice. The work session will also include a look at the current structure, operations, and funding of Washington's trial courts; local trial court improvement account projects; and efforts to streamline and coordinate local trial court functions. The work session will involve input from judicial branch agencies and other interested stakeholders in the court system.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with the Judiciary Committee

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Alex MacBain, Edie Adams, and Trudes Tango

Project Title: Implementation of ESSB 5931 (Reorganizing and Streamlining Central Services)

Project Goal:

Provide the Committee with an update on the implementation of ESSB 5931 that was passed in 2011, specifically contracting out of services formerly provided by state employees; the strategic IT plan and enterprise architecture; and exempt personnel plan for the Consolidated Technology Services.

Project Description:

In 2011, laws were enacted to reorganize and streamline central services agencies. Two new state agencies were created, the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) and the Consolidated Technology Services (CTS). The departments of Personnel, General Administration, Information Technology, and the Public Printer were eliminated and duties and functions transferred to the DES and the CTS. Duties relating to risk management and personal services contracting were transferred from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to the DES. The Office of the Chief Information Officer was created within the OFM and is responsible for the preparation and implementation of a strategic IT plan and enterprise architecture for the state.

The bill requires the OFM to examine on a biennial basis which services within DES might be performed by the private sector. Until June 30, 2018, OFM will select up to six activities each biennium for DES to competitively bid to the private sector. If a service cannot be provided at a lower rate or more efficiently, OFM will notify DES to cancel the bid. If the bid is canceled, OFM must notify the legislative fiscal committees. OFM must report on the results of these examinations biennially and the legislative fiscal committees must hold a public hearing on the reports.

The Committee, jointly with the State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee will be briefed on: the status of contracting out services formerly provided by state employees; the implementation of the statewide IT strategy and enterprise architecture; and the exempt personnel plan for the CTS.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Jeff Olsen, Thamas Osborn, and Marsha Reilly

Project Title: Implementation of the Department of Enterprise Services' Procurement Policy

Project Goal:

Track the implementation of procurement policies and follow-up for additional efficiencies.

Project Description:

In 2011 laws were enacted consolidating procurement functions from the General Administration, the Department of Information Services, and the Office of Financial Management into the newly created Department of Enterprise Services (DES). The DES was tasked with effecting the reform and consolidation of state procurement practices. This procurement reform was enacted in 2012 (2SHB 2452) and includes combining procurement statutes into a new chapter in Title 39 RCW and giving the DES oversight of state procurement of goods and services. The DES must adopt uniform policies and procedures for: pre-contract procedures for selecting potential contractors based on their qualifications and ability to perform, model complaint and protest procedures, alternative dispute resolution processes, incorporation of performance measures and measurable benchmarks in contracts, model contract terms to ensure contract performance and compliance with standards, executing contracts using electronic signatures, criteria for contract amendments, post-contract procedures, and procedures and criteria for terminating contracts for cause or otherwise.

The Committee, jointly with the State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee, will be briefed by the DES on its implementation of these policies and procedures and will explore opportunities for additional efficiencies.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Jeff Olsen, Thamas Osborn, Marsha Reilly

Project Title: Review of the Central Services Rate Model

Project Goal:

To understand how the costs for delivery of central services are allocated among state agencies.

Project Description:

The Committee will hold a joint work session with the State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee to discuss the delivery of central services and to examine the methodologies by which the rates for central services are set and the costs are allocated among state agencies.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Jeff Olsen, Wendy Polzin, and Marsha Reilly

Project Title: Agency Performance Measurement: Tools and Systems Used to Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness

Project Goal:

Brief the Committee on the tools and systems used by state agencies to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Project Description:

In December 2011, the Governor signed Executive Order 11-04 to implement the Lean business management strategy. "Lean" is a business management strategy used in various private and government sectors to improve quality while reducing costs. The executive order requires all executive cabinet agencies to begin implementing Lean and reporting results and lessons learned to the Governor by August 31, 2012. The executive order also directs the Governor's accountability and performance staff to work to provide enterprise-wide guidance on initiating Lean implementation and report progress and results of agency and interagency Lean implementation.

A number of other tools for improving quality, accountability, and performance are in place, including the Office of Financial Management's Priorities of Government (POG) process, the Government Management Accountability & Performance (GMAP) process, and the state's Budget, Accounting, and Reporting Act, which requires state agencies to establish objectives for each major activity they perform that measure whether the agency is achieving or making progress toward the purpose of the activity and toward statewide priorities.

The Committee will be briefed on the implementation of Lean principles by state agencies and how these principles are being integrated with other agency performance management tools including POG and GMAP to improve efficiency and effectiveness.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Alex MacBain, Andy Toulon, Wendy Polzin, Jeff Olsen, Michael Bennion, Mary Mulholland, and David Pringle

Project Title: Current Priorities for the Model Toxics Control Act Programs

Project Goal:

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the various programs funded by the Model Toxics Control Act accounts, as well as the process the Department of Ecology uses to prioritize funding for both accounts, and consider developing legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Project Description:

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) which is administered and enforced by the Department of Ecology (DOE), requires liable parties to clean up sites contaminated with hazardous materials. Both the State and Local Toxics Control Accounts were created at the same time as the MTCA became law to provide funding for activities such as state programs for hazardous and solid waste planning, management, and enforcement; financial assistance for local hazardous and solid waste programs; and assistance for potentially liable persons to pay for remedial actions under certain circumstances. The primary source of revenue into the State Toxics Control Account is payments of the hazardous substance tax, and the DOE must use monies in the Local Toxics Control Account to fund grants and loans to local governments, with priority given for funding remedial actions.

The Committee, jointly with the Environment Committee, will work with the DOE to gain a comprehensive understanding of the various programs funded by the MTCA accounts, as well as the process the DOE uses to prioritize funding for both accounts. Committee members will work with the DOE to discuss these issues and possibly prepare related legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Number & Type of Meetings: One joint work session with the Environment Committee

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Anna Jackson, Kara Durbin, Michael Bennion, and Alex MacBain

Project Title: The Nexus between Air and Water Quality and Environmental Justice Issues

Project Goal:

Develop a better understanding of environmental justice issues in Washington, examine policies implemented in other states to address environmental justice concerns, and consider developing legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Project Description:

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The Committee will hold a joint work session with the Environment Committee to understand various environmental justice concerns and to consider possible ideas for developing legislation for the 2013 legislative session to address these concerns. Specific environmental concerns that will be discussed include human health effects (like asthma) resulting from emissions, the effect on local fishing industries from impaired water quality, and the impact on residents of transport emissions from ports and related transport. The Committee will also consider Oregon as a possible case study for addressing environmental justice issues statewide, as Oregon recently created an environmental justice task force for this purpose, as well as consider laws and policies implemented in other states and at the federal level.

Number & Type of Meetings: one joint work session with the Environment Committee

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Anna Jackson, Michael Bennion

**House of Representatives
Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
June 19	TBA	Seattle	Full Committee	• Impact of Human Services Cuts on Law Enforcement and Public Safety	Site Visit / Work Session
November 28	Morning	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with Education Appropriations & Oversight Committee	• Impact of Human Services Programs on Educational Outcomes	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• The Affordable Care Act, Medicaid Expansion, and Coordinated Health Care Purchasing	Work Session

Project Title: Impact of Human Services Cuts on Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Project Goal:

Examine the impacts of human services reductions on public safety and law enforcement.

Project Description:

In recent years, the state budget has included significant budget reductions to health care and human services. In order to better understand the impacts on law enforcement and public safety of reductions to programs like mental health, chemical dependency, and Disability Lifeline, the Committee will visit the King County Jail and meet with local law enforcement and public safety personnel from throughout the state.

Number & Type of Meetings: One site visit and work session

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Andy Toulon and Melissa Palmer

Project Title: Impact of Human Services Programs on Educational Outcomes

Project Goal:

Explore the impact of effective human services programs on educational attainment measures.

Project Description:

Housing, food, income instability, and other adverse childhood experiences can be highly detrimental to student learning and other educational outcomes. They are also experienced disproportionately more by members of minority communities. In light of the state's constitutional duty to the education of all children, the Committee will examine the role that human services, including school-based programs, play in improving educational outcomes and the impacts on educational attainment when such programs are eliminated.

Number & Type of Meetings: One joint work session with the Education Appropriations & Oversight Committee

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Melissa Palmer and Andy Toulon

Project Title: The Affordable Care Act, Medicaid Expansion, and Coordinated Health Care Purchasing

Project Goal:

Review policy and financing options for the upcoming Medicaid expansion, including the interface with integrated state purchasing of physical, behavioral, and long term care.

Project Description:

The State of Washington expends several billion dollars per year to provide physical, behavioral, and long term health care services to 1.2 million low income individuals, via managed care and fee-for-service arrangements administered by two state agencies. The number of individuals served is expected to increase significantly in 2014, in accordance with the Medicaid expansion required under the Affordable Care Act.

