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TO: Members, House of Representatives

The following pages outline the interim activities and studies that will be conducted by the committees of the Washington House of Representatives served by the staff of the Office of Program Research. Many of these studies are now underway, while others will begin later in the summer or fall.

Please note that dates listed in this document are subject to change. References to the September Committee Assembly and December Committee Assembly refer to September 16-17 and December 2-3, when legislative committees are scheduled over a two-day period for committee hearings and related activities.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please call the committee number listed in the front of this document or feel free to call me.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Conte".

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AGRICULTURE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| July 19 and 20 | 1½ Days | Wenatchee/Chelan Area | Full | 1. Water Conservation and Reuse - Reports of the Department of Health. 2. Groundwater Contamination - Reports of the Department of Health and Department of Ecology. | Work Session. |
| August 4 and 5 | 2 Days | Hanford Reservation, Tri-Cities, and Prosser | Full | Labeling Agricultural Products. | Public Hearing. |
| Extra meeting during first Committee Assembly | | Olympia | Full | Status of Recycling in the State; Recycled Carpet. | Work Session. |
| September Committee Assembly | | Olympia | Full | 1. Storm Water Run-off. 2. Air Quality Status. | Work Session/Public Hearing. |
| November | TBA | Pacific County | Full, Joint with Local Government | Local Government Response to Endangered Species Act Listings; Shoreline Master Program Guidelines. | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| December Committee Assembly | | Olympia | Full | 1. Labeling Agricultural Products. 2. Bio-accumulation of Chemicals of Concern. | 1. Public Hearing. 2. Work Session. |

PROJECT TITLE: Water Conservation and Reuse

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A review of reports prepared by the Department of Health on water conservation and reclaimed water and on proposals for pilot projects using greywater.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: SHB 1548; SHB 1821; SHB 2189

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Bill Lynch; Kenneth Hirst

COMPLETION DATE: May 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Groundwater Contamination

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A review of reports by the Departments of Ecology and Health on contaminants in the groundwater used as a domestic water supply in the Bertrand Creek area of Whatcom County and on drinking-water contamination elsewhere in the state.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Kenneth Hirst; Carole Richmond; Bill Lynch

COMPLETION DATE: May 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: Oil Spill Risk Reduction

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A review of the development of recommendations by the Washington Waters Oil Spill Risk Reduction Work Group, convened by the House and Senate under ESHB 2247, for an oil spill risk management plan and for maintaining maritime commerce for all Washington shipping corridors.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: Section 3, ESHB 2247

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Carole Richmond

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: Washington Waters Oil Spill Risk Reduction Work Group

PROJECT TITLE: Storm Water Run-off

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: An examination of the technical manual being prepared by the Department of Ecology on storm water run-off and the development of a "Phase II" storm water rule by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on storm water permits for smaller jurisdictions.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Carole Richmond; Bill Lynch

COMPLETION DATE: September 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Recycling

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: An examination of the trends in and status of recycling of materials in this state; and a presentation regarding one firm's process for recycling carpet.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Carole Richmond

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Labeling Agricultural Products

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: An examination of whether agricultural products sold at retail should be labeled or otherwise identified as to the country in which the product was produced; and an examination of the potential for a "Grown in Washington" promotional program for agricultural products produced in this state.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** HB 2114; ESSB 5957

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Kenneth Hirst

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Air Quality Status

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: An examination of the status of compliance with air quality standards in this state.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Carole Richmond

COMPLETION DATE: September 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Bio-accumulation of Chemicals of Concern

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: An examination of the actions taken by the Department of Ecology to identify and begin formulating recommendations regarding discharges and emissions of persistent, toxic substances that accumulate in animal tissue and regarding cleaning up sites that contain these substances.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bill Lynch

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | TBA | TBA |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | TBA | TBA |
| To Be Determined | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee (Capital Budget members invited) | State Trustland Return on Investments | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: Review Materials from JLARC K-12 Finance Study

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The K-12 Finance Study is being completed during June and JLARC has accumulated a significant amount of information and data on school building based budgeting. JLARC may continue the project as an "internal" study on a significantly scaled down basis. The project will include review of the materials collected by JLARC over the last year; some field follow-up may be useful.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Jack Daray

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Consult on Development of a K-12 Data Base at LEAP

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Several large K-12 data bases have been assembled through LEAP for legislative "staff" studies including the 1997 Levy Equalization Study and recent analysis of instructional staff attrition and actual salary history since 1992-93. New data base techniques permit development of a large centralized data core which can be catalogued and easily accessed. The project will involve working with LEAP to identify all "official" state-wide data bases and designing formats to provide ready access for descriptive and analytic tasks.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Jack Daray

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: LEAP

PROJECT TITLE: The Non-Basic Ed Portion of the K-12 Budget

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: During the 1990's a wide range of programs outside of basic education have been initiated and continued in the budget. These programs include district specific programs such as Complex Needs and Magnet Schools as well as "state-wide" programs for education reform support such as the Center for Improvement of Student Learning (CISL) at OSPI. The project will include development of descriptive and, where available, analytic information on the programs.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Jack Daray

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: K-20 Telecommunications System

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The development of the system is nearly complete and a status report will provide information on progress in implementation and future issues. Using the remaining time on the technology consultant's contract (Moss Bay) and staff research, the project will describe the circumstances of K-12 connectivity and potential budget issues.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Jack Daray

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Study of Community Mental Health Funding

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor and assist with a study by JLARC on modifying the basis by which RSNs and community mental health providers are funded.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** ESSB 5180

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Deborah Frazier

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: JLARC

PROJECT TITLE: Tobacco Prevention and Control Outcome Measures

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the development of a plan by the Department of Health to identify a specific set of outcome measures that shall be used to track long range progress in reducing the use of tobacco.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** ESSB 5180

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Deborah Frazier

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: Dept. of Health

PROJECT TITLE: Improved State Hospital Billing Practices

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the development of a report on options for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of current systems and organizational structures for billing third-party payers for hospital services by a consultant for the mental health division.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Deborah Frazier

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: DSHS

PROJECT TITLE: Improved Efficiency at Special Commitment Center

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the development of a report on plans on increasing the efficiency of staffing patterns at the civil commitment center to operate within authorized staffing and expenditure levels by the mental health division.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Deborah Frazier

COMPLETION DATE: October 1, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: DSHS

PROJECT TITLE: Increased Federal Match for Clients Dually Eligible for Medicaid and Medicare

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the development of a report on: (a) actions the department has taken and proposes to take to increase the share of medicare part B premium payments upon which it is collecting medicaid matching funds; (b) the percentage of such premium payments for each month of service subsequent to June 1998 which have been paid with unmatched, state-only funds; and (c) why matching funds could not be collected on these payments by the Medical Assistance Administration.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Deborah Frazier

COMPLETION DATE: September 15, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: DSHS

PROJECT TITLE: Increased Third Party Recoveries

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the development of a report on the amount which has been recovered from third-party payers as a result of its efforts to improve coordination of benefits on behalf of "basic health plan-plus" enrollees by the Medical Assistance Administration.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Deborah Frazier

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: DSHS

PROJECT TITLE: Funding Alternatives for Washington Poison Center

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the development of a plan for the Washington poison center to develop a long range financing strategy that identifies options for diversifying funding for center operations by the Department of Health.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Deborah Frazier

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: Dept. of Health

PROJECT TITLE: WorkFirst Evaluation

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor JLARC's WorkFirst Evaluation required by RCW 44.28.155.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Julie Salvi

COMPLETION DATE:

OTHER RESOURCES: JLARC

PROJECT TITLE: Child Sex Abuse Investigation Protocols

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the workgroup's development of investigation protocols for child sex abuse cases per SB 5127.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SB 5127

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Julie Salvi

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: WIPP

PROJECT TITLE: Child Support Report

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor progress and completion of a report on how the new federal child support incentive system can be used to maximize federal incentive payments and to support the greatest achievement of WorkFirst Program goals.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Julie Salvi

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Juvenile Crime and Delinquency Studies

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor various studies dealing with juvenile crime including: a) monitoring of the 1994 Youth Violence Act; b) 1997 juvenile justice changes; and c) juvenile parole.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: Various including ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Dave Johnson

COMPLETION DATE: Various

OTHER RESOURCES: WIPP

PROJECT TITLE: Hepatitis C in DOC Study

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor study conducted by DOC which will establish treatment, detection and other protocols for handling Hepatitis C infectious occurring in the inmate population.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Dave Johnson

COMPLETION DATE: December 15, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: DOC

PROJECT TITLE: Monitor Higher Education Enrollments

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Participate in OFM feasibility distance learning enrollment study. Track HECB implementation of high demand enrollment pool. Monitor actual vs. budgeted enrollment levels including undergraduate/graduate enrollments and resident/nonresident enrollments. Track use of the K-20 network with regard to distance enrollments and monitor fiscally-related K-20 issues.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Mary Alice Grobins

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Monitor Higher Education Tuition and Compensation

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor institutions' implementation of tuition rate-setting flexibility granted in the 1999-01 budget. Assemble data on institutions salary setting decisions including distribution of state salary appropriations as well as any additional salary funding identified by governing boards.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Mary Alice Grobins

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Higher Education Accountability Plans

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review and summarize accountability plans submitted by higher education institutions. Analysis will include reference to the 1997-99 plans, proposals submitted by institutions in 1999 and the HECB's 1998 recommendations.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Mary Alice Grobins

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Information Services Rates Evaluation

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor a study by the Senate on how the Department of Information Systems sets their rates and depreciation policies.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** ESSB 5180

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Heather Flodstrom, Mark Matteson

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: DIS, Senate Ways & Means

PROJECT TITLE: Business Plan for the Liquor Control Board

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor progress of the Liquor Control Board (LCB) on creating an objective six-year business plan with an emphasis on: restoring and maintaining appropriate levels of customer service; maintaining effective retail sales without artificially stimulating demand; making investments in business related technology and merchandising information systems; making store location decisions; and customer service training for retail staff.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** ESSB 5180

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Heather Flodstrom

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: Liquor Control Board, Senate Ways & Means

PROJECT TITLE: Washington State Arts Commission Strategic Plan

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Legislature has asked the Arts Commission to complete a strategic plan in the first year of the biennium. If the plan is not completed and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by July 1, 2000, the Arts Commission will not receive \$500,000 appropriated in the second year of the biennium for arts programs and grants. Monitor the progress of the Arts Commission's strategic plan by July 1, 2000, before the contingent funds are released.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Heather Flodstrom

COMPLETION DATE: July 1, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: Washington State Arts Commission,
Senate Ways & Means

PROJECT TITLE: Gambling Policy

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A joint work group on gambling policy will examine: 1) taxation of gambling activity; 2) the role of local jurisdictions in gambling licensing and siting decisions; 3) ability of charitable and nonprofit organizations to raise money through gambling activity; and 4) the nature and extent of problem gambling. Tours of both tribal and non-tribal gambling facilities are included in activities of the work group.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Heather Flodstrom, Pam Madson

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: Senate Commerce, Trade, Housing
& Financial Assistance

PROJECT TITLE: Electronic Submission of Fiscal Notes

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 1995 Fiscal Note Study recommended that fiscal notes be submitted electronically. Now that this happens with increasing frequency on an informal basis, it is timely to formalize this process.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Beth Redfield, Sonia Soelter, Tanya Carter

COMPLETION DATE: Session 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: OFM, Senate Ways & Means

PROJECT TITLE: Long-Term Economic Assumptions

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work with the Pension Funding Council work group on the development of the long-term economic assumptions for retirement contribution rate-setting purposes.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SHB 2544 (1998)

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Denise Graham

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Salary Survey Costing Model

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Work with LEAP on developing a salary survey costing model.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Denise Graham

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: LEAP

PROJECT TITLE: LEOFF 1 Medical Benefits Liabilities

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the Office of the State Actuary's actuarial study of local government liabilities for Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' retirement system medical benefits.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Denise Graham

COMPLETION DATE: June 30, 2001

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Salmon Recovery Funding

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor progress of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the state agency efforts to implement the statewide salmon recovery strategy.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SB 5595

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jeff Olsen

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Unified Family Court Pilot Evaluation

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Office for the Administrator for the Courts will conduct an evaluation of the efficacy of the Unified Family Court pilot project.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Mark Matteson

COMPLETION DATE:

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Homeless Data Collection Plan

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development will submit a plan for collecting data on homeless persons. The plan must have at least two approaches based on a range of budgets.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Mark Matteson

COMPLETION DATE: November 1, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Recruitment and Retention Plan - Attorney General

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Office of the Attorney General will submit a plan that identifies and targets internal positions which are experiencing the greatest recruitment and retention difficulties.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5180

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Mark Matteson, Heather Flodstrom, Denise
Graham

COMPLETION DATE: October 1, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Evaluation of Impact of Additional Hours of Driver's Education on Driving
Safety

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Staff will research and evaluate the impact of varying levels of driver's education on driving safety for novice drivers.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1147

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Mark Matteson

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: Legislative Transportation
Committee

PROJECT TITLE: Discussions Regarding the Potential Division of the Department of
Community, Trade, & Economic Development into the Department of
Community Development and Department of Trade and Economic
Development

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor talks regarding the creation of the Departments of Community Development, and Trade & Economic Development

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Mark Matteson

COMPLETION DATE:

OTHER RESOURCES: Department of Community, Trade,
& Economic Development

PROJECT TITLE: BARS/Local Government Finance Policy Development

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A policy work group has been formed to study ways in which data from the Budgeting, Accounting, and Reporting System (BARS) can be augmented with contextual policy data to provide a more useful source of information to both local and state-level policymakers.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Mark Matteson

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

OTHER RESOURCES: LEAP, State Auditor

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| September 16-17 Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Salmon Recovery Plan | Work Session |
| December 2-3 Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Reports on subcommittee activities 1. Legislative Building Commission 2. Future Higher Education Facilities plan 3. Facility Maintenance Policy 4. State Leasing Policy | Work Session |

Higher Education Facilities Subcommittee

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|---------|------------|----------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| June 24 | 9:00-12:00 | Olympia | Higher Education Facilities Subcommittee | Review HECB master plan for enrollment projections and facility needs | Work Session |
| Oct 21 | 9:00-12:00 | Olympia | Higher Education Facilities Subcommittee | Review HECB master plan for enrollment projections and facility needs | Work Session |
| Nov 18 | 9:00-12:00 | Olympia | Higher Education Facilities Subcommittee | Develop recommendations | Work Session |

State Leasing Policy Subcommittee

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|--------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| TBA | 1:00 - 4:00 | Olympia | State Leasing Subcommittee | Tour Leased Facilities and discuss lease policy | Work Session |
| Oct 21 | 1:00 - 4:00 | Olympia | State Leasing Subcommittee | Identify Current practices | Work Session |
| Nov 18 | 1:00 - 4:00 | Olympia | State Leasing Subcommittee | Develop findings and recommendations | Work Session |

Facilities Maintenance Subcommittee

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|---------|-------------|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| June 24 | 1:00 - 4:00 | Olympia | Facility Maintenance Subcommittee | 1. Definition of facility maintenance 2. Identify Current Practices | Work Session |
| Oct 7 | 1:00 - 4:00 | Olympia | Facility Maintenance Subcommittee | Review current practices | Work Session |
| Nov 4 | 1:00 - 4:00 | Olympia | Facility Maintenance Subcommittee | Develop findings and recommendations | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: Higher Education Facilities

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The state master plan for higher education has a goal of increasing upper-division and graduate enrollments by 59,000 students by 2010 and 92,000 by 2020. The legislature has the responsibility to balance the need for maintaining existing institutions with the need for new facilities to meet enrollment growth. This project is to evaluate the financial, policy and facility implications of the higher education master plan on existing institutions, new campus facilities and alternative education delivery methods.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:HCR 4407

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Bill Robinson

COMPLETION DATE: January, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: Higher Education Coordinating Board

PROJECT TITLE: Legislative Building Commission

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Legislative building, now 71 years old, is in need of repairs and modernization. The commission will identify the scope of work to be performed on the building, including what functions should be included within the building, identify the cost of the repairs and renovations and develop a financing plan for the renovation of the building.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:HCR 4410

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Susan Howson/Senate Committee Services

COMPLETION DATE: January, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: Dept of General Administration

PROJECT TITLE: State Leasing Policy

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: More than a third of state facility space is leased from private landlords. The state has no formally adopted lease policies for quality of space, location of space, growth management issues, financial guarantees for developers, and coordination with budget practices. This project will review the current state lease practices and develop recommendations for the development of a state lease policy.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Susan Howson/Bill Robinson

COMPLETION DATE: January, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: State Facility Maintenance Practices

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In 1996 a Capital Budget Subcommittee developed recommendations for improving the maintenance of state facilities. There is a need to review the progress of the State Parks and Recreation Commission and other state agencies in implementing those recommendations for facility maintenance, repair and renovation. There is also a need to develop options on how to better coordinate maintenance items with the operating budget and other practices that will increase the useful life of state assets.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Bill Robinson/Susan Howson

COMPLETION DATE: January, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Department of Corrections and Department of Social and Health Services -
Capital Facility Planning

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will monitor the implementation of capital projects and review the capital facilities plans and population forecasts for the Department of Corrections and the Department of Social and Health Services to determine future program and facility needs.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Susan Howson

COMPLETION DATE: January, 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | 9/16/99 | Olympia | Full Committee | Court Involvement with At-Risk Families WorkFirst Services for Mothers with Young Children | Work Session |
| Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1999 | 2 days | Spokane | Full Committee | WorkFirst parents with young children. | Work Session |
| December Committee Assembly | 12/2/99 | Olympia | Full Committee | 1. Investigation Protocols 2. WorkFirst 3. Improving Services to People with Developmental Disabilities | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: WorkFirst Participants with Young Children

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will monitor the implementation of work requirements for mothers with children over three months of age. The availability of child care and appropriate work activities for this population will be explored.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1275

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: David Knutson

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Homeless Families and Children

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will monitor the expansion and coordination of housing services for homeless families and children. The creation of HOPE center beds and responsible living skills beds for homeless and dependent youth will be overseen.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESHB 1493

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: David Knutson

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Protocols and Training for Child Sexual Abuse Investigations

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will monitor the development of protocols for the investigation of sexual abuse cases and the development of additional training for CPS investigators and law enforcement personnel.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SSB 5127

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: David Knutson

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Foster Care Review

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will review the foster care program in the context of the children's characteristics and societal changes. The role of family foster care versus group care, recruitment and retention of foster homes, foster parent reimbursement, respite care, implementation of the foster care passport, and the concept of managed care will be addressed.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** David Knutson

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Secure Crisis Residential Centers

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will tour existing secure crisis residential centers and monitor the DSHS efforts to open additional centers in new locations. Site visits will include Yakima, Spokane, Wenatchee, Hoquim, and Kitsap County.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** N/A

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** David Knutson

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Blended Funding for Children's Services

PRIORITY: 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will explore the concept of blending mental health, alcohol and drug, and child welfare funding to better serve children and families. Site visits will include King County and Spokane.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** N/A

**COMMITTEE/ CFS/Appropriations
STAFF:** David Knutson/Julie Salvi

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Court Involvement with At-Risk Families

PRIORITY: 7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will develop a proposal to coordinate court involvement with at-risk children and their families through a single court petition encompassing all necessary interventions involving the family. The study will review the courts role in ordering services for children and their families and develop a proposal to clarify and simplify the ordering and delivery of services.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Marilee Scarborough/David Knutson

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Methadone Treatment

PRIORITY: 8

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will tour methadone treatment centers and develop a statutory proposal to serve additional clients. Site visits will include King County , Yakima, and Spokane.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** ESSB 5019

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Marilee Scarborough

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Early Childhood Development

PRIORITY: 9

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will review recent research on early brain development and develop proposed state policies on early childhood care and education, parenting education and home visitation.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** David Knutson

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMERCE & LABOR COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| September (week of committee assembly) | TBA | Olympia | Full committee joint with House State Government Committee | Reorganization of the Liquor Control Board and a briefing on Board enforcement activity | Work Session |
| September Committee Assembly 16-17 | TBA | Olympia | Full committee | Report by the Department of Labor and Industries on: 1. Performance-based Vocational Referral Process. 2. Plan for Implementing the JLARC Workers' Compensation Audit Recommendation No. 2 (Employer Reporting). Report from Liquor Control Board on tobacco laws enforcement. | Work Session |
| December Committee Assembly 2-3 | TBA | Olympia | Full committee | Report by the Department of Labor and Industries on: 1. Plan for Implementing the JLARC Workers' Compensation Audit Recommendations. 2. Recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee's Subcommittee on Vocational Services. | Work Session |
| TBA | TBA | Yakima | Full Committee | Research and current activity on chemically related illness | Work Session |

Joint Legislative Work Group on Gambling Policy

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|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| July 22 | 1-5 pm | Olympia/ SeaTac | Joint Legislative Work Group on Gambling Policy | Review of gambling issues | Work Session |
| August 26 | 10:30 am to 5:30 pm | Spokane | Joint Legislative Work Group on Gambling Policy | Charitable and Nonprofit Gambling and Internet Gambling | Work Session |
| TBA | TBA | Renton | Joint Legislative Work Group on Gambling Policy | | Work Session |
| TBA | TBA | Yakima | Joint Legislative Work Group on Gambling Policy | | Work Session |
| TBA | TBA | Everett | Joint Legislative Work Group on Gambling Policy | | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: Gambling Policy

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Both the House Commerce and Labor Committee and the Senate Commerce, Trade, Housing and Financial Institutions Committee have requested a joint work group on gambling policy examining gambling policy generally and the following topics specifically: Taxation of gambling activity; the role of local jurisdictions in gambling licensing and siting decisions; ability of charitable and nonprofit organizations to raise money through gambling activity; and the nature and extent of problem gambling. Tours of both tribal and non-tribal gambling facilities are included in activities of the work group. Four meetings have been requested with tours being incorporated into the meeting schedule. Meeting locations will be Olympia or the SeaTac area, Everett, Spokane, and Yakima.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Pam Madson, House Commerce & Labor Committee; Catherine Mele-Hetter, Senate Commerce, Trade, Housing and Financial Institutions; Heather Flodstrom, House Appropriations Committee.

COMPLETION DATE: December, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: May seek to use outside experts

PROJECT TITLE: Workforce Development Act Implementation

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In 1998, Congress passed the Workforce Investment Act which changed the manner in which many federal workforce training programs are administered. The Act requires the Governor to implement new federal provisions. Washington has been working toward a more coordinated workforce training system. Legislation was offered during the 1999 session to modify the state's workforce development system and begin the implementation of the federal act. Absent changes in state law, the Governor must make a number of decisions that will affect the current state system. The committee will monitor the implementation of the federal act.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: 2SHB 2256; SSB 5533

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Pam Madson, House Commerce & Labor Committee; Julie Salvi and Mary Alice Grobins, House Appropriations Committee

COMPLETION DATE: December, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Creating a State Trust Fund for Enhanced Investment of the Unemployment Trust Fund.

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Several states have established state trust funds by diverting a portion of their unemployment trust fund to a state-controlled fund. The funds gained from investment of the state fund principal are then available for state programs, such as administrative funding of the unemployment insurance program, labor exchange activities, workforce training, or other state priorities. The committee will review these states' programs and explore options for establishing a state trust fund in Washington.

BILL/RESOLUTION REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/STAFF: Chris Cordes

COMPLETION DATE: December, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Ergonomics Rule Making Advisory Committee.

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Ergonomics is the science of designing the workplace (i.e., work tasks, equipment) to prevent injuries to employees, such as musculoskeletal disorders. When there is a mismatch between the physical requirements of the job and the physical capacity of the worker, work-related musculoskeletal disorders can result. These disorders are among the most common and costly occupational injuries and illnesses in Washington State. The WISHA Advisory Committee has selected ergonomics as one of its four statewide workplace safety and health priorities. Over the past several years, both the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have considered adopting standards to prevent workplace musculoskeletal injuries. In the past year, the Department of Labor and Industries has formed an advisory committee to advise L&I on the development of a proposed ergonomics rule. The committee will monitor the progress of the Department of Labor and Industries and its advisory committee on developing ergonomic standards.

BILL/RESOLUTION REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/STAFF: Doug Ruth

COMPLETION DATE: December, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Liquor Control Board Reorganization

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: During the 1999 legislative session, both the House State Government Committee and the House Commerce and Labor Committee participated in a public hearing on the Governor's proposal to reorganize the Liquor Control Board. Several issues were raised including the role of LCB staff in both enforcement and licensing functions. The committees will review the proposal before the legislature and explore options for possible reorganization.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: SSB 6003

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Pam Madson, House Commerce & Labor; Steve Lundin, House State Government

COMPLETION DATE: September, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Chemically Related Illness Research Grants

PRIORITY: 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: During the last decade, the committee has considered a number of bills dealing with chemically related illnesses in the workplace. In 1994, the Legislature authorized the expenditure of up to \$1.5 million by the Department of Labor and Industries for research on chemically related illnesses, using a plan based on sound scientific research criteria and peer review. Of the seven research grants awarded, five studies have been completed and final reports presented in May 1999 at a conference on chemically related illness. Another study's final report is expected by July 1999. (The seventh study was terminated because of technical problems.) The committee will be given a briefing by the department on the outcome of this research and an update on the current status of workers' compensation claims based on chemically related exposures in the airline industry.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Chris Cordes and Doug Ruth

COMPLETION DATE:

OTHER RESOURCES:

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WORKPLAN SUMMARY - INTERIM 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Commerce & Labor

PROJECT TITLE: Skill Shortages in Washington's Work Force

PRIORITY: 7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: During the 1999 legislative session, reports from a variety of sources in both the public and private sectors described a shortage of certain skills that were in demand by employers within the state. The committee will receive briefings from the Employment Security Department and the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board on the status of any skills gaps within the state's work force as measured by business' demand for certain skills and the availability of such skills within the workforce.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Pam Madson

COMPLETION DATE: September, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Domestic Violence | Work Session |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Hepatitis C | Work Session |

Work Group on Domestic Violence

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|------------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| August 18 | 1:30 pm | Olympia | Ad Hoc Work Group on Domestic Violence (open to the Full Committee) | Domestic Violence | Work Session |
| August 19 | 10:00 am | Olympia | Ad Hoc Work Group on Domestic Violence (open to the Full Committee) | Domestic Violence | Work Session |
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Domestic Violence | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: Domestic Violence

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Courts are authorized to issue a variety of orders that restrict a person's ability to have contact with another including no-contact orders, anti-harassment protection orders, domestic violence protection orders, emergency protection orders, ex-parte temporary protection orders, temporary restraining orders, and permanent restraining orders. These numerous types of court orders have become confusing to the public and often overlap in meaning.

