

Senate Committee Services

2014 Interim Work Plan and Meeting Schedule



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TO: Washington State Senators and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Senate Committee Services (786-7400)

SUBJECT: Senate Committee Services - 2014 Interim Work Plan and Activities

We are pleased to provide this 2014 Interim Work Plan and Activities, as approved by the Facilities & Operations Committee, for your reference in the months preceding the 2015 Legislative Session.

The interim work plan is a public planning document containing the major issues that each committee currently plans to consider during the next legislative session. It is used to guide staff in conducting research over the interim and in planning related interim committee activities and hearings. In addition to the items included in this work plan, Senate Committee Services' staff conducts additional research projects as requested by individual Senators. In this light, we trust you will find this work plan useful in planning your calendars and monitoring the committee's work during the interim.

The electronic version of this document can be found on our website at: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/Pages/default.aspx>. The website will be updated throughout the interim as the dates and locations of committee and task force meetings and activities are finalized.

If you have other requests or questions, or need assistance on any issue, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development Committee

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PROJECT: Process for Collaborative River System Management

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Diane Smith
786-7410

REFERENCES: [ESB 6549 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Originally conceived during the 2014 session, what became SB 6549 began as a work session, developed into legislation, passed the Senate and was placed on the flash calendar in the House on March 6. Session ended prior to the bill being brought before the House for debate. The form of the bill changed markedly during this process in part due to development of information new to members. The issue was viewed as a continuing one with the possibility for legislation that may be introduced in the 2015 session.

Following up on the information elicited during session, tours of river systems in Grays Harbor, Snohomish and Skagit counties were offered. During the 2014 interim, the Committee will develop greater understanding of this continuing issue by touring those river systems selected by the chairman.

PROJECT: Hazardous Chemical Management

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Diane Smith
786-7410

REFERENCES: [SB 6157 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Several aspects of hazardous chemical management, described below, surfaced in the 2014 legislative session, all of which will be addressed in the 2014 interim, as follows:

The Model Toxics Control Act imposes a hazardous substances tax on hazardous chemicals, including those used in agricultural applications. The issue addressed in SB 6157 was whether agricultural chemicals that are shipped from out-of-state, warehoused in Washington and applied to crops in states other than Washington are subject to this tax given the interstate commerce clause of the United States Constitution. While the bill passed the Senate on March 4 and received a committee hearing in the House on March 7, it did not pass the Legislature.

Eel grass, Japonica, is considered by some to be an environmental and aquacultural threat to tidal areas throughout the Pacific Northwest coast and specifically to the Willapa Bay shellfish beds. There is also a native eel grass and a chemical postulated to be appropriate for use in eradicating the Japonica species. On the other hand, there are some who disagree with the extent of the ecological hazard potentially presented by eel grass, Japonica. There are issues to be explored relative to noxious weed listing, permitting, and the chemical treatments' effect on the native species of eel grass as well as on shellfish, wildlife feeding on the eel grasses and the ecosystem as a whole.

To address these issues, the Committee will tour the Washington State Department of Agriculture's pest program in Tumwater. This will develop a deeper understanding of the pests, including botanical pests,

and the agricultural chemicals that are designed to combat these pests. The Committee may also tour the Willapa Bay shellfish beds to better understand the eel grass issue, as directed by the chairman. The Committee will participate in the 2014 Washington Pest Control Tour presented by the Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration. This tour will provide an Eastern Washington perspective, including education about pesticides and pesticides' individualized applicability in the Yakima Valley, Horse Heaven Hills, Columbia Basin, Walla Walla Valley and the Palouse. The crops involved include apples, pears, cherries, hops, a propagation nursery, asparagus, mint, wine and juice grapes, some organic crops, onions, specialty crops, potatoes, vegetable seed, wheat, barley, dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, alfalfa seed and grass seed.

PROJECT: **Non-Point Pollution and Agricultural Operations**

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Diane Smith
786-7410

REFERENCES: [SB 6087 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: An August, 2013 decision of the Washington State Supreme Court provided judicial interpretation of the statutory language "substantial potential to violate the water pollution control act," upholding the Department of Ecology's interpretation and enforcement against Mr. Lemire. Mr. Lemire is an Eastern Washington cattle rancher. Those legislators who disagreed with the court's decision proposed SB 6087. This bill was not passed by the legislature but this issue is longstanding and is considered by many to be likely to continue into the future. The last draft of the bill took the form of an advisory committee ([S-4035.1](#)).

In lieu of SB 6087, the Department of Ecology (Department) created the Agriculture and Water Quality Advisory Committee. A series of meetings is being held this interim alternating between Eastern and Western Washington venues. The participants are invited representatives of agricultural producers and stakeholders with the Department's invitation explicitly not extending to legislators or their staff.

Committee staff will attend these public meetings as observers so that staff may inform legislators who may propose legislation in 2015 of the status of these issues as debated among the members of the Agriculture and Water Quality Advisory Committee.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7411

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| Date TBA | Full Committee | Cleveland | Washington State Department |
| Time TBA | Tour/Briefing | Laboratory | of Agriculture pest program. |
| | | Tumwater | |

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| Date TBA | Full Committee | Eastern | Washington Pest Control Tour. |
| Time TBA | Tour/Briefing | Washington | |

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| Date TBA ¹ | Full Committee | Grays Harbor, Snohomish and Skagit counties | River systems. |
| Time TBA | Tour/Briefing | | |
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| November 20-21 | Full Committee | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| Legislative Assembly | Work Session | | |
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¹ TBA - To be announced.