Meanwhile, legislation enacted in 2011 (Chapter 15, Laws of 2011 1st. sp. s) requires the Health Care Authority and the Department of Social and Health Services to develop options for an implementation plan for effectively coordinating the purchase and delivery of care for people who need long-term care, developmental disabilities, mental health, or chemical dependency services.

The Committee will be briefed on the implementation plan and the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion, options for improving health care purchasing coordination, and related system, policy, and financing changes required for implementation.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Erik Cornellier, Carma Matti-Jackson, and Andy Toulon

**House of Representatives
Health Care & Wellness
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maternal and Child Health• Coordination of Agency Purchasing• Federal Health Care Reform Implementation• Access to Primary Care	Work Session

Project Title: Maternal and Child Health

Project Goal:

Develop options for potential legislation related to short- and long-term strategies for improving maternal and child health outcomes.

Project Description:

In 2011, a group of stakeholders, including state and tribal agencies and private associations, met to consider ways to improve healthy birth outcomes and promote the use of evidence-based practice. The discussions identified several topics that could be addressed in legislative or budget proposals, including access to care during the first trimester, priorities in the Maternal Support Services program, home visiting models, reductions in the rate of inappropriate cesarean sections, and increases in infant birth weight. These discussions will continue in the 2012 interim. The Committee will hear from stakeholders to develop options for potential legislation.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Chris Blake

Project Title: Coordination of Agency Purchasing

Project Goal:

Monitor the initiatives at the Health Care Authority and Department of Social and Health Services to establish new service models for serving the clients that they share.

Project Description:

The passage of HB 1738 in 2011 established the Health Care Authority as the lead agency for the State's Medicaid program. Many Medicaid clients, however, continue to receive services such as long-term services and support, mental health services, and chemical dependency services from the Department of Social and Health Services.

The Committee will monitor and review the work of the agencies to (1) expand service delivery through managed care contracts, (2) reconfigure DSHS activities and financing and delivery mechanisms toward integrated care goals, and (3) integrate health home services into managed care contracts. The Committee will meet with various representatives of the long-term services and supports community to review the policy recommendations of prior long-term care task forces as possible options for current agency program design.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Chris Blake

Project Title: Federal Health Care Reform Implementation

Project Goal:

Monitor state implementation of federal health care reform.

Project Description:

The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act contains a variety of provisions that apply to the states; such as the creation of health benefits exchanges, health insurance regulatory reform, and Medicaid expansion. There are a variety of state-level activities underway to implement these provisions. For example, the Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation is tasked with examining a variety of health care reform-related issues. Also, legislation was passed in 2012 that requires the Washington Health Benefit Exchange, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and the Health Care Authority to undertake a variety of health care reform activities. The Committee will monitor these state-level implementation efforts.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jim Morishima and Chris Blake

Project Title: Access to Primary Care

Project Goal:

Examine and determine the scope of access barriers to primary care.

Project Description:

Access to primary care is a significant issue that is becoming more prominent in light of federal health care reform. Variables that can affect a person's access to primary care include income, access to insurance coverage, geography, and provider demographics. The Committee will hear from stakeholders to determine the scope of access barriers to primary care in the different areas of the state.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jim Morishima

STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project Title: Rural Health Systems

Project Goal:

Develop new service delivery options and incentives to serve rural communities.

Project Description:

The 2012 supplemental budget directs the Health Care Authority to collaborate with other agencies and stakeholders to design a structure of rural health system access and quality incentive payments. In the 2012 legislative session, the Senate considered several policy bills affecting hospitals, including the possibility of authorizing the state to review hospital rates. In this project, staff will coordinate with Senate staff to meet with stakeholders and agencies to consider options for legislation for the 2013 legislative session.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Chris Blake and Jim Morishima

Project Title: Dental Access

Project Goal:

Address the issue of access to dental care for lower income populations.

Project Description:

Access to dental care can be challenging for lower income populations, particularly for those without dental insurance coverage. To address this issue, other jurisdictions have created mid-level dental professionals, who are permitted to provide many dental services without the on-site supervision of a dentist. During the 2012 legislative session, legislation was considered that would create similar mid-level professions in Washington. In this project, committee staff will work with stakeholders to develop further legislation on this issue.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Jim Morishima

Project Title: Emergency Department Usage

Project Goal:

Monitor the implementation of the Health Care Authority's emergency department reimbursement policy and the extent to which the emergency departments are being used for primary care services.

Project Description:

Last year, the Health Care Authority began exploring a payment policy that would only provide reimbursement for emergency department visits by Medicaid clients that were deemed medically necessary. The 2012 supplemental budget allows hospitals to adopt emergency department best practices to reduce unnecessary emergency department visits instead of being denied payment. In this project, Committee staff will monitor developments regarding emergency department payment policies for Medicaid clients. In addition, Committee staff will review any information about the frequency of emergency departments being used for primary care services and for emergency dental services by Medicaid clients.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Chris Blake and Jim Morishima

Project Title: Patient Confidentiality Statutes

Project Goal:

Review patient health records privacy statutes for potential consolidation and elimination of inconsistent privacy standards.

Project Description:

Washington enacted protections for mental health records in the 1970's and protections for HIV/AIDS records in the 1980's. In the 1990's comprehensive standards for protecting health care information were adopted at the state and federal levels. The piecemeal development of these privacy laws has, in some cases, resulted in inconsistencies between the statutes and has impeded the electronic sharing of patient health information among health care providers. Committee staff will review the health-related records privacy statutes and meet with stakeholders to provide options for consolidating health privacy statutes and eliminating redundancies and inconsistencies.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Chris Blake

Project Title: Sunrise Reviews

Project Goal:

Monitor the sunrise review proceedings for expanding the scope of practice for denturists and certification of surgical technicians.

Project Description:

House Bill 2815 (2012) expands the scope of practice of denturists to allow them to conduct activities related to non-orthodontic removable oral devices and teeth whitening. House Bill 2414 (2012) requires that surgical technologists become certified, rather than registered. The Chair of the Health Care and Wellness Committee requested that the Department of Health conduct a sunrise review according to the criteria established in statute. In this project, staff will monitor the sunrise review proceedings and the resulting recommendations.

Number & Type of Meetings:

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Jim Morishima and Chris Blake

**House of Representatives
 Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation
 Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
July	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementing National Health Care Reform	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementing National Health Care Reform	Work Session
December	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementing National Health Care Reform	Work Session

Project Title: Implementing National Health Care Reform

Project Goal:

Monitor and provide a forum for expert advice and public comment on, the state's response to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

Project Description:

The Joint Select Committee on Health Care Reform Implementation (JSCHRI) was re-established in ESHCR 4404 (2011). The JSCHRI will monitor state-level implementation of federal health care reform as well as provide a public forum for expert advice and public comment. The JSCHRI is authorized to examine a variety of subjects, including the expansion of Medicaid; coordination of the purchase and delivery of acute care, long-term care, and behavioral health services [pursuant to 2E2SHB 1738 (2011)]; the development of the Washington Health Benefit Exchange [pursuant to E2SHB 2319 (2012)]; and other subjects relating to federal health care reform. The JSCHRI will be staffed by legislative staff.

Number & Type of Meetings: Three work sessions

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Jim Morishima and Chris Blake

**House of Representatives
Higher Education
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
May 21	1:00 PM	Seattle	Full Committee	• Transitions to Higher Education and Higher Education's Links to the Economy	Work Session
September	Afternoon		Full Committee	• Transitions to Higher Education and Higher Education's Links to the Economy	Work Session
November 28	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	• Higher Education Coordination	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Higher Education Legislative Priorities	Work Session

Project Title: Transitions to Higher Education and Higher Education's Links to the Economy

Project Goal:

To develop legislative proposals aimed at improving student transitions and transfers and the higher education system's ability to support economic needs with a focus on low-income and diverse communities.

Project Description:

In this project, the Committee will:

1. Examine programs and policies that assist youth and adults, including those from low-income and racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds, to transition to higher education. Specific questions to be addressed include :
 - What are the major statewide and local strategies that support transitions for high school graduates and adults into higher education?
 - What are the results?
 - What options are there for improvement?Policies and programs that could be examined include strategies to reduce math remediation, the connection between the Common Core State Standards and college readiness, and GEAR UP, among others.
2. Assess the status of transfer policies from two-year to four-year institutions of higher education. Specific questions to be addressed include:
 - What transfer and articulation policies, and "credit for prior learning" policies have been implemented following 2011 legislation?
 - How do articulation and transfer policies improve the efficiency of program delivery and improve timely completion of degrees?
 - What are the options for improvement?
3. Examine ways in which higher education responds to the needs of businesses in communities across the state, including local higher education partnerships with industry. The Committee will consider whether higher education / industry partnerships are mutually beneficial. Partnerships that could be examined include university technology transfer projects, applied baccalaureate degree programs, apprenticeship partnerships, among others.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Madeleine Thompson

Project Title: Higher Education Coordination

Project Goal:

To review higher education coordination and outcomes that resulted from 2011 and 2012 legislation; and to develop legislative proposals as appropriate to improve coordination.

Project Description:

The Committee will monitor the coordination of higher education. The Committee will receive a status report from the new Student Achievement Council, including meeting its members and reviewing its work plan. The Committee will also hear legislative reports related to implementation of 2ESHB1795 of 2011 related to tuition policy and financial aid and receive a status update report on the Opportunity Scholarship Board and staff.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Madeleine Thompson

Project Title: Higher Education Legislative Priorities

Project Goal:

To review legislative priorities of higher education agencies and stakeholders for the 2013 legislation session; and to review higher education reports due to the Legislature and develop legislative proposals if appropriate.

Project Description:

The Committee will ask higher education agencies and stakeholders to present legislative priorities for 2013. The Committee will also monitor higher education system accountability and review the Data Dashboard and legislative reports related to higher education accountability.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Madeleine Thompson

STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project Title: Higher Education System Development

Project Goal:

To review higher education goals, coordination, accountability, productivity, funding, and specific issues with the purpose of developing legislation and budget proposals for the 2013 session.

Project Description:

Committee staff will engage in a number of monitoring and research activities including:

- Monitor the implementation of E2SB 2483 including reviewing the work of the new Student Achievement Council in relation to its major functions (proposing higher education goals, budgets, and innovations; advocating for higher education; and monitoring higher education results) and monitor the progress of the Joint Committee on Higher Education.
- Monitor the implementation of E2SHB 1795 (The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011) that authorized tuition-setting authority for the public baccalaureate institutions, created new parameters for financial aid for those institutions that increased tuition beyond the assumed levels in the budget, created new accountability measures for the public baccalaureate institutions, and directed specific transfer and articulation policies.
- Monitor GET Committee and Legislative Advisory Committee to the GET Committee examination of impacts of allowing for differential tuition by program.
- Assess results and recommendations contained in agency reports due to the Legislature.

In addition, committee staff will:

- Explore options for improving higher education productivity, cutting costs, and adding resources to increase degree/certificate production.
- Elicit input from citizens and business leaders to develop higher education funding options.

Finally, committee staff will review and explore options relating to higher education system development.

This includes:

- Innovations to increase baccalaureate degree production.
- Innovations to improve student transitions to college-level work.
- Higher education program integration with workforce development, and meeting workforce needs of individuals for careers and employers for skilled workers.
- Student counseling and advising.
- Higher education for prisoners.
- Higher education reporting (with view to decreasing reporting requirements).
- Student aid and student debt.
- Foreign enrollment policies and practices of colleges and universities.
- Role of students in higher education governance.

Note: Individual projects may evolve as members examine options.

Number & Type of Meetings: None.

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Madeleine Thompson

**House of Representatives
Judiciary
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
June 4	9:30 AM	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee	• Access to Justice and Trial Court Operations	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act • Uniform Electronic Transactions Act	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• 2013 Session Preview	Work Session

Project Title: Access to Justice and Trial Court Operations

Project Goal:

Review the status of the Justice in Jeopardy Initiative and access to justice issues and discuss local trial court operation and funding issues.

Project Description:

In 2004 the Board for Judicial Administration issued a "Justice in Jeopardy" report highlighting a need for a long-term effort to improve the operation and funding of Washington's courts, including trial court operations, civil legal aid, criminal indigent defense, and parent representation in dependency proceedings. Legislation enacted in 2005 (E2SSB 5454) increased a number of court-related fees to provide state funding for civil legal aid, criminal indigent defense, parent representation, and contributions to district and qualifying municipal court judges' salaries. E2SSB 5454 also required local jurisdictions to establish trial court improvement accounts funded at the same level as the state contribution to local district and municipal judges' salaries.

The Committee will hold a joint work session with the General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee to discuss a variety of issues relating to the structure, operation, and funding of the courts. The work session will include an update on the Justice in Jeopardy Initiative and access to justice issues, including the provision of criminal indigent defense, civil legal aid, parent representation in dependencies, and other issues impacting access to justice. The work session will also include a look at the current structure, operations, and funding of Washington's trial courts; local trial court improvement account projects; and efforts to streamline and coordinate local trial court functions. The work session will involve input from judicial branch agencies and other interested stakeholders in the court system.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with the General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Edie Adams, Trudes Tango, and Alex MacBain

Project Title: Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act

Project Goal:

Review the status of proposed legislation adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act.

Project Description:

The Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (UCIOA) is a uniform law proposed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws that governs the formation, management, and termination of common interest communities, including homeowners' associations, condominium associations, planned communities, and other real estate cooperatives. The UCIOA addresses a variety of aspects of association governance, including the relationship between the association and its individual members, election and recall of officers, use and occupancy restrictions, and warranties.

Washington has separate statutes governing condominiums and homeowners' associations. The Washington Condominium Act contains comprehensive provisions governing the formation of condominiums and the operation of condominium associations. The Homeowners' Association Act is not as comprehensive in addressing these issues, and as a result, there have been numerous bills introduced over the years to address a variety of issues relating to the creation, governance, and operation of homeowners' associations that are not addressed in the Homeowners' Association Act.

The Real Property, Probate, and Trust Section of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) is conducting a review of the UCIOA for the purpose of developing legislation governing all common interest communities for potential adoption in Washington. The Judiciary Committee will have a work session involving the WSBA and other interested stakeholders to educate the Committee on the provisions of the UCIOA and hear a report from the WSBA on the status of the WSBA's review of the UCIOA.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Omeara Harrington

Project Title: Uniform Electronic Transactions Act

Project Goal:

Review and discuss the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act for potential adoption in Washington.

Project Description:

The Washington Electronic Authentication Act (WEAA) was adopted in 1996 and took effect in 1998. The WEAA creates standards and procedures for the use of digital signature technology in commercial transactions and authorizes the Secretary of State to establish rules and procedures governing the use of electronic signatures in order to ensure the authenticity and reliability of electronic messages.

The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) was adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 1999. The UETA establishes uniform rules for the enforceability of transactions in electronic commerce, generally providing that electronic records and electronic signatures have the same force and effect as paper records and manual signatures. The UETA has been adopted in 47 states; it has not been adopted in Washington, New York, and Illinois. Legislation (SSB 6069) to enact the UETA in Washington was proposed and considered in the Senate during the 2012 regular session, but failed to pass that body.

In anticipation of future legislation proposing adoption of the UETA in Washington, the Committee will have a work session to educate the members on the provisions of current Washington law and the proposed uniform law, and to consider whether Washington should replace the WEAA by adopting the UETA or other alternatives that may be proposed by the Washington State Bar Association or other stakeholders.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Edie Adams

Project Title: 2013 Session Preview

Project Goal:

Review legislation and issues for the 2013 session.

Project Description:

The Committee will have a work session to review significant legislative proposals and issues for the upcoming 2013 legislative session.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Trudes Tango, Omeara Harrington, and Edie Adams

**House of Representatives
Labor & Workforce Development
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
May 31	1:30 PM	SeaTac City Hall	Full Committee Joint with Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee	• Concessionaire Contracts at SeaTac Airport	Work Session
July	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee	• Consequences of Unemployment	Work Session
July (same day as Pesticide Drift meeting)	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Private Construction Projects on Public Lands	Work Session
July (same day as Private Construction Projects on Public Lands meeting)	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee	• Pesticide Drift	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Non-Compete Agreements	Work Session

Project Title: Concessionaire Contracts at SeaTac Airport

Project Goal:

Examine the impacts of termination or nonrenewal of concessionaire contracts at SeaTac Airport on concessionaire workers, airport concessionaire disadvantaged business enterprises (ACDBEs), and the community, as well as options for eliminating or mitigating these impacts.

Project Description:

SHB 1832 (2011) addressed the rights of employees of service contractors at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The bill would have established certain employee notice and retention requirements applicable when contracts for food and beverage, retail, security, or janitorial services are terminated or not renewed. It also would have required service contractors to enter into labor peace agreements with labor organizations.

During the 2011 session, the bill was passed by the House, but not reported out of the Senate Labor, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. During the 2012 session, the bill was amended by the House, but not passed.

During the 2012 interim, the Committee will hold a joint work session with the Senate Labor, Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee to: (1) Review the history and future plans for concessionaire contracts at SeaTac Airport; (2) examine the impacts of termination or nonrenewal of such contracts on concessionaire workers, airport concessionaire disadvantaged business enterprises (ACDBEs), and the community; and (3) discuss options for eliminating or mitigating these impacts.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Jill Reinmuth

Project Title: Consequences of Unemployment

Project Goal:

Explore issues created by unemployment.

Project Description:

While Washington's economy has showed recent signs of improvement, economic and job growth remain slow and the unemployment rate remains high. Additionally, about 40 percent of unemployed workers in Washington have been unemployed for six months or longer. Unemployment can have a devastating impact on what some scholars have called the "hidden nation" of the unemployed and their families. This impact continues beyond the period of unemployment.

During the 2012 interim, the Committee will hold a joint work session with the Senate, Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee to understand more about the unemployed in the state and to explore issues created by unemployment, including whether unemployment insurance meets the needs of individuals and their families.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Joan Elgee

Project Title: Private Construction Projects on Public Lands

Project Goal:

Explore issues related to private construction projects on public lands.

Project Description:

During the 2012 interim, the Committee will hold a work session to explore issues surrounding private construction projects on public lands. Relevant issues include labor standards, sources of labor, transparency, tax incentives, and accountability. State and local government representatives and business and labor stakeholders will have an opportunity to participate.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Alexa Silver

Project Title: Pesticide Drift

Project Goal:

Review the laws and agency responsibilities regarding pesticide drift to determine if there is a need for additional regulation.

Project Description:

Several state agencies deal with pesticide drift. The Department of Agriculture licenses applicators and adopts rules regarding pesticide use through its administration of state and federal pesticide laws. The Department of Labor and Industries is responsible for worker safety, and the Department of Health tracks and investigates pesticide-related illnesses.

During the 2012 interim, the Committee, jointly with the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, will hear from the Departments of Agriculture, Health, and Labor and Industries regarding the investigation of pesticide drift incidents and enforcement of pesticide laws to determine if there is a need for additional regulation.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Joan Elgee and Jason Callahan

Project Title: Non-Compete Agreements

Project Goal:

Review the law regarding non-compete agreements to determine whether changes are needed.

Project Description:

Covenants not to compete are provisions within an employment contract that impose postemployment restrictions on an employee.

Washington law provides that covenants not to compete in the broadcasting industry are unenforceable under certain circumstances. In other industries, Washington courts apply a reasonableness standard in determining whether a covenant not to complete is enforceable.

The Committee will review the use of non-compete agreements and current law, and determine whether any changes in the law are needed.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: January 2013

Staff Assigned: Joan Elgee

**House of Representatives
Local Government
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
June 21	9:15 AM	Vancouver	Full Committee	• Local Government Operational Efficiencies	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	• Growth Management Act Efficiencies	Work Session

Project Title: Local Government Operational Efficiencies

Project Goal:

Consider and develop legislative proposals to increase local government operational efficiencies.

Project Description:

The Committee has recently considered legislative proposals to increase efficiencies in all levels of Washington's local governments. The proposals have represented varied responses to the ongoing complexities of providing critical local government services during a changing and challenging economic climate. During the interim, the Committee will seek to develop and consider proposals to increase local government operational efficiencies by examining local obligations and practices. In completing this project, the Committee will conduct a work session to receive information and perspectives from local government officials and other persons with relevant expertise.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Ethan Moreno and Kelly Pfundheller

Project Title: Growth Management Act Efficiencies

Project Goal:

Examine modifications to the Growth Management Act that would result in a more efficient implementation of the act.

Project Description:

The provisions and obligations of the Growth Management Act (GMA) continue to generate significant public and legislative interest. In recognition of this interest, commonly-held growth management goals, and fiscal challenges facing counties and cities, the Local Government Committee will solicit diverse and varied suggestions during the interim for making the implementation of the GMA more efficient. In completing his project, the Committee will seek input from organizations that frequently comment on GMA-related legislation before the Committee and will hold a work session to receive information and perspectives from organizations and persons with relevant expertise.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Ethan Moreno and Kelly Pfundheller

**House of Representatives
Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
June 7	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bail and Pretrial Release Procedures • Citizen's Custody Review Board and the Release of Offenders from the Department of Corrections Before the End of their Sentences • Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes 	Work Session
September 12	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bail and Pretrial Release Procedures • Citizen's Custody Review Board and the Release of Offenders from the Department of Corrections Before the End of their Sentences • Wrongful Convictions from Mistaken Eyewitness Identifications 	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal Theft • Implementation of Transfer of SVP Defense • Community Custody 	Work Session

Project Title: Bail and Pretrial Release Procedures

Project Goal:

Review the practices for bail for the release of a person arrested and detained for a felony offense.

Project Description:

The Bail Practices Work Group, established by SSB 6673 (2010), submitted a report to the Legislature in December 2010. The report contained 15 recommendations regarding the following bail-related issues: availability and use of risk assessment tools in bail hearings; access to mental health information for use at bail hearings; the definition of bail; bail schedules; justification of bail bond agents; collateral; surety bonds filed with the Department of Licensing (DOL); background checks of bail bond agents; general powers of attorney; surrender of clients to court; the DOL's audit authority; and court notification of failure to appear.

In addition to the report, the Work Group submitted draft legislation, which was introduced in the 2011 legislative session as SB 5056. SSB 5056 passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee, but died in the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Subsequently, the Senate Judiciary Committee amended SHB 1194, a bill concerning bail schedules, to include some of the recommendations from the Work Group that had minimal fiscal impact. SHB 1194 died in the Senate Rules Committee.

In the 2012 legislative session, legislation containing the unanimous recommendations of the Work Group was introduced as House Bill 2668. SHB 2668 did not progress past the floor of the Senate.

The PSEP Committee will review the Work Group recommendations and the provisions of SHB 2668, as well as suggestions to move forwards with bail reform.

Number & Type of Meetings: Two work sessions

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Sarah Koster

Project Title: Citizen's Custody Review Board and the Release of Offenders from the Department of Corrections Before the End of their Sentences

Project Goal:

Review possible changes to the Sentencing Reform Act to allow for release of offenders from the Department of Corrections before the end of their sentenced term of confinement

Project Description:

Under current law, any person sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act serving a sentence under the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) may not be released prior to expiration of the sentence dictated by the sentencing guidelines except in a few limited circumstances.

HB 2521, introduced in the 2012 legislative session, describes the creation of a Citizen's Custody Review Board, which would make determinations as to whether an offender would be released from the DOC before the end of his or her sentence, subject to post-release conditions and a reentry plan.

HB 2521 was heard by the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee but did not pass out of committee during the 2012 regular session.

The PSEP Committee will invite the public and stakeholders to participate in a discussion regarding the implementation of a Citizen's Custody Review Board.

Number & Type of Meetings: Three work sessions

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Yvonne Walker and Sarah Koster

Project Title: Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes

Project Goal:

To review ways to come into compliance with federal sex offender registration and community notification statutes.

Project Description:

In 2008 the Sex Offender Policy Board (Board) was established as an independent entity of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission. The Board was charged with, among a number of duties, reviewing current laws and practices as they relate to the state's sex offender registration and notification system.

In 2011, the Board completed a comprehensive review of Washington's sex offender registration and notification system as it relates to adults and juveniles. The study found that despite several extensions for coming into compliance, 45 states including Washington, are out of compliance with the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (AWA).

The federal government enacted the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (AWA) of 2006. Title 1 of the AWA, known as the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) includes a comprehensive plan for standardizing the sex offender registration and community notification procedures in all 50 states. States that are not found to be in substantial compliance with the SORNA by July 2011 will be penalized with a 10 percent reduction of their federal justice assistance (Byrne Grant) funding.

The PSEP Committee will request the Board to provide an update on the state's current status of complying with the SORNA.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Sarah Koster

Project Title: Wrongful Convictions from Mistaken Eyewitness Identifications

Project Goal:

To determine how eyewitness identification procedures can be improved in a way that minimalizes the possibility that innocent persons are convicted of crimes.

Project Description:

According to the National Institute of Justice at least 175,000 people become criminal defendants based upon eyewitness identifications every year. Despite the best efforts of our criminal justice system, innocent people have been convicted of crimes which they did not commit. Since DNA technology began being used in 1999, there have been 289 DNA exonerations in the United States. Researchers have identified about three times that amount of wrongful convictions when you take into account the non-DNA cases.

The risk of mistaken identity threatens the lives of not only innocent defendants but also derails investigations and allows the actual perpetrators to remain at large. According to studies, out of the 289 DNA exonerations taken place in the United States, 107 real perpetrators were identified while innocent people were behind bars for crimes they did not commit.

According to the Innocence Project of the Northwest Clinic, every study published since 1932 has listed mistaken eyewitness identifications as the leading cause of wrongful convictions.

The PSEP Committee will invite representatives from the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, and the University of Washington School of Law to discuss how some traditional eyewitness identifications in the criminal justice field have been problematic. The goal of the workgroup will be to focus on how eyewitness identification procedures can be improved in a way that minimalizes the possibility that innocent persons are not selected through traditional eyewitness identification procedures.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Yvonne Walker

Project Title: Metal Theft

Project Goal:

Review recommendations from the Metal Theft Task Force regarding regulation of commercial and nonferrous metal property theft.

Project Description:

Over the last several years the Legislature has enacted several bills relating to regulating metal dealers, enhancing record-keeping requirements for transactions involving various types of metals, and enhancing penalties for metal theft. During the 2012 legislative session, ESHB 2570 was enacted, creating a task force to formulate suggestions for state policy regarding regulation of commercial and nonferrous metal property theft. The task force is required to consider the following issues:

- penalties, both criminal and civil, for theft of commercial and nonferrous metal property including, but not limited to, issues such as categorization of crimes, trespass, organized commercial metal property theft, and aggregation of crimes;
- valuation in the criminal prosecution of theft of commercial and nonferrous metal property, where the actual damages of the theft may greatly exceed the value of the stolen property;
- the role of local governments in policing and prosecuting theft of commercial and nonferrous property;
- restrictions on cash purchases of commercial and nonferrous metal property;
- private rights of action to prosecute theft of commercial and nonferrous metal property;
- registration or licensing of all scrap metal businesses;
- a no-buy list for commercial and nonferrous metal purchases; and
- the use and effectiveness of a scrap theft alert system offered as a no fee service by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.

The PSEP Committee will follow the activities of the task force and request that the task force provide the committee with a report of its recommendations for possible state policy changes regarding regulation of metal property theft.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Sarah Koster and Yvonne Walker

Project Title: Implementation of Transfer of SVP Defense

Project Goal:

Review the implementation of the transfer from the Department of Social & Health Services to the Office of Public Defense of the administration of legal defense in Sexually Violent Predator civil commitment proceedings.

Project Description:

Substitute Senate Bill 6493, adopted by the Legislature during the 2012 session, transfers the administration of legal representation of indigent respondents qualified for appointed counsel in Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) civil commitment cases from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to the Office of Public Defense (OPD). The legislation was based on a proposal submitted to the Legislature by OPD.

The transfer of duties will begin July 1, 2012.

The PSEP Committee will invite OPD to report on its findings and recommendations regarding the implementation of SSB 6493 and the transfer of duties

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Sarah Koster

Project Title: Community Custody

Project Goal:

Review the state's current community custody program and violation process.

Project Description:

Community custody is the portion of an offender's sentence served in the community subject to supervision by the Department of Corrections (DOC). The court must order community custody for an offender who is convicted of specified crimes. While under community supervision, offenders are subject to a variety of conditions imposed by the court and the DOC. If an offender violates the conditions, the offender is subject to sanctions and may be required to serve up to the remaining portion of his or her sentence in confinement.

During the 2012 legislative session, the Legislature passed 2E2SSB 6204, which modified the violation process for offenders serving a term of community custody. 2E2SSB 6204 established a graduated sanction process, in which technical violations receive non-confinement or short term confinement sanctions and more serious violations receive confinement sanctions of up to 30 days. This process was loosely based on a model program based in Hawaii called HOPE (Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement) which imposes swift, predictable, and immediate sanctions for probation violations.

Additionally, 2E2SSB 6204 changes the official response to new criminal offenses committed by offenders on community supervision, encouraging local law enforcement to file new charges against offenders, in addition to the imposition of departmental sanctions, when appropriate.

The PSEP Committee will invite the Washington Department of Corrections to provide an update on its implementation of the graduated sanction process.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Yvonne Walker and Sarah Koster

**House of Representatives
State Government & Tribal Affairs
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
June 6	1:30 PM	Olympia	Full Committee Joint with General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of ESSB 5931 (Reorganizing and Streamlining Central Services) • Implementation of the Department of Enterprise Services' Procurement Policy • Review of the Central Services Rate Model • Update on Statewide IT Strategy 	Work Session
November 30	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Audit of Washington Business Regulations • The Office of Regulatory Assistance • Implementation of Initiative 1183 (Sale of Liquor) 	Work Session

Project Title: Implementation of ESSB 5931 (Reorganizing and Streamlining Central Services)

Project Goal:

Provide the Committee with an update on the implementation of ESSB 5931 that was passed in 2011, specifically contracting out of services formerly provided by state employees; procurement plan, the strategic IT plan and enterprise architecture; and exempt personnel plan for the Consolidated Technology Services.

Project Description:

In 2011, laws were enacted to reorganize and streamline central services agencies. Two new state agencies were created, the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) and the Consolidated Technology Services (CTS). The departments of Personnel, General Administration, Information Technology, and the Public Printer were eliminated and duties and functions transferred to the DES and the CTS. Duties relating to risk management and personal services contracting were transferred from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to the DES. The Office of the Chief Information Officer was created within the OFM and is responsible for the preparation and implementation of a strategic IT plan and enterprise architecture for the state.

The bill requires the OFM to examine on a biennial basis which services within DES might be performed by the private sector. Until June 30, 2018, OFM will select up to six activities each biennium for DES to competitively bid to the private sector. If a service cannot be provided at a lower rate or more efficiently, OFM will notify DES to cancel the bid. If the bid is canceled, OFM must notify the legislative fiscal committees. OFM must report on the results of these examinations biennially and the legislative fiscal committees must hold a public hearing on the reports.

The Committee, jointly with the State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee will be briefed on: the status of contracting out services formerly provided by state employees; the implementation of the statewide IT strategy and enterprise architecture; and the exempt personnel plan for the CTS.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Marsha Reilly and Jeff Olsen

Project Title: Implementation of the Department of Enterprise Services' Procurement Policy

Project Goal:

Track the implementation of procurement policies and follow-up for additional efficiencies.

Project Description:

In 2011 laws were enacted consolidating procurement functions from the General Administration, the Department of Information Services, and the Office of Financial Management into the newly created Department of Enterprise Services (DES). The DES was tasked with effecting the reform and consolidation of state procurement practices. This procurement reform was enacted in 2012 (2SHB 2452) and includes combining procurement statutes into a new chapter in Title 39 RCW and giving the DES oversight of state procurement of goods and services. The DES must adopt uniform policies and procedures for: pre-contract procedures for selecting potential contractors based on their qualifications and ability to perform, model complaint and protest procedures, alternative dispute resolution processes, incorporation of performance measures and measurable benchmarks in contracts, model contract terms to ensure contract performance and compliance with standards, executing contracts using electronic signatures, criteria for contract amendments, post-contract procedures, and procedures and criteria for terminating contracts for cause or otherwise.

The Committee, jointly with the General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee, will be briefed by the DES on its implementation of these policies and procedures and will explore opportunities for additional efficiencies.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Marsha Reilly, Thamas Osborn, and Jeff Olsen

Project Title: Review of the Central Services Rate Model

Project Goal:

To understand how the costs for delivery of central services are allocated among state agencies.

Project Description:

The Committee will hold a joint work session with the State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee to discuss the delivery of central services and to examine the methodologies by which the rates for central services are set and the costs are allocated among state agencies.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with General Government Appropriations & Oversight

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Marsha Reilly, Jeff Olsen, and Wendy Polzin

Project Title: Update on Statewide IT Strategy

Project Goal:

Monitor development and implementation of the statewide IT strategy.

Project Description:

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) was established in October 2011 with the passage of ESSB 5931 (reorganizing and streamlining central service functions) during the 2011 First Special Session. The primary duties and responsibilities of the OCIO include providing strategic direction and enterprise architecture for information technology (IT) for state government, enabling the standardization and consolidation of IT infrastructure to support enterprise-based system development and to improve and maintain service delivery, establishing standards and policies for IT services, and establishing statewide architecture.

The Committee, jointly with the General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee, will be briefed by the OCIO on the status of several initiatives including the State IT Strategy, the State Data Center Migration Plan, and the OCIO Enterprise Architecture Program.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session joint with General Government Appropriations & Oversight Committee

Completion Date: June 2012

Staff Assigned: Thamas Osborn and Jeff Olsen

Project Title: Performance Audit of Washington Business Regulations

Project Goal:

Brief the Committee on the results of the State Auditor's review of agency regulations

Project Description:

The State Auditor's Office is conducting a series of performance audits to determine whether Washington's business regulations are streamlined, transparent, and consistent. The initial audit in the series, Streamlining Business regulations, examines the extent to which regulatory agencies periodically review their existing regulations to eliminate outdated, conflicting, or otherwise unnecessary rules or to clarify rules related to business permits, licenses, or inspections. The audit is structured to answer the following specific questions: (1) Do regulatory agencies have processes in place to review and streamline their regulatory rules? (2) Have agencies streamlined their rules in the past decade? (3) Do agencies that streamline their rules track and measure the effects of their efforts?

The State Auditor's Office will update the Committee on its agency regulations performance audit.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Marsha Reilly

Project Title: The Office of Regulatory Assistance

Project Goal:

To brief the Committee on the activities of the Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) as well as its recommendations for regulatory improvements

Project Description:

The Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) provides assistance with environmental permitting, as well as assistance to small businesses through an online business service center. The ORA works with regulatory agencies to make regulatory processes easier and more effective. The ORA will brief the Committee on its activities for 2012 and on any recommendations for regulatory improvements.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Marsha Reilly

Project Title: Implementation of Initiative 1183 (Sale of Liquor)

Project Goal:

Monitor ongoing implementation of Initiative 1183 (sale of liquor).

Project Description:

With the passage of Initiative 1183, the Washington State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB) will cease state liquor store and liquor distribution operations by June 1, 2012. Contract liquor stores, which are operated by small business owners, may continue to sell spirits, but state-run liquor stores will be closed. The Seattle Distribution Center, which supplies state and contract liquor stores with spirits, and its assets, will be sold. The private sector will be allowed to sell and distribute spirits with the proper liquor licenses. The WSLCB is currently in the process of implementing the initiative. At the same time, at least two court cases have been filed challenging the initiative on constitutional grounds.

The WSLCB will update the Committee on implementation of Initiative 1183.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Cece Clynych

STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project Title: Increase Voter Registration

Project Goal:

To continue to work on legislation regarding pre-registration of 16-year-olds and election day registration.

Project Description:

Two bills were presented to the Committee during the 2012 session geared toward improving voter registration: pre-registration of 16- and 17-year-olds and election day registration. Staff will work with the Secretary of State and the county auditors to modify the legislation in a way that would make these processes workable for county auditors.

Number & Type of Meetings: no meetings

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Marsha Reilly and Thamas Osborn

Project Title: Craft Distillers

Project Goal:

Examine opportunities for craft distillers to sell spirits of their own production.

Project Description:

Review the effect of Initiative 1183 on Washington's craft distilleries and examine various opportunities for the sale of craft distillery products.

Number & Type of Meetings: no meetings

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Cece Clynch

Project Title: Voting Rights Act

Project Goal:

Revise legislation introduced in 2012.

Project Description:

Legislation introduced during the 2012 session would have established the Washington Voting Rights Act, prohibiting elections that are drawn or maintained in a manner that deny an equal opportunity for a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or an equal opportunity to influence the outcome of an election as a result of the vote dilution of voters who are members of a protected class. Testimony before the Committee, based on research conducted by students at Whitman College, indicated that almost all local elections in Washington are conducted at-large, and that at-large electoral systems tend to depress the level of representation of minority groups.

Staff will review and compile information with respect to the statutorily prescribed types of electoral systems for local offices, particularly school districts, cities and towns, and counties, and the statutory mechanisms in place for changing to a district-based electoral system from an at-large system.

Number & Type of Meetings: no meetings

Completion Date: December 2012

Staff Assigned: Cece Clynych

**House of Representatives
Technology, Energy & Communications
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversupply of Electrical Generation 	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Service Reform • Oversight of Wireless Phone Service • Residential Energy Use Disclosure and Energy Audits 	Work Session

Project Title: Oversupply of Electrical Generation

Project Goal:

Monitor activities to address the oversupply of electrical generation from hydropower and wind energy.

Project Description:

Historically, high seasonal river flows in the Pacific Northwest can occasionally result in more hydropower being generated than is needed to meet regional electrical demand. In recent years, as more wind energy has been added to the region's electrical transmission grid, oversupply conditions have been compounded in the spring when high water run-off and high wind energy production coincides with low electricity demand. Reducing hydropower generation during these events sends more water through dam spillways (spilling water), resulting in high levels of dissolved gases which threaten protected fish populations.

In May 2011 the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) implemented its Environmental Redispatch and Negative Pricing policy (Environmental Redispatch) in order to avoid spilling water. Under this policy, the BPA temporarily substituted Federal hydropower, at no cost to buyers, for wind power or other generation in its balancing authority.

In December 2011, as a result of a petition by wind energy facility owners, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ruled that the BPA used its transmission market power to curtail wind energy generators in a discriminatory manner. The FERC gave the BPA 90 days to file new tariffs that comply with FERC's open access transmission policy.

In March 2012, the BPA filed its Oversupply Management Protocol with the FERC which will become part of a revised transmission tariff to be finalized later in the year. In revising its transmission tariff, the BPA intends to establish rates that balance the costs of managing the oversupply of electrical generation between hydropower and wind energy generators.

The Committee will monitor the BPA's activities to address regional oversupply of electrical generation from hydropower and wind energy.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Scott Richards

Project Title: Universal Service Reform

Project Goal:

Monitor federal and state activities related to universal service reform.

Project Description:

In late 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released an order making significant changes to the federal universal service and intercarrier compensation systems. One of the objectives of the order was to simplify the existing intercarrier compensation system while advancing the goals of the National Broadband Plan by making broadband service available in unserved and underserved areas. During the 2012 session, the Committee held a work session to learn more about the existing telecommunications landscape and how it might be impacted by the FCC's order.

The Committee will monitor the state's role in implementing the FCC's order, particularly as it relates to funding made available for broadband expansion in high cost areas, and consider what legislation, if any, may be needed to encourage further build out of broadband services in the state.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Kara Durbin

Project Title: Oversight of Wireless Phone Service

Project Goal:

Review federal oversight of wireless phone service and determine whether additional state regulation of wireless phone service is appropriate.

Project Description:

Under federal law, states are preempted from regulating the entry of or rates charged by a wireless phone company. While states may not regulate the rates charged by a wireless phone company, states may regulate the other terms and conditions of wireless phone service. Whether specific aspects of service are considered, rates or terms and conditions has been the subject of disputes before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in state regulatory bodies, and in the courts.

The FCC is charged with promoting a competitive marketplace for wireless services while also ensuring that consumers are protected from harmful practices. The FCC has adopted rules to address wireless billing practices, the provision of enhanced 911 and other emergency services, number portability, hearing aid compatibility, and the security of consumers' personal information. The FCC's rules for wireless services do not address issues such as contract terms, explanation of service terms, call quality, text messaging, or customer service.

The Committee will hold a work session to better understand the role of the FCC in overseeing wireless phone service and determine whether the state should be granted additional authority to regulate wireless phone service.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Kara Durbin

Project Title: Residential Energy Use Disclosure and Energy Audits

Project Goal:

Examine issues relating to residential energy use disclosure and energy audits, and consider possible legislation for 2013.

Project Description:

In 2009 energy use disclosure requirements were established for privately owned, non-residential buildings with over 10,000 square feet of floor area. Owners of these buildings are required to disclose energy use to prospective buyers, lessees, or lenders.

In the 2012 Washington State Energy Strategy, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) recommended that a statewide policy be established that requires electric and gas utilities to provide all residential customers with an annual energy summary. The annual energy summary would contain, at a minimum, customer energy use and costs and would be disclosed to prospective buyers at the time of sale or to renters when a property is offered for rent. Additionally, Commerce noted that residential sellers may be interested in demonstrating energy and cost savings by supplementing an annual energy summary with an energy audit.

In a separate report, Commerce recommended monitoring early implementation of two promising pilot home energy scoring methods: (1) the Energy Performance Score developed by Earth Advantage, and (2) the Department of Energy Home Energy Score. Both of these home energy scoring methods provide a common metric for home energy use that allows consumers to easily compare expected energy use of one home to another.

The Committee will examine issues relating to the disclosure of residential energy use, including home energy scoring, and energy audits, and consider what legislation may be needed. Issues the Committee may consider include the costs and benefits of various types of energy use disclosures, the ability of utilities to provide information relating to energy use and costs, customer privacy, utility limitations on releasing energy use and costs information, and whether uniform energy audit criteria is needed.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012 Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Scott Richards

**House of Representatives
Transportation
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
November Committee Assembly	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing on Interim Facilities Plan • Department of Licensing's Prorate and Fuel Tax System • Status of Diversion from 520 Tolls; Tolling Update • The Department of Licensing's Vehicle and Driver Field Systems Modernization • Time, Leave, and Labor Distribution System • Washington State Transportation Budget and Revenue Update and Federal Reauthorization Act Update 	Work Session

Project Title: Briefing on Interim Facilities Plan

Project Goal:

Update Committee members regarding the Washington State Department of Transportation's strategic facilities plan.

Project Description:

The 2011 Transportation Budget (Section 604) directs the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to prepare a strategic facilities plan (Plan) to improve the oversight of real estate procurement and management practices across all departmental programs and regions, including the Washington State Ferries. The Plan, which is due by September 1, 2012, must include:

- An inventory of all currently owned and leased office space, tunnel and bridge operations and maintenance facilities, and traffic management centers (TMCs);
- A list of facilities that will be needed for tunnel and bridge operations or maintenance in the next 10 years and the funding source that is assumed for these facilities;
- A prioritized list of all buildings that are planned for construction, renovation, or remodeling in the next 10 years and the funding source that is assumed for these facility improvements; and
- A list of options for consolidating staff and equipment operations activities to reduce costs. This list must include: an evaluation of the costs and benefits of owning properties as compared to leasing them using a life-cycle cost analysis; and a process and plan for regularly evaluating needs for office space, tunnel and bridge operations and maintenance facilities, and traffic management.

The 2011 Transportation Budget also directs the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to conduct a budget evaluation study for the new TMC using data compiled as a result of the Plan.

The update will provide committee members with the results of the Plan and associated deliverables, such as the inventory and lists. The OFM will report on its study of the proposed new TMC in Shoreline, including a description of the study team, the options reviewed, and the results of the budget evaluation. The WSDOT will provide schedule and budget information about the renovation of the boat center in Fife, including the staffing plan and analysis of the costs and benefits of the renovation and staff relocation. The WSDOT will also provide a list of new building requests anticipated in the 2013-15 biennium.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Christie Parker

Project Title: Department of Licensing's Prorate and Fuel Tax System

Project Goal:

Monitor the implementation of an automated prorate and fuel tax system that eliminates manual processing and streamlines processing and maintenance of excel spreadsheets and separate subsystems.

Project Description:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) is replacing the Prorate and Fuel tax computer systems. These systems are used in the administration of interstate trucking and the collection of fuel tax revenues that account for more than \$2.5 billion per biennium. The current vendor system does not process many of the prorate and fuel tax business requirements. The existing systems and processes require extensive manual intervention for:

- 20 supplemental information technology systems used by the DOL;
- Over 100 spreadsheets used by the DOL;
- Duplicate manual entry into supplemental systems and spreadsheet; and
- Manual financial reconciliations between systems and spreadsheets for fuel tax collections and refunds.

The existing systems process 25,870 returns annually from the following licensees and organizations:

- 147 fuel supplier licensees;
- 184 fuel distributor licensees;
- 159 fuel exporter licensees;
- 104 fuel importer licensees;
- 150 heating oil licensees;
- 4,900 Internal Fuel Tax Agreement licensees;
- 66 dyed diesel licensees; and
- 67 aircraft fuel distributor licensees.

The DOL will purchase a commercial off-the-shelf vendor-supplied system and include:

- Fuel tax electronic filing, reconciliation and data exchange;
- Single point-of-data entry for each customer account;
- Interface with the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) and International Registration Program (IRP) clearing houses to transmit licensee data to other IFTA and IRP jurisdictions, federal and state systems, along with interstate commercial vehicle registration and safety reporting requirements;
- A system designed to align with Washington laws and recent Prorate and Fuel Tax process improvements;
- Integrated financial reporting with other DOL and Washington financial systems;
- Improved audit capabilities;
- Automated revenue and collection processes; and
- Flexibility in administering future law and administrative changes.

Funding is provided for the acquisition and implementation of the prorate and fuel tax system that is integrated with other state systems through \$7.414 million in certificates of participation to be sold by the Office of the State Treasurer. There will be a savings of 10 FTEs at the DOL when the new system is implemented.

The Committee will monitor implementation of the prorate and fuel tax system and will receive a status report at the November meeting.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jerry Long

Project Title: Status of Diversion from 520 Tolls; Tolling Update

Project Goal:

Update the committee members regarding the status of 520 tolling and its impacts to traffic on alternative routes; as well as tolling on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, the State Route 167 HOT lanes, and possibly the State Route 99 tunnel.

Project Description:

Tolling on the State Route 520 (SR 520) floating bridge began on December 29, 2011. State Route 520 tolling is "open road tolling," meaning that there are no toll booths; all tolls are collected via transponders, via an account associated with a license plate, or via a bill in the mail. The SR 520 bridge tolls are "variably priced," meaning that tolls differ by time of day. Toll collection is on both directions of the bridge. On July 1, 2013, tolls will increase by 2.5 percent.

As of the end of February 2012, 225,000 new "Good to Go" accounts had been opened; it is assumed that most of these are associated with the SR 520 bridge. As of February 2012, more than 80 percent of trips taken during peak hours were paid for via transponder.

Drivers have the option of taking alternative routes across the lake. These alternatives include Interstate 90 (I-90) and SR 522.

The WSDOT will provide committee members with some or all of the following information: number of "Good to Go" accounts; percentage of trips taken with each payment method; a comparison of the number of actual trips compared to forecasted trips; traffic impacts on I-90 and SR 522; gross toll revenue; net toll revenue; toll collection costs; toll adjudication costs; and toll adjudication revenue.

The SR 520 bridge is one of three facilities currently tolled in Washington; the other two are the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and the State Route 167 HOT lanes. The WSDOT will provide updates, as needed, on the costs and revenue associated with these facilities. They will also provide information on cost sharing between the three tolled facilities.

During the 2012 legislative session, the legislature authorized tolling on the SR 99 tunnel in downtown Seattle. An update on this, including potential toll rates and traffic forecasts, will be presented to the extent that the information is available.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Christie Parker

Project Title: The Department of Licensing's Vehicle and Driver Field Systems Modernization

Project Goal:

Monitor the conversion of the existing old legacy programs from COBOL programming to table-driven linked databases.

Project Description:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) received funding of \$2.5 million in the 2012 supplemental budget to begin Phase 2 of four phases to modernize the agency's vehicle and driver field systems. A modernization firm will work with the DOL Information Technology and business staff to develop a detailed plan and design that will improve the reliability, efficiencies, and flexibilities of the systems. The field systems are the point of sale at 230 driver license, county auditor, and subagent offices in the State of Washington and are used to collect over \$1.4 billion in revenue per biennium. During the 2001-03 biennium, the agency started the modernization by moving off of the old mainframe computers to a server platform. Since that transition, the DOL has implemented internet services for the agency to interact with the public for driver and vehicle transactions. Phase 4 will be completed in the 2015-17 biennium.

The next phase is to streamline the back office processes for the field systems. The current field systems are considered legacy systems where:

- Separate systems are used for the same functions;
- Databases are not linked;
- Deficiency and audit functions are not adequate;
- Systems do not provide for efficient business workflow and processes;
- Internal business processes are constrained to the legacy systems framework;
- Limitations and processing of data from external customers, state and federal agencies create backlogs and prevents flexibility in implementing state and federal mandates;
- Old software languages are used, such as COBOL in Vehicle Services, Driver Services and Revenue Processing, instead of modern database formats; and
- Fees and policies are embedded in the COBOL program logic, which means that any fee or policy changes take several months and several hundred thousand dollars to implement.

The DOL will begin modernizing the DOL systems during the 2011-13 biennium. The modernized systems will have:

- A standard framework with modular software components that can be added as required;
- A table-driven database design via fee and price module. This will enable the DOL to add or change a fee or/and policy along with the associated distribution in less time and provides for a quicker collection of revenue;
- Quicker response and lower cost of implementation for state and federal changes and requirements;
- Integration with external systems and enhancing public access to systems for transactions on line;
- Improved capabilities in determining address and locations for the implementation of fees and taxes; and
- A customer-oriented enterprise database for vehicles, vessels, and drivers.

The Committee will monitor the implementation of the new system. Specific questions to be addressed for the Committee:

- Is the project meeting the anticipated project milestones, timeframes, and planned budget schedules?
- Are there issues that have been identified during the conversion from the old legacy programming to the new database design?
- Has the agency, through the project implementation, identified process improvements at the DOL and the field offices?
- What types of improvements may the public and the users of the field systems experience once the

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system implementation has been completed for each phase?

- What are the anticipated improvements and cost reductions for implementing any new policies?

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jerry Long

Project Title: Time, Leave, and Labor Distribution System

Project Goal:

Monitor the implementation of a time, leave, and labor distribution system that has the flexibility to meet federal and state requirements along with providing management reports with internal controls that is integrated with the state's human resource management and financial systems.

Project Description:

The Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will work in collaboration with the Office of Financial Management and the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to develop a time, leave, and labor distribution (TLLD) system with the intention that this system could be used as the enterprise application that can be adopted by other Washington agencies. Because it is an enterprise solution, the DES will take a leadership role in development, implementation, and ongoing operations for this system.

The TLLD project requirements are that the new TLLD business process model will be changed from a manual process to an electronic process. Integration with the state's accounting and human resource management systems (HRMS) are key elements of the project which includes: (1) streamlining the TLLD process based on employee entry at their job site and work-flow driven online approval processes by supervisors and managers; and (2) implementing a new TLLD application to support this streamlined process and meet the needs of the WSDOT.

Specific outcomes the WSDOT is planning for include:

- Integration with various time capture devices to allow time entry by agency field staff;
- Enhanced flexibility to meet current and future statutory and regulatory requirements;
- Improved internal controls;
- Improved data integrity through edit checks at the point-of-time entry;
- Enhanced integration with the HRMS to eliminate or substantially reduce the manual and time consuming reconciliation process between agency timekeeping systems and HRMS;
- Opportunity for the new TLLD application to be used as a centrally supported application that, while initially designed to support the WSDOT, can be adopted as the enterprise timekeeping solution for the state; and
- Improved management reports for monitoring.