The work group will focus solely on these court order statutes and their relationship to domestic violence issues. It will begin with an educational session to identify the differences between each of the different types of court orders. Next the work group will perform a thorough review of the current domestic violence laws in order to locate the weaknesses that put victims at risk of harassment, physical injury or even death. In addition, the review will consider whether defendants (offenders) routinely pose physical or psychological danger to children regardless of whether a parental plan exists. The work group will attempt to clarify the true differences between each of the court orders, review and offer modifications to the domestic violence statutes and increase the penalties for violations of court orders if necessary.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2027

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Yvonne Walker, Jean Ann Quinn

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Hepatitis C in Correctional Facilities

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Corrections is not required to provide Hepatitis C testing on all incoming inmates entering the correctional system. It does, however, subject inmates to a urinalysis test, tuberculosis test, and a general blood cell test.

Hepatitis is a disease causing inflammation of the liver. This disease is more infectious than AIDS and is transmitted through infected blood and other body fluids (ie. seminal fluid, vaginal secretions, breast milk, tears, saliva and open sores). People who are exposed to blood or body fluids of an infected person are at risk.

The Department of Corrections is required to submit a report to the Legislature by December 1999 on how the department manages Hepatitis C in the inmate population.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1672

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jean Ann Quinn, Yvonne Walker

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRADE COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Late June or Early July | TBA | Seattle | Full Committee | International Trade: Public and Private Trade Organizations in the State International Trade: The World Trade Organization (WTO) | Briefing and Work Session |
| September 16 th - 17 th | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | TBA | TBA |
| December 2 nd - 3 rd | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Report on Interim Projects Issues for the 2000 Legislative Session | Public Hearing / Work Session |

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WORKPLAN SUMMARY - INTERIM 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Economic Development, Housing, & Trade

PROJECT TITLE: Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Issues**PRIORITY:** 1**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Continued review of issues facing mobile home park tenants and owners.

This project consists of continued work on revisions to the state mobile home landlord-tenant laws and regulations to: (1) encourage resident ownership of mobile home parks; (2) provide protection to mobile home park tenants facing mobile home park closures and change in use; and (3) revise laws and regulations that impose restrictions on mobile home park owners and tenants. There is a possible joint hearing with the Senate Committee on Commerce, Financial Institutions, Insurance, & Housing.

Committee Activity: Work Group and Statute Preparation.

BILL/RESOLUTION**REFERENCE:** HB 1273, HB 1418, HB 1712, HB 1896, & HB 2216**COMMITTEE/****STAFF:** Kenny Pittman, Steve Lundin**COMPLETION DATE:** December 1999**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A**PROJECT TITLE:** Tribal Economic Development Initiatives**PRIORITY:** 2**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The report "Economic Contributions of Indian Tribes to the Economy of Washington State" highlighted the importance of tribal enterprises on the overall economy of the state.

This project would: (1) meet with tribal leaders to discuss existing efforts to encourage economic growth and job creation by tribal enterprises; (2) review techniques used in other states to encourage economic growth and job creation; and (3) define the state's role to encourage economic growth and job creation by tribal enterprises.

Committee Activity: Tours, Special Studies, and Statute Preparation.

BILL/RESOLUTION**REFERENCE:** N/A**COMMITTEE/****STAFF:** Kenny Pittman, Steve Lundin**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2000**OTHER RESOURCES:** Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

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WORKPLAN SUMMARY - INTERIM 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Economic Development, Housing, & Trade

PROJECT TITLE: Economic Contributions and Challenges of Minority-Owned Businesses:
African American-Owned Businesses (Phase I)

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Minority-owned businesses contribute to the economic well being of the state. Many of these businesses face unique challenges that include a lack of access to capital and access to international markets.

This project would: (1) collect data on the economic impact of African American-owned businesses nationally and within Washington; (2) identify challenges faced by African American-owned businesses; (3) review techniques used in other states to assist African American-owned businesses; and (4) develop initiatives to address identified challenges.

Committee Activity: Special Studies and Statute Preparation.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2294

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Kenny Pittman, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: Department of Revenue, Office of Women and Minority Business Enterprise, and Commission on African American Affairs

PROJECT TITLE: Economic Development Initiatives: Economically Isolated Areas

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Despite unprecedented economic growth the past 16 years, not all areas of the state have benefitted from that growth. There are still areas within the state's metropolitan regions that are still characterized by high levels of unemployment.

This project would: (1) review economic and employment growth trends of the state's metropolitan regions; (2) review strategies used in other states that further regional reinvestment and partnerships for community and economic development; (3) review and revise existing economic development programs and incentives to more effectively meet the service needs of isolated areas; and (4) develop initiatives designed to create jobs within the isolated areas and to link residents of economically isolated areas with jobs that are located outside those areas.

Committee Activity: Tours, Special Studies, and Statute Preparation.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1307, HB 1308, HB 1446, HB 1473, HB 1475, HB 1476, HB 1930, & HB 1931

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Kenny Pittman, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

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WORKPLAN SUMMARY - INTERIM 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Economic Development, Housing, & Trade

PROJECT TITLE: Farm Worker Housing (Temporary Housing)**PRIORITY:** 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The lack of available housing during peak harvest periods has been an issue for the agricultural community (growers and workers). There have been various proposals suggested to address the lack of adequate housing during peak harvest periods. The legislature has recently provided funding to assist in the construction of farm worker housing that is occupied on a temporary or permanent basis.

This project consist of monitoring of activities of the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development in the provision of financial and technical assistance designed to increase the supply of housing for farm workers.

Committee Activity: Agency Monitoring.

BILL/RESOLUTION**REFERENCE:** N/A**COMMITTEE/****STAFF:** Kenny Pittman, Steve Lundin**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A**PROJECT TITLE:** State Role in Promotion of International Trade and Foreign Investment**PRIORITY:** 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Washington is the most trade dependent state in the nation and has the third highest value of exports of all states in the nation. In 1998, the value of Washington State's international exports was \$41.7 billion, up from \$36 billion in 1997 (15.85 percent). While international trade has been called the "lifblood" of the state's economy, the state does not have a clear international trade policy.

This project would: (1) identify and examine the state's programs and efforts designed to assist Washington businesses in the sale of goods and services on a national and international basis; (2) review import and export assistance programs in other states and countries; (3) receive input on effectiveness of state programs from public and private trade promotion organizations; and (4) make recommendations on options on the role of the state in the promotion of trade, including possible restructuring of agency programs.

Committee Activity: Briefings, Special Studies and Statute Preparation.

BILL/RESOLUTION**REFERENCE:** HB 1193, HB 1213, & HB 2029**COMMITTEE/****STAFF:** Kenny Pittman, Steve Lundin**COMPLETION DATE:** December 1999**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

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WORKPLAN SUMMARY - INTERIM 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Economic Development, Housing, & Trade

PROJECT TITLE: The State Role in the Promotion of Film and Video Production

PRIORITY: 7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will: (1) review the state's efforts to promote the film and video industry; (2) review techniques used by other states to promote their film and video production industry; and (3) make recommendations to techniques to increase film and video production within the state.

Committee Activity: Tour, Special Studies, and Statute Preparation.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Kenny Pittman, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Affordable Housing: First-Time Home Buyers

PRIORITY: 8

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will: (1) review existing state programs and initiatives designed to encourage first-time home ownership; (2) review other available public and private initiatives that can be used to increase home ownership opportunities for first-time home buyers; (3) provide options on the role of the state in encouraging first-time home buyers.

Committee Activity: Special Studies and Statute Preparation.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: HB 1415 & HB 1713

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Kenny Pittman, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| July 21 or 22 | TBA | Kitsap County | Education | Educational options, including school to work, alternative programs, and career pathways | Public hearing/Work session |
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Education | Deregulation and education options | Work session |
| September | TBA | Tacoma | Education | School uniforms, school safety | Public hearing/Work session |
| October (2 days) | TBA | Eastern Washington | Education | School safety, professional certification and licensing | Public hearing/Work session |
| November (2 days) | TBA | Seattle and Northwest Wa. | Education | School safety, alternative programs, effective programs for struggling students | Public hearing/Work session |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Education | Effective programs for struggling students | Work session |

PROJECT TITLE: Effective Programs for Struggling Students

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review programs in Washington and other states that have proven effective in helping struggling students. The review will include the Learning Assistance Program, extended learning programs, volunteer tutoring programs, and grant programs for the purchase of targeted instructional material. The committee will study the elements of those programs that lead to student achievement and will draft legislation, if needed, to incorporate those elements into state programs for struggling students.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: HB 1462/SB 5988; HB 1569; HB 2084

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Suzi Morrissey

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: School Safety

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review safety measures available to schools and the types of programs in place in different districts. Include a review of the means by which parents receive information on school safety, the effect of school uniforms, and programs for disruptive, truant, and at risk youth.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: HB 1168, 1348, 1179; SB 5212, 5176

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 11/99

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: Deregulation and Educational Options

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review methods to free schools from administrative burdens and create public school options for students. Such programs include alternative programs including cyber schools, opportunity schools, regulatory waivers, and charter schools.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: HB 1814, 1611, 1861, 2128, 2147, 2190

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Suzi Morrissey

COMPLETION DATE: 11/99

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: Professional Certification and Licensing

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review issues surrounding initial certification for educators and administrators, and periodic peer review of experienced educators including: Assessments for beginning teachers; professional standards boards; alternative certification; Troops to Teachers; educator supply issues; and peer review.