Senate Commerce & Labor Committee

Work Plan Summary – 2014 Interim

PROJECT: Affordable Care Act and Impacts on Employment Numbers

COMPLETION DATE: December 2015

STAFF: Mac Nicholson
786-7445

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: The committee will examine potential impacts of the Affordable Care Act's employer mandate on Washington employment numbers. The employer mandate, originally set to begin in 2014, will be delayed until 2015. Under the mandate, businesses with over 50 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees must provide health insurance or pay a penalty. The committee will examine ways to track employment numbers to determine if employers have reduced overall FTE numbers or worker hours in response to the mandate.

PROJECT: Liquor Taxes

COMPLETION DATE: NA

STAFF: Edith Rice
786-7444

REFERENCES: [SB 6547 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: At the end of the 2014 legislative session, the committee held a work session on SB 6547, which restructured spirits taxes. The committee will take a comprehensive look at liquor taxes and fees and impacts on consumers, producers, retailers.

PROJECT: I-502

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Mac Nicholson
786-7445

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: In 2012 voters approved Initiative 502 which established a regulatory system for the production, processing, and distribution of limited amounts of marijuana for non-medical purposes. Under this system, the Liquor Control Board (LCB) issues licenses to marijuana producers, processors, and retailers and adopts standards for the regulation of these operations. The committee will monitor implementation of I-502 as licenses are issued and retail stores begin to open throughout the interim.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7426

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| May 2 12:00 p.m. | Full Committee Public Hearing | Olympia, WA | Cowlitz Indian Tribe Gaming Compact. |
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| June or July Time TBA | Full Committee Work Session | Eastern Washington | Affordable Care Act and potential impacts on employment numbers. Committee tour and briefing. |
| September Time TBA | Full Committee Work Session | Western Washington | Liquor taxes. I-502 implementation update. |
| November 20-21 Legislative Assembly | Full Committee Public Hearing | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |

Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee

Work Plan Summary – 2014 Interim

PROJECT: Student Discipline

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Katherine Taylor
786-7434

REFERENCES: [ESSB 5946 \(2013\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Committee Staff will examine current student discipline trends, issues, and articles; review current Washington State student discipline law; analyze the most up-to-date Washington Appleseed report on student discipline; and check the progress of the Student Discipline Task Force staffed by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Committee Staff will then synthesize this information into a summary, which will be provided to members.

PROJECT: Student Growth Measurers in Teacher and Principal Evaluation

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Eric Wolf
786-7405

REFERENCES: [ESSB 5246 \(2013\)](#), [SB 5960 \(2014\)](#), [SSB 5880 \(2013\)](#), [SB 6055 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Motivated by federal education policy and Race to the Top grant awards, many state education agencies have developed teacher and principal evaluation systems that include measures of individual teachers' contributions to their students' learning growth. Methods of measuring student growth include value-added modelling with standardized test scores and individualized goal-setting of student learning objectives.

Washington's Teacher-Principal Evaluation Program ("TPEP") allows local districts to measure an individual teacher's impact on their students' growth through a combination of classroom-based, building-based, district-based, or state-based test results. In 2013 the federal Department of Education requested that Washington amend TPEP so that state-based test results must be used as one of multiple measures of an educator's impact on student growth when the results are available. Currently, Washington law allows state-based test results to be used as one of multiple measures of student growth, but does not require such results to be included in the evaluation when they are available. Staff will research and summarize various methods used by other states to incorporate measures of student growth into their teacher and principal evaluation systems.

Other Projects:

PROJECT: Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Susan Mielke/Lorrell Noahr/
Steve Jones
786-7422/786-7708/786-7440

REFERENCES: [ESHB 2261 \(2009\)](#), [SHB 2776 \(2010\)](#)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/AIXLJSC/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: The Washington State Supreme Court issued its decision in *McCleary v. State*, on January 5, 2012. The Court found that the State failed to meet its paramount constitutional duty to fully fund a program of basic education. The Court retained jurisdiction to monitor the Legislature's

compliance with its constitutional duty. The Legislature created the Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation (HCR 4410, 2012) to facilitate communication with the Washington Supreme Court on school funding. In July 2012 the Court directed the Joint Select Committee to report annually following enactment of each operating budget, summarizing the legislative actions taken to implement educational funding reforms and achieve compliance with Article IX of the State Constitution. To date, the Legislature has filed two progress reports with the Supreme Court. (August 29, 2013, and September 17, 2012). On January 9, 2014, the Court declared that the State was not on target to meet its 2018 constitutional funding obligations and directed the State to submit, no later than April 30, 2014, a complete plan for fully implementing its program of basic education for each school year between now and the 2017-18 school year. Committee staff will provide support to the Joint Select Committee and assist with the report as directed by members of the Joint Select Committee.

PROJECT: **Legislative Task Force on Career Education Opportunities**

COMPLETION DATE: September 2014

STAFF: Eric Wolf
786-7405

REFERENCES: [2ESSB 5034 \(2013\) - SEC. 719](#)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/CEOTF/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: The Legislative Task Force on Career Education Opportunities (Task Force) was established in the 2013 legislative session to identify strategies for how education that supports career readiness may be better integrated into secondary education opportunities for all students. The Task Force is composed of two members of the Senate, two members of the House of Representatives, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, one member appointed by the Governor, and one representative each from the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, State Board of Education, Student Achievement Council, and Washington Association of Career and Technical Education. An interim report was submitted in December 2013 and a final report is due by September 1, 2014. Staff will provide support to the Task Force, including at meetings and assisting in drafting the report. Staff will draft legislation as requested.

PROJECT: **Education Accountability System Oversight Committee**

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Susan Mielke
786-7422

REFERENCES: [E2SSB 5329 \(2013\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Education Accountability System Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee) was established in the 2013 legislative session to provide ongoing monitoring of the outcomes of the comprehensive system of recognition, support, and intervention for schools and school districts; make recommendations for changes to accountability system, if necessary; and report biennially to the Education Committees of the Legislature. The Committee is composