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BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Reports by State Agencies on the Implementation of Previously Enacted Legislation, Significant Regulatory Issues, and Legislative Priorities for 2019	Full Committee

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BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Reports by State Agencies on the Implementation of Previously Enacted Legislation, Significant Regulatory Issues, and Legislative Priorities for 2019

GOAL: Receive reports from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the Department of Financial Institutions, the Department of Licensing, the Office of the State Treasurer, and other agencies regarding the implementation of legislation, significant regulatory issues, and legislative priorities for 2019.

DESCRIPTION: The regulation of businesses and professions, including insurance and financial services, requires continuous oversight by the Business and Financial Services Committee (Committee). Satisfying the Committee's oversight responsibility requires conferring with appropriate regulatory agencies regarding new and ongoing issues, implementation of recently enacted legislation, and proposals for new legislation. In 2018 new laws were enacted related to insurance, banking and financial services, professional licensing, the licensing of vehicle dealers, consumer protection issues, and records related to lost or destroyed warrants.

The Committee will hold one work session to meet with pertinent state agencies to examine the implementation of laws enacted in 2018, significant regulatory issues, and legislative proposals for 2019.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Robbi Kesler and Peter Clodfelter

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Affordable Housing - Brownfields Redevelopment and Affordable Housing	Full Committee

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CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Affordable Housing

GOAL: Receive briefings on affordable housing needs, the Housing Trust Fund program, and innovative housing projects.

DESCRIPTION: The Capital Budget Committee (Committee) will hold a work session on affordable housing to cover the following topics: affordable housing needs across Washington; the Housing Trust Fund program; and innovative housing projects. The affordable housing needs portion of the work session will provide an overview of affordable housing in the state based on the 2015 study through the Department of Commerce (Department). Additionally, the Department will provide an overview of the Housing Trust Fund program, including types of projects and numbers of units created. Lastly, the Committee will receive a briefing on innovative housing projects underway, such as modular projects and tiny homes.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Melissa Palmer

Brownfields Redevelopment and Affordable Housing

GOAL: Receive a briefing on site remediation and affordable housing.

DESCRIPTION: In the 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) was directed to work in collaboration with the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and establish a process to select projects for funding for a remediation program for affordable housing. By October 2018, Ecology must provide a report to the Office of Financial Management and the Legislature that outlines the program application and selection process, total number of applications received and funding requested, list of projects, description of projects, location of projects, and number of housing units to be developed. The Capital Budget Committee will receive a briefing on this effort from Ecology and Commerce.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Melissa Palmer

CAPITAL BUDGET RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

Joint Legislative Task Force on Improving State Funding for School Construction: The Joint Legislative Task Force on Improving State Funding for School Construction (Task Force) will review: (1) improvements to state assistance for K-12 school construction over several fiscal biennia; (2) utilization of school spaces for multiple purposes; (3) school design and construction approaches; and (4) recent reports on school construction. The Task Force will recommend a state school construction financial assistance program that supports the construction and preservation of schools and balances the state and local share of school construction while considering local school districts' relative wealth. The recommendation must include: (1) a methodology to project state school construction assistance need over a 10-year period; (2) measures of relative wealth of school districts; (3) education specifications recognized by the state for the purpose of providing guidance to school districts when designing school construction projects; and (4) a capital asset model for K-12 school construction for new schools, modernized schools, school building systems, specialized facilities, and reduced class-sizes for K-3 grades.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Christine Thomas

EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Youth Exiting from Public Systems of Care	Full Committee

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EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Youth Exiting from Public Systems of Care

GOAL: Learn about youth exiting public systems of care and hear recommendations regarding improving that transition.

DESCRIPTION: The Early Learning and Human Services Committee will hold a work session regarding youth exiting from public systems of care. The work session will include recommendations from the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families from the study required of those agencies in the supplemental budget and in Senate Bill 6560. The work session will also include a description of organizations working with youth that are exiting foster care and juvenile justice institutions.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Luke Wickham

EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

Joint Select Committee on the Early Achievers Program: Between July 1, 2018, and December 1, 2018, the Early Learning and Human Services Committee (Committee) must review the demand and availability of licensed or certified child care family homes and centers; approved Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs; Head Start programs; and Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers by geographic region, including rural and low-income neighborhoods. The review must include geographic distribution by program type and whether the program accepts state subsidy, Early Achievers enrollment and ratings, and demand and availability of programs serving major ethnic populations.