BILL/RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE/ Four member Subcommittee

REFERENCE: HB 1714, 1730, 1780, SB 5413, 5593

STAFF: Suzi Morrissey

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Implementation of Education Reform

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the implementation of the Academic Achievement and Accountability Commission and SPI's study of the fourth grade math assessment, review potential post-certificate options for high school students, review different models and notification practices of school site councils, and review the effect of education reform on a student's transition from high school to college.

BILL/RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE/

REFERENCE: HB 1462, 1295; SB 5988

STAFF: Suzi Morrissey

COMPLETION DATE: 11/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Aircraft Noise Abatement

PRIORITY: 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review aircraft noise and related air quality issues in the Highline School District and survey several other districts to ascertain if the issue is a challenge for more than one district. Review programs available to mitigate aircraft noise and related air quality challenges in affected schools.

BILL/RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE/

REFERENCE: HB 1458

STAFF: Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: None

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINANCE COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Progress reports on interim projects. | Work Session |
| | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee (Joint w/Local Government) | Local Government Finances | Work Session |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Progress reports on interim projects. | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: Manufacturers Sales Tax Exemption

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Under legislation enacted in 1995, the legislative fiscal committees are required to analyze the economic impacts of the manufacturer's tax exemption and report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 1999. The report will include an analysis of employment before and after the enactment of the tax exemption. It will measure the effect on the creation or retention of family wage jobs and diversification of the state's economy. Comparisons will be made with other states that did not enact business tax changes, comparisons across counties on the use of the exemption, and comparisons across similar firms based on their use of the exemption. The legislative fiscal committees will consult with business and labor interests. The work will be done in cooperation with the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and with the assistance of the Department of Revenue and the Employment Security Department.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: RCW 82.02.1001

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Rick Peterson, Linda Brooks, Bob Longman

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Monitoring and Evaluating the Property Tax System

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will produce reports related to the growth in property taxes and the accuracy of assessment procedures. The first report will document the growth in property taxes between 1988 and 1999. The report will contain tables showing overall growth by type of property tax levy, growth by type of district, and growth by individual district. The report will be third in a series of reports produced by the committee on the growth in property taxes. The second report will evaluate the performance of real property assessment system. This report will measure the accuracy of 1998 assessed values and their conformance with the International Association of Assessing Officers standards. The report will complement the similar report for 1997 assessments generated last interim.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Rick Peterson, Bob Longman

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Enhanced 911 Funding

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Where a 911 system is available, a person can contact emergency assistance by dialing "911." Under a basic 911 system, the caller must identify his or her location to the emergency system personnel. Under an enhanced 911 system, the caller's phone number and location are automatically displayed at the 911 call center. Enhanced 911 is not available for wireless phones. In 1996, the FCC ordered wireless carriers to provide enhanced 911 when there is a mechanism in place for recovery of costs related to providing the service. There is no cost recovery mechanism in place in Washington. In 1998, the Department of Revenue completed a study of enhanced 911 funding. No legislation was enacted during the 1999 session. During the 1999 interim, study of this topic will continue in conjunction with similar activities by the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2050

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Linda Brooks, Bob Longman

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Telecommunication and Energy Taxes

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: During the 1997 and 1998 interims, the committee studied the taxation of telecommunication and energy businesses. Legislation has been introduced on this topic during the 1997 and 1998 sessions. During the 1999 interim, study of this topic will continue in conjunction with similar activities by the House Energy and Utilities Committee, Senate committees, and executive branch agencies.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1411, 1656, 1657, 1658

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Linda Brooks, Bob Longman

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Non-profit Tax Exemption Competitive Effect

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Many nonprofit organizations engage in activities that could be viewed as being in competition with taxable businesses. For example, YMCA organizations operate health and fitness facilities and libraries conduct used book sales. The competitive effects of these and similar nonprofit activities will be studied.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Linda Brooks

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Local Government Taxation Issues

PRIORITY: 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: During this interim, the Local Government Committee plans to examine local government budgetary issues and local government taxing authority, including review of issues associated with imposition of local gross receipts taxes on businesses and services. The Finance Committee will work with the Local Government Committee on the portions related to local government taxes.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Linda Brooks, Bob Longman

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Direct Payment of Sales Taxes

PRIORITY: 7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Direct payment is a procedure that would allow purchasers to pay sales tax directly to the Department of Revenue rather than to the seller of the goods purchased. Direct payment is not currently authorized in Washington, but is allowed in some other states. This procedure may overcome some tax administration difficulties, particularly in situations where the taxability of an item is unclear. For example, some items are exempt from tax if used in a particular manner. Direct payment may also be beneficial for some types of interstate commerce or electronic business processes. Tax issues in these cases may be best resolved directly between the purchaser and the Department of Revenue. On the other hand, direct payment can raise some additional problems in determining the correct local tax rate to apply. This interim project will include examination of direct pay procedures used in other states and the potential effects of a direct payment option on Washington taxpayers and taxing jurisdictions.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** SB 6032

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bob Longman, Rick Peterson

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | 1. Y2K update 2. Structured settlements | Work Session/ Public Hearing |
| November 1999 (Date TBA) | TBA | Cowlitz County | Full Committee (Joint with House Local Government Committee and House State Government Committee) | Landslide disaster impacts and assistance | Work Session/ Public Hearing |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | 1. Y2K update 2. Federal developments regarding financial institutions and insurance 3. Privacy of financial information | Work Session/ Public Hearing |

PROJECT TITLE: Privacy of Financial Information.

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The increase in computer technology and use of data bases, in use of debit and credit cards, in selling and cross-selling of financial information for marketing and solicitation purposes, in identity theft and fraud, and in financial transactions done on the internet have dramatically increased the risk that the privacy of a person's financial information is not adequately protected by the holder of that information. This project will review current and proposed federal and state laws on protecting private financial information and review the standards generally followed by the financial services industry in protecting private financial information. The committee will establish an informal workgroup to consider the perspectives of law enforcement, state agencies, consumer groups, and the financial services industry, and provide possible alternatives for consideration regarding protecting the privacy of financial information; the committee will invite the leadership of other House and Senate committees that may be interested in participating in these discussions.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SHB 1250

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Year 2000 Computer Issue.

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The ability of the financial services industry to resolve any Y2K computer issues this year is important for the economic health of the state and its citizens. This project will follow up on session discussions and monitor the activities of the industry and its regulatory agencies in addressing Y2K.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1262 & HB 1431

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: The Impact of Disasters on Financial Institutions, Insurance Companies,
and Their Customers.

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Recent flooding and landslide disasters have caused financial hardships for Washington residents affected by these disasters. This project will review applicable insurance coverage available to residents when a disaster occurs, will review the impact on financial institutions with loans on the property, will review the hardships faced and options available to residents affected by disasters, and will list possible alternatives for consideration to address the lending and insurance issues that arise when a disaster occurs. The project will focus on the recent landslides in Kelso and Thurston County, and the recent flooding in Western Washington.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2265 & HB 2267

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Structured Settlements.

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Structured settlements of tort judgments or claims often involve insurance products. This project explores current law and practice regarding structured settlements.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Property Insurance Underwriting and Coverage Issues.

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will explore in more depth several property insurance underwriting issues that arose during the session, including dangerous dogs, use of credit reports, and earthquake and landslide coverage.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1103, HB 1108, & HB 1419

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Federal Actions Regarding Financial Institutions and Insurance.

PRIORITY: 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will monitor congressional actions and federal court decisions regarding banks, credit unions, other financial institutions, and insurance. Of particular interest is proposed legislation on modernizing and restructuring the regulation of financial services.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: Staff trip to D.C.

PROJECT TITLE: Monitor Implementation of Enacted Legislation and Agency Interim Activities.

PRIORITY: 7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will monitor the implementation of legislation passed last session and significant legislation passed in recent sessions. The project will also follow the interim activities of the Department of Financial Institutions, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency, and the State Investment Board, and monitor any activities of other agencies related to financial institutions and insurance.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** HB 1092, SHB 1149, SHB 1250, HB 2052,
SHB 2054, SSB 5058, SSB 5509, etc.