Funding is provided for the acquisition and implementation of the TLLD through \$10.824 million in certificates of participation to be sold by the Office of the State Treasurer.

As of April 2012, an executive steering committee has been established along with a project charter and the project structure is being designed.

The Committee will monitor development of the new system and will receive a status report at the November meeting. Specific questions to be addressed for the committee relate to whether the system will be for the WSDOT only or be part of a larger statewide enterprise system; to the status on project funding and milestones; and to the process streamlining efforts and issues that have been identified.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jerry Long

Project Title: Washington State Transportation Budget and Revenue Update and Federal Reauthorization Act Update

Project Goal:

Provide an update on 2012 transportation revenue forecasts on the 2013-15 biennial and 2013 supplemental budget requests, and federal transportation funding reauthorization.

Project Description:

Washington State Transportation Budget and Revenue Update

Washington law mandates the preparation and adoption of economic and revenue forecasts. The organizations primarily responsible for revenue forecasts are the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council and the Office of Financial Management (OFM). The OFM has the statutory responsibility to prepare and adopt those forecasts not made by the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (RCW 43.88.020). The OFM carries out its forecast responsibilities for transportation revenues through the Transportation Revenue Forecast Council. Each quarter, technical staff from the Department of Licensing, the Department of Transportation, and the Office of Forecast Council produce the quarterly forecasts. The revenue forecasts agreed upon by the Transportation Revenue Forecast Council members become the official estimated revenues. Transportation oversees 40 Treasury accounts for about 60 transportation programs within approximately 20 agencies. Financial plans are developed for a 16-year period with revenue and expenditure projections over the 16 years.

Transportation budgets are developed every biennium during the odd years; supplemental budgets are developed during the even years. Agencies submit their budget requests to the OFM during August and September. The Governor must propose their budget to the Legislature by December 20 of each year. The transportation revenues forecasted for the 2011-13 biennium are \$4.3 billion from fuel tax, licenses, permits and fees, driver related fees, ferry fares, tolls, vehicle sales tax, rental car tax, and other transportation revenues.

Topics to be addressed by the committee include: updates on funded items for the 2011-13 biennium, recent agency budget requests, and the November 2012 revenue forecast as compared to the February 2012 forecast along with economic indicators that have had an impact on transportation revenues.

Federal Reauthorization Act Update

The federal highway and transit programs legislation – the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) – expired on September 30, 2009 and has since been operating on a series of short-term extensions. The Highway Trust Fund (HTF) does not have the revenue necessary for a multi-year bill and has needed transfers into the HTF from other funds to maintain a positive fund balance. The last 90-day extension began on April 1, 2012, and provides the same level of funding as the previous extension.

Washington is projected to receive approximately \$1.5 billion in federal funds from SAFETEA-LU in the 2011-13 biennium.

Topics to be addressed by the committee include: the status of the federal reauthorization, the elements of a new federal reauthorization if Congress has passed a reauthorization bill, any changes in federal funding amounts to be received by the State of Washington, and status of the Federal Highway Trust Fund.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November Committee Assembly

Staff Assigned: Jerry Long

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Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2012**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	PROJECT TITLE	TYPE
July 25	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services Available to At-Risk Children Under 5 Years of Age 	Work Session
September 20	1:00 - 5:00 PM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing on the September Economic and Revenue Forecast. • Update on the Implementation of Initiative 1183 (liquor distribution and sales) • Update on Health Care Reform • Update on the Joint Task Force on Education Funding 	Work Session
November Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013 Session Budget Outlook • Update on the Joint Task Force on Education Funding • Update on the Joint Select Committee on Junior Taxing Districts, Municipal Corporations, and Local Government Finance 	Work Session

Project Title: Services Available to At-Risk Children Under 5 Years of Age

Project Goal:

Review the direct and indirect programs and services available to at-risk children under 5 years of age.

Project Description:

There are many federal and state programs and services available to Washington residents depending on eligibility and criteria. Most programs target specific needs or circumstances. It is very difficult to generalize the services available to a specific population because persons often are eligible for more than one type of program or service and individual circumstances vary greatly even in very specific populations. The Committee will hear about the direct and indirect programs and services available to at-risk children under five years of age. The focus will be on direct state services, but will also list other state and federal programs and services likely available to this population. The Committee also will hear about the complexities of identifying specific services available to a specific population.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: July 2012

Staff Assigned: Charlie Gavigan and Dave Johnson

Project Title: Briefing on the September Economic and Revenue Forecast.

Project Goal:

Review the September economic and revenue forecast to better understand the state of Washington's economy and possible implications for the operating budget.

Project Description:

The Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (Council) provides quarterly analysis and forecasts of economic activity and state revenue. In 2012, the forecasts are in February, June, September, and November. Revenue is a key component in the budget balance sheet and budget outlook. The Committee will be briefed on the economy and revenue trends by the Council after the September forecast is released.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Rick Peterson

Project Title: Update on the Implementation of Initiative 1183 (liquor distribution and sales)

Project Goal:

Receive an update on the Implementation of Initiative 1183 revenue and budget impacts

Project Description:

Initiative 1183 was passed by the voters in November 2011, privatizing the distribution and retail sale of liquor in Washington. The Initiative required the state to cease selling liquor by June 1, 2012, and auction off state liquor store and distribution center assets. The Committee will be briefed on implementation issues including an update on liquor related revenues, Liquor Control Board budget impacts, status of the sale of the distribution center, and final results from the auction of state liquor store rights.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Jeff Olsen

Project Title: Update on Health Care Reform

Project Goal:

Update the Committee on Washington's efforts to implement the federal Affordable Care Act.

Project Description:

In 2012 the Legislature passed E2SHB 2319, which made various changes to state health care laws to implement the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). Those changes included implementation of a state health insurance exchange; research, planning, design, and development of a state health plan under the federal Basic Health Plan Option; and health insurance regulatory reforms. In 2011 the Legislature passed ESHCR 4404, which created the Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation. The Committee will receive an update on these efforts to implement the ACA. In addition, various aspects of the ACA have been challenged before the U.S. Supreme Court; the outcome could impact the state budget. The Committee will be briefed on the pending decision by the U.S. Supreme Court if it is released this summer as expected.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: September 2012

Staff Assigned: Erik Cornellier

Project Title: Update on the Joint Task Force on Education Funding

Project Goal:

Monitor the deliberations of the Joint Task Force on Education Funding to better understand the funding options being considered to implement the McCleary decision regarding basic education funding.

Project Description:

In late 2011, the Washington State Supreme Court (Court) held in the case of McCleary v. State that the state is not meeting its Constitutional obligation to fully fund basic education. The Court noted that fully implementing/funding ESHB 2261 (2009) and SHB 2776 (2010) would satisfy the state's obligation. The 2012 Legislature established a task force to develop options for a reliable and dependable funding plan to adequately fund basic education. The Committee will receive an update on the task force's deliberations in September and again in November in preparation for the 2013 session.

Number & Type of Meetings: Two work sessions

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Jessica Harrell, Wendy Polzin, and Kristen Fraser

Project Title: 2013 Session Budget Outlook

Project Goal:

Review the budget outlook for the 2013 legislative session.

Project Description:

The Committee will be updated on the status of the operating budget heading into the 2013 session. The Committee will: (1) examine how revenue forecast changes impacted the balance sheet and reserves; (2) estimate the impact caseload and per cap changes may have on the budget; and (3) note any significant policy level items that might be considered in 2013.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Charlie Gavigan and Dave Johnson

Project Title: Update on the Joint Select Committee on Junior Taxing Districts, Municipal Corporations, and Local Government Finance

Project Goal:

Receive an update on the progress of the Joint Select Committee on Junior Taxing Districts, Municipal Corporations, and Local Government Finance, which will be reviewing and providing recommendations on several fiscal related issues impacting local jurisdictions.

Project Description:

The operating budget included a provision establishing a Joint Select Committee on Junior Taxing Districts, Municipal Corporations, and Local Government Finance (JSC). The JSC is comprised of four members from the House of Representatives and four members from the Senate. The JSC is tasked with three duties. First, the JSC is required to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating services provided by special purpose districts into general purpose governments. Second, the Committee is required to review new revenue options for local governments. Lastly, the JSC will review certain impacts associated with the passage of Initiative 1183 (liquor distribution and sales), including local government public safety needs and a sustainable plan for the use and disbursement of excess state liquor revenues. The JSC may provide recommendations related to any of these topics. The Committee will be updated on the work of the JSC.

Number & Type of Meetings: One work session

Completion Date: November 2012

Staff Assigned: Jeff Mitchell and Jeff Olsen

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