By December 1, 2018, the Committee must submit recommendations to the Legislature on the sufficiency of Early Achievers funding, the need for targeted funding for geographic areas or major ethnic populations, and whether to modify Early Achievers deadlines.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Dawn Eychaner

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Determinants of Educational Success - Educator Preparation and Development	Full Committee

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Determinants of Educational Success

GOAL: Develop a better understanding of how state and local decisions or actions shape and support determinants of, or detriments to, educational success.

DESCRIPTION: This project will: (1) examine school-based approaches to promoting academic success by integrating and coordinating academic and nonacademic student supports; (2) explore innovative, competency-based educational systems; (3) examine the appropriate use of student and system needs assessments; and (4) review school safety models that promote and support safe and effective schools.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Ethan Moreno and Megan Wargacki

Educator Preparation and Development

GOAL: Continue ongoing efforts to explore policy options for preparing and developing an educator workforce that responds to the current and future needs of a diverse student population in an evolving educational environment.

DESCRIPTION: The Education Committee continues to consider policy options related to preparing and developing an educator workforce that can successfully respond to the current and future needs of a diverse student population. This project will examine issues related to: producing a sufficient supply of qualified teachers through traditional and alternative route programs; providing necessary and appropriate options for ongoing professional development and other training; and areas of academic innovation, including options related to preparing educators and students for success in competency-based learning environments and performance-based school systems.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Megan Wargacki and Ethan Moreno

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 12	Olympia	Work Session	- Local Options for Economic Development	Full Committee
October 17	Olympia	Work Session	- Municipal Police	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Annexation	Full Committee

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Local Options for Economic Development

GOAL: Research and review local options for incentivizing economic development in local jurisdictions.

DESCRIPTION: During the 2017 and 2018 sessions, the Local Government Committee (Committee) heard several bills that authorized cities to create various types of local tax exemption and remittance programs for incentivizing economic development projects. The Committee would like to examine these and other legislative proposals that may help local governments encourage the creation of new industries and expansion of existing industries, increase investment in the local economy, and incentivize the development or redevelopment of existing buildings or vacant lots. The Committee will also examine currently existing tools that local jurisdictions may employ to encourage economic development activities and highlight examples of the use of these tools in local government strategies for economic development.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cassie Jones and Yvonne Walker

Municipal Police

GOAL: Develop recommendations for realizing potential improvements and efficiencies through the consolidation of law enforcement agencies.

DESCRIPTION: Law enforcement protection services may be provided to residents of one or more cities in a number of different ways. The most common way is for an individual city to establish a municipal police department under the direction of a locally appointed police chief or marshal. Cities and towns may also enter into a contractual arrangement with another jurisdiction to provide law enforcement services or "mutual aid," which includes aid and assistance through loans or exchanges of personnel or material resources.

During the 2018 session, the Local Government Committee (Committee) considered House Bill 2552 which: (1) authorized the creation of municipal police districts (district) to be formed by two or more contiguous cities or towns for the purpose of provision of law enforcement services; and (2) created procedures for formation, annexation, dissolution, and governance of a district.

The Committee will conduct a work session to receive information and perspectives from local government officials representing cities, counties, and law enforcement to discuss:

- the current legal options for municipalities to consolidate law enforcement services, including interlocal agreements and other statutory options;
- examples of law enforcement agencies consolidating or contracting services in Washington and in other states, including how the entities generate revenue; and
- policy recommendations for realizing potential improvements and efficiencies through the consolidation of law enforcement agencies.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cassie Jones and Yvonne Walker

Annexation

GOAL: Understand the individual roles of counties, cities, boundary review boards, and property owners when there is a proposed annexation and determine possible ways to streamline annexation processes.

DESCRIPTION: There are three methods by which unincorporated territory may be annexed by a classified or code city: election method, direct petition method, and alternative direct petition method. Some annexations must also be approved by a boundary review board (board), if one has been established in the county. Boards are authorized to guide and control the creation and growth of municipalities.

During the 2018 session, the Local Government Committee (Committee) considered several bills relating to annexation processes. The Committee will examine the various processes for annexation to gain a better understanding of the roles of counties, cities, boundary review boards, and property owners in annexation proceedings. In addition, the Committee will review possible methods by which annexation processes may be streamlined or improved.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cassie Jones and Yvonne Walker