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

COMPLETION DATE: 12/99

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | To be determined | Olympia | Full | 1. Status Report of Student Health Issues. 2. Status Report on Long- term Care Issues. | Work Session |
| December Committee Assembly | To be determined | Olympia | Full | 1. Prescription Drugs Cost- saving Strategies. 2. Health Care Coverage Stabilization. | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: Health Care Coverage Stabilization

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Problems in obtaining adequate and affordable health coverage persist, especially for individuals in rural areas. This study will review private insurance markets in other states to determine the elements that maximize competition among carriers, provide adequate health plan options and enhance affordability. The study will include special needs of rural areas and the use of "reinsurance" as a stabilization method. In preparation for the study, the committee may conduct an overview of the current health care system.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2160, SB 6067

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Bill Hagens

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Prescription Drugs Cost-saving Strategies

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Although recent advancements in pharmaceuticals have substantially improved health outcomes, the corresponding increases in costs have been also remarkable. It is estimated that by the end of 1999, drugs will have surpassed provider services as a percentage of the health dollar. This study, in coordination with health-related state agencies and private stakeholders, will examine methods of reducing drug costs without reducing effectiveness.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Bill Hagens (in coordination with Appropriations
Committee staff)

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Rural Health Issues

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rural health access continues to decline. This study will review existing information about the adequacy of the rural health care infrastructure, e.g., hospitals, emergency medical services and provider adequacy, and the impact of managed care and regulations upon rural access.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Bill Hagens

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Joint Executive Legislative Long-term Care Task Force

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Task Force will examine a broad range of issues affecting physically and cognitively impaired persons and the care system including: Quality and Safety Standards; Success of the Transfer of Boarding Home Regulatory Oversight to DSHS; Appropriate Placement Decisions; Provider Education and Training; Reorganization and Consolidations of Programs, Administration, and Service Delivery.

The Task Force will have a high volume of subcommittee meetings on each breakout issue listed above. In addition, there will be regularly scheduled full committee meetings held in different places in the state.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: 1999 Budget Proviso

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Antonio Sanchez

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Patient Bill of Rights

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Due to pressures put upon managed care organizations by purchasers to control costs, some consumers have expressed concerns about timely access to quality health care services. This study will review available reliable data to determine the level of concern and possibly conduct a cost benefit analysis of implementing one or more of the following provisions: adequate provider networks, access to appropriate providers, privacy, information disclosure, grievance and review procedures, and carrier liability. In addition, the study will monitor related federal activity regarding impact on Washington law.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: HB 1944, 1888, 2032, 2167, SB 5813, 5587

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Bill Hagens

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Needlestick and Sharps Protection

PRIORITY: 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: It is estimated that health care workers incur between 600,000 and 1 million needle stick injuries per year. Many of these needles have been used and are potentially contaminated. HB 1800, which was not adopted, would have established a process to reduce injuries as the result of needlesticks and sharps. This study will obtain reliable data on the number of such injuries in Washington State and provide a cost benefit analysis of various options to address this problem.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: HB 1800 and SB 5880

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Bill Hagens

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Prompt Health Provider Payment

PRIORITY: 7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Although more than 20 states and the federal government have statutes regulating the time line for health carrier payments to health providers, Washington is without such law. SB 5812, which was not adopted, would have established a requirement whereby 95% of all "clean claims" would be paid within 30 days and 95% of all claims would be paid or denied within 60 days. This study will gather reliable data to determine the timeliness of payments by carriers to providers in Washington state, analyze the laws in other states and determine which ones have been most effective in assuring prompt payments, and analyze the costs and savings realized by health plan enrollees as a result of implementing the three most effective prompt payment statutes.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SB 5812

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Bill Hagens

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Scope of Practice/Sunrise Reviews

PRIORITY: 8

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Department of Health Sunrise reviews of professional regulatory issues. (1) New physical therapist licensure act; (2) new certification of Hemodialysis technologists; (3) pending registration of recreational therapists; and (4) pending licensure of radiologic technologists.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: John Welsh

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Nursing Homes Property Payment System

PRIORITY: 9

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review the development and implementation of the new property payment system for nursing homes.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: E2SHB 1484

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Antonio Sanchez (with Appropriations staff)

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Student Health Issues

PRIORITY: 10

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Study the role of nursing, licensed practical nurses, school personnel and parents in meeting the health needs of students in school settings, in consultation with the Superintendent and the Department of Health through the joint School Health Services Action Team, and address specifically (1) the lack of trained available personnel; (2) health needs of the school age population; and (3) funding requisites for meeting student health needs.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** John Welsh

COMPLETION DATE: On-going study - 2002

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Third Party Accreditation of Boarding Homes

PRIORITY: 11

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the development of an assisted living third party accreditation pilot project study.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** HB 1194

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Antonio Sanchez

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Disclosure of Hospital Information

PRIORITY: 12

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will continue consideration of whether information pertaining to complaints against hospitals, as well as records and audits of hospital quality improvement committees and peer review committees, is subject to public disclosure.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** HB 1711

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** John Welsh

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Self-directed Care

PRIORITY: 13

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the study by the U.W. School of Nursing on the implementation of the self-directed care legislation, SHB 1880, laws of 1999, specifically consumer satisfaction; quality and safety; incidence of abuse and neglect; and consumer outcomes.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** John Welsh

COMPLETION DATE: 2001

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Long-term Care Estate Recovery

PRIORITY: 14

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Oversee the Department of Social and Health Services study of the implementation of a system for notifying clients quarterly of the amount they owe the state through estate recovery.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** 2SHB 1116

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Antonio Sanchez

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: The Communicable Disease/Tuberculosis Detention Emergency Account

PRIORITY: 15

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Tuberculosis is a life threatening airborne disease. Local health officials may require the quarantine, treatment, or isolation of an individual with tuberculosis to protect the public health. Costs associated with this activity are seldom addressed in the budgets of local governments. HB 1973, which was not adopted, would have created the Communicable Disease/Tuberculosis Detention Emergency Account. It had strong support of the state and local health departments. The study will examine the need and feasibility of creating such an account.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** HB 1973

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bill Hagens (in coordination with Appropriation staff)

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: In-home Care Standards

PRIORITY: 16

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the development of new in-home quality of care and oversight standards to be developed by local area agencies on aging and the DSHS. Review the quality care standards in the Individual Provider Program.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: 2SHB 1546

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Antonio Sanchez

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Nursing Home Therapy Payment System

PRIORITY: 17

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the Department of Social and Health Services' implementation of the new intensive therapy care services and specialized therapy care payment system.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SHB 2152

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Antonio Sanchez

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Newborn Hearing Screening

PRIORITY: 18

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Monitor the meetings and activities of the Department of Health and the Early Hearing Screening Task Force in the development of a legislative proposal for funding to establish a pilot newborn hearing screening program, establish regional centers of excellence in pediatric audiology and early intervention for children with hearing loss, and the implementation of universal newborn screening and delivery of early intervention services.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: Budget proviso

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Antonio Sanchez

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Renal Dialysis Facilities and Quality of Care Issues

PRIORITY: 19

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will request a survey by the Department of Health of renal dialysis facilities for quality of care concerns, with a report with recommendations to address them.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2292 & 2293

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: John Welsh

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Health Benefit Coverage for Retired and Disabled Local Government Employees

PRIORITY: 20

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: While state employees have the ability to purchase health benefits from the state upon retirement or becoming disabled, local government employees have no corresponding option. SB 5607, which was not adopted this session, was designed to provide such a program at no expense to local governments. This study will review the provisions of SB 5607 for possible fiscal impact and the relationship to the broader health access issues.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SB 5607

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Bill Hagens

COMPLETION DATE:

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: EMT's Use of Epinephrine

PRIORITY: 21

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Assist in a study of the use of epinephrine for anaphylaxis reactions by emergency medical technicians. The study will also include the review of training standards.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SHB 1992

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Antonio Sanchez

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Marijuana

PRIORITY: 22

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will direct the Department of Health to report on the legal problems of implementing the initiative, with recommendations to the Legislature.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** John Welsh

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Food Safety

PRIORITY: 23

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In recent years there has been extensive revisions to the food inspection process. This study will review these changes for efficiency and effectiveness.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bill Hagens (in coordination with staff of the
Agriculture and Ecology Committee)

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Hepatitis C

PRIORITY: 24

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Hepatitis C is a viral infection that causes inflammation in the liver and is transmitted by exposure to the blood of a person with the virus. Persons at increased risk of acquiring Hepatitis C include injecting drug users, health-care workers with occupational exposure to blood, hemodialysis patients, and blood transfusion recipients. Presently, there is no vaccine for this virus. In the conduct of this study, staff will work with public health and provider organizations to identify ways to educate the public about Hepatitis C.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bill Hagens

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | | Olympia | Full Committee | Financial Aid and Student Debt; HECB Master plan status report | Work Session |
| December Committee Assembly | | Olympia | Full Committee | Reports on the HECB and WTECB Master plans | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: Branch Campus Evaluation

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: It has been ten years since the legislature established the two UW and three WSU branch campuses. The committee will visit three of the branch campuses and neighboring community or technical colleges. The committee will also review policy issues including: how growth needs are determined in terms of students, programs and facilities; how new programs are determined and authorized for branch campuses; and how programs are coordinated with community and technical colleges.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Sherie Story and Marilee Scarbrough

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: Financial Aid and Student Debt

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will gain an understanding about all types of financial aid available to students, including grants, loans, waivers, and tax credits at the federal, state and institutional levels. The committee will also review the growth of student debt burden and the factors influencing it.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Sherie Story and Marilee Scarbrough

COMPLETION DATE: September 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: Technology in Higher Education

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will review how Washington's institutions are using technology. Included in the review will be presentations at the Northwest Center for Emerging Technologies at Bellevue Community College on: (1) the on-line college; (2) Bellevue's information technology program; and (3) how the information technology funding enhancements for the two-year and four year institutions will be used.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Marilee Scarbrough and Sherie Story

COMPLETION DATE: June 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: Review of High Demand Programs

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will review how the funding enhancements to respond to high demand program needs are being used. Included in the review will be presentations at North Seattle Community College and Bates Technical College.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Marilee Scarbrough and Sherie Story

COMPLETION DATE: June 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: Monitor Higher Education Master Planning Activities

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Both the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board are engaged in major master planning activities. The committee will monitor these activities by reviewing materials distributed by the boards, hearing brief status reports in September and presentations of the full plans in December.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Sherie Story and Marilee Scarbrough

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None

PROJECT TITLE: Review of Commercial Activities by Institutions of Higher Education

PRIORITY: 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will review higher education commercial activities as defined in RCW 28B.63. Included in the review will be obtaining input on concerns from the business community.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Marilee Scarbrough and Sherie Story

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Judiciary | Review of issues related to court congestion. | Work Session |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Judiciary | TBA | TBA |

PROJECT TITLE: Law Libraries

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Evaluate delivery systems, funding mechanisms, adequacy, geographic distribution and comprehensiveness of law libraries. Assess possible need for legislation.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: HB 1026, HB 1280, SB 5563

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Bill Perry

COMPLETION DATE: 12/1/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Mandatory Arbitration

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Consider possible improvements to the current mandatory arbitration system to further the goal of increasing court efficiency by providing less expensive and speedier alternatives to court trials. Prepare legislation.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: SB 5659, HB 1759

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Bill Perry

COMPLETION DATE: 12/1/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Testimonial Privileges

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Examine the rationale for allowing the exclusion of otherwise relevant evidence from trial based on a "privilege" granted to certain individuals. Assess the extent of current statutory and common law privileges.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: HB 1000, HB 1135, HB 1195, HB 1296

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Trudes Hutcheson

COMPLETION DATE: 9/1/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Parental Relocation

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Examine issues surrounding child custody and visitation when a parent changes residence.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1515, HB 1878

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Trudes Hutcheson

COMPLETION DATE: 12/1/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Individual Privacy

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Examine issues related to an individual's right to privacy, including:
CAcquisition of information by merchants;
CUnwanted visual surveillance; and
CUse of Social Security numbers.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Trudes Hutcheson, Edie Adams

COMPLETION DATE: 12/1/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Legal Assistance for Domestic Violence Victims

PRIORITY: 6

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Examine the status of legal assistance, including pro bono representation, for victims of domestic violence, particularly in cases involving children. Identify barriers to representation. Assess possible solutions.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Edie Adams

COMPLETION DATE: 10/1/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Court Congestion

PRIORITY: 7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review and analyze issues relating to court congestion and delay. Summarize studies done on the causes of congestion and recommendations made on possible solutions.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bill Perry

COMPLETION DATE: 9/1/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Wrongful Death and Survivor Statutes

PRIORITY: 8

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Analyze possible inconsistencies between the wrongful death and survivors statutes. Develop a proposed reconciliation of these statutes.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Edie Adams

COMPLETION DATE: 12/1/99

OTHER RESOURCES:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| June 21 | TBA | Grant County | Full Committee | Local Government Response to Endangered Species Act Listings; Shoreline Master Program Guidelines | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| September | TBA | King County | Full Committee | Buildable Lands Study and Growth Management Act Goals | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee (Joint with Finance Committee) | Local Government Finances | Work Session |
| | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Annexations and Incorporations | Work Session |
| October | TBA | Spokane, Snohomish, King, Pierce or Thurston County | Full Committee (Joint with Transportation Committee) | Local Government Transportation Options | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| October | TBA | Whatcom, Skagit or Snohomish County | Full Committee (Joint with Natural Resources Committee) | Local Government Response to Endangered Species Act Listings; Shoreline Master Program Guidelines | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| November | TBA (two sessions; one day) | Cowlitz County | Full Committee (Joint with Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee and State Government Committee) | Landslides and Disaster Relief | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| | | Pacific County | Full Committee | Local Government Response to Endangered Species Act Listings; Shoreline Master Program Guidelines | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Report on interim activities and review of proposals for 2000 legislative session | Work Session |

PROJECT TITLE: Local Government Response to Endangered Species Act Listings

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will examine a range of issues associated with local government responses to Endangered Species Act (ESA) listings, including: financing local ESA response efforts, local government liability under ESA, impact on local natural resource industries, effects of ESA listings on different types of communities, relationship of ESA requirements to local land use processes and regulations, use of best available science, relationship of ESA requirements to state and local shoreline management requirements, and impact of ESA requirements on local government delivery of urban services (e.g., sewer and water systems).

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Caroleen Dineen, Scott MacColl

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Shoreline Master Program Guidelines

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will review proposed shoreline master program guidelines from the Department of Ecology and examine issues associated with local government implementation of the guidelines after adoption, including: time period for local government adoption or amendment of master programs, fiscal impact of local government adoption or amendment of master programs, and impact of proposed guidelines on local land use regulations and requirements.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** HB 1591

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Caroleen Dineen, Scott MacColl

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Local Government Finances

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will: (1) examine local government budgetary issues, including categories of expenses and revenues, state and federal mandates to local government, bonding capacity, and budgetary differences between large and small jurisdictions; and (2) review local government taxing authority and examine various categories of local government taxes. Working with the Finance Committee, the committee also will review issues associated with imposition of local gross receipts taxes on businesses and services.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Scott MacColl, Caroleen Dineen (working in part with Finance Committee staff)

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: Joint Project (in part) with Finance Committee

PROJECT TITLE: Buildable Lands Study and Growth Management Act Goals

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will examine the requirements of the buildable lands study for certain Growth Management Act (GMA) jurisdictions and review and monitor jurisdictions' compliance with study requirements and with GMA housing, urban growth, and transportation goals. The committee will also consider issues associated with financing growth-related infrastructure, implementing urban growth area designations and achieving urban densities in urban growth areas. In addition, the committee will examine the use of Office of Financial Management population projections by GMA jurisdictions for comprehensive planning decisions and consider local government impacts associated with implementing future population projections in local government planning (e.g., urban growth area designations, density regulations, and water availability).

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: RCW 36.70A.215, ESSB 5914,
HB 1468

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Caroleen Dineen, Scott MacColl

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Landslides and Disaster Relief

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Working with the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, the committee will monitor disaster relief efforts for victims of recent landslides and examine local government issues related to landslides, including: local response efforts, local government project review and permitting, state and local land use regulations and requirements, and financial and other impacts of landslide events on local governments.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Caroleen Dineen, Scott MacColl (working with Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee and State Government Committee staff)

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Annexations and Incorporations

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will review annexation and incorporation processes and the land use, fiscal and other impacts of annexations and incorporations.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Scott MacColl, Caroleen Dineen

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Local Government Transportation Issues

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Working with the Transportation Committee, the committee will review local government transportation funding options and explore local government transportation issues related to Endangered Species Act listings.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Scott MacColl, Caroleen Dineen

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | TESC Long House Olympia, WA | Full Committee | Indian Treaty Rights to Shellfish | Work Session |
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Review of National Marine Fisheries Service Activities to Address Salmon Predation and High Seas Drift Nets | Work Session |
| October, 1999 | TBA | Whatcom, Skagit or Snohomish County | Full Committee (joint with Local Government Committee) | Local Government Response to Endangered Species Listing | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Merger of Fish and Wildlife Codes | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Jobs for the Environment | Work Session/Public Hearing |

PROJECT TITLE: Field Application of Forestry Module Prescriptions

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project will include a review of the change in forest practices required by the forestry module. Prescriptions will largely focus on riparian buffers.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESHB 2091

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Josh Weiss, Bill Lynch

COMPLETION DATE: Early Summer

OTHER RESOURCES:

PROJECT TITLE: Commercial Salmon Fishing Gear Types

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Understanding salmon management in the state includes understanding commercial salmon fishing. The committee will undertake an educational effort to better understand commercial fishing gear and practices in general, and in particular with regard to salmon "bycatch."

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2493

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Josh Weiss, Carole Richmond

COMPLETION DATE: Mid Summer

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Indian Treaty Rights to Shellfish

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Recent judicial decisions at the federal level have interpreted Indian treaty rights to include the right to fifty-percent of shellfish in the state. These rulings will have a dramatic impact on management of the state's shellfish resource. A better understanding of the case law and surrounding issues are necessary for future governance. This project may include a discussion with experts on the subject-matter, to take place at the Evergreen State College long-house.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: None.

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Bill Lynch

COMPLETION DATE: September committee assembly

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Salmon Restoration Activities on the Puyallup River and Estuary

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Recent salmon habitat restoration projects on the Puyallup River and estuary have been innovative and successful. Future proposals include the breach of a river dike as mitigation for wetlands lost due to highway construction. A visit to this area will be relevant to the ongoing committee discussion regarding salmon restoration.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: ESHB 2496, 2E2SSB 5595

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Carole Richmond, Bill Lynch

COMPLETION DATE: September committee assembly

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Hood Canal Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Salmon restoration has been occurring at the local level through Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups. A visit to some of these projects in the Hood Canal area will be relevant to the ongoing committee discussion regarding salmon restoration.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE: ESHB 2496, 2E2SSB 5595

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Carole Richmond, Bill Lynch

COMPLETION DATE: September committee assembly

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Review of National Marine Fisheries Service Activities to Address Salmon
Predation and High Seas Drift Nets

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The federal government is responsible for regulation of activities impacting salmon runs originating in Washington State. These activities include the predation of salmon by seals and other marine mammals and harvesting on the high seas. The National Marine Fisheries Service has recently published a report regarding its activities in relation to marine mammal predation. As the legislature focuses on salmon habitat located within state boundaries, these other issues are also of critical importance to salmon restoration.

BILL/RESOLUTION

REFERENCE:

COMMITTEE/

STAFF: Carole Richmond, Bill Lynch

COMPLETION DATE: September committee assembly

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Opportunities for Non-Consumptive Wildlife Use

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Funding derived from hunting wildlife and other consumptive recreational pursuits has been steadily declining. As a result, state agencies which derive income from these funds are being forced to consider the reduction of services and other critical activities. In this climate it is necessary to investigate methods to derive funding from other segments of the population who, while enjoying wildlife, do not participate in traditional recreational activities.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Josh Weiss

COMPLETION DATE: December, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Establishment of Washington's Annual Fishing Seasons

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Fish and Wildlife Commission is responsible for establishing annual fishing seasons in the state. The process for establishing these seasons is influenced by biology, weather, public input, and other factors. An explanation of this process would aid the committee in its interactions with the Commission and interest groups.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Josh Weiss

COMPLETION DATE: December, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

PROJECT TITLE: Local Government Response to Endangered Species Listing

PRIORITY:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Natural Resources Committee will jointly participate with the Local Government Committee in a work session/public hearing regarding local government responses to Endangered Species Act (ESA) listings. This meeting will occur in Whatcom, Skagit, or Snohomish county.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bill Lynch, Carole Richmond, Josh Weiss

COMPLETION DATE: October, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: None.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WORKPLAN SUMMARY - INTERIM 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Natural Resources

PROJECT TITLE: Merger of Fisheries and Wildlife Codes**PRIORITY:**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The former departments of Fisheries and Wildlife have been merged into one agency for a number of years, yet the laws directing the Department of Fish and Wildlife remain in two separate codes. The legislature merged the enforcement provisions of two codes in 1998, and also made an attempt at merging the remaining portions in 1999. A work session/public hearing will be held to discuss steps necessary to completing the merger.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:** ESHB 2078**COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bill Lynch**COMPLETION DATE:** December committee assembly.**OTHER RESOURCES:** None.**PROJECT TITLE:** Jobs for the Environment**PRIORITY:**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Jobs for the Environment program has been authorized through budget proviso for several years. Separate enabling legislation has never been enacted, and there is no general policy direction for the program. The interim work will focus on drafting legislative direction for the program.

**BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:****COMMITTEE/
STAFF:** Bill Lynch, Josh Weiss**COMPLETION DATE:** December committee assembly.**OTHER RESOURCES:** None.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| September (week of committee assembly) | TBA | Olympia | Full committee joint with Commerce and Labor Committee | Organization and administrative structure of the Liquor Control Board | Work Session |
| September | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Public Record Inspection — review of public disclosure laws and exemptions | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | 1) State Printer Operations and Procedures; 2) Elections Procedures — redistricting; 3) Review implementation of ESSB 5599 re. farm worker housing | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| October | TBA | Olympia | Subcommittee | Performance Measures | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | State Agency Contracting Procedures | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| November | TBA | Cowlitz County | Full Committee (Joint w. Local Government Committee & Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee) | Landslides and Disaster Relief | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Election Procedures & online voting | Work Session/Public Hearing |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Report on committee deliberations regarding Liquor Control Board; Report by Subcommittee on Performance Measures | Work Session/Public Hearing |

PROJECT TITLE: State Agency Contracting Procedures

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review procedures for state agencies to enter into contracts, including contracts for: (1) Purchasing materials, supplies, and equipment; (2) providing personal services; (3) public works; (4) purchasing products and services from sheltered workshops and programs; and (5) leasing property.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SHB 1071, SHB 1072

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jim Morishima, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Public Records

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review exceptions to the requirement that all public records are subject to public inspection and copying and the existence of state data bases containing personally identifiable information.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: SHB 1072, HB 1423, HB 2228

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jim Morishima, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Election Procedures

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review election procedures and laws, including election dates, processing absentee ballots and mail ballots, on line voting, and redistricting requirements.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 1109, HB 1286, HB 1594, SHB 1636, HB
2137

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jim Morishima, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Liquor Control Board Organization

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review the organization and administrative structure of the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2218

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jim Morishima, Steve Lundin, Pam Madson

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Farm Worker Housing

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review the status of implementing ESSB 5599 and the federal rejection of temporary worker housing standards.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: ESSB 5599

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jim Morishima, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: September, 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Performance Measures

PRIORITY: 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review performance measures for boards and commissions.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jim Morishima, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: Subcommittee

PROJECT TITLE: State Printer

PRIORITY: 4

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Review the operations and procedures of the State Printer.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: HB 2076

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jim Morishima, Steve Lundin

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

PROJECT TITLE: Landslides and Disaster Relief

PRIORITY: 5

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Together with the Local Government Committee and Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, monitor disaster relief efforts for victims of recent landslides and examine the state's responses to these disasters.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE: N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Jim Morishima, Steve Lundin (working with
Local Government Committee staff and Financial
Institutions and Insurance Committee staff)

COMPLETION DATE: January 2000

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TECHNOLOGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ENERGY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 1999**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | COMMITTEE | SUBJECT | TYPE OF MEETING |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| September Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Telecommunications Competition and mergers and acquisitions within the industry | Work Session |
| October 25-26, 1999 | 6:00 pm on the 25 th & 26 th | Sun Mountain Lodge Winthrop, WA | Full Committee | Small Utility Conference: Update on Electricity Industry restructuring - state and national | Conference |
| December Committee Assembly | TBA | Olympia | Full Committee | Universal Service | Work Session |
| 4 meetings | 10:00 am to 1:00 pm | Olympia | Co-Chair Poulsen and Vice Chair DeBolt | Right of Way: Industry, Counties, Cities and Towns | Roundtables |
| 4 meetings | TBD | Olympia | Co-Chair Poulsen and Vice Chair DeBolt | Telecommunications and Competition: PUD and Telecommunications; Incentives for deployment including price cap, investing in infrastructure; and, Interconnection enforcement | Roundtables |
| 2 meetings | TBA | Various locations in WA state with Senate | Full Committee with Senate ET&T Committee | Telecommunications | Public meetings |
| 3 meetings | TBA | Olympia | Co-Chair Poulsen and Vice Chair DeBolt | Universal Service | Roundtables |

PROJECT TITLE: Universal Service

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will follow federal legislation and plan a universal service telecommunications mechanism for approval by the Legislature.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Julia E Harmatz

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: Utilities and Transportation
Commission, Federal
Communications Commission

PROJECT TITLE: Telecommunications Competition

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will study the deployment of advanced telecommunications into rural areas, incentives for development of infrastructure, ways to increase competition among telecommunication companies, and the applicable effects of internal mergers and acquisitions on the industry.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Julia E. Harmatz

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: Utilities and Transportation
Commission

PROJECT TITLE: Rights of Way

PRIORITY: 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will continue to study, draft legislation, and work to resolve issues with regard to the placement of telecommunications facilities in public rights of way.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Julia E Harmatz

COMPLETION DATE: December 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: N/A

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WORKPLAN SUMMARY - INTERIM 1999

COMMITTEE ON: Technology, Telecommunications & Energy

PROJECT TITLE: Energy: Small Utility Conference

PRIORITY: 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The committee will attend a small utility conference to study electricity restructuring on the state and federal levels.

BILL/RESOLUTION
REFERENCE:N/A

COMMITTEE/
STAFF: Julia E. Harmatz

COMPLETION DATE: October 1999

OTHER RESOURCES: Rural Utility Leaders

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Health Care - EPI Task Force (epinephrin drug)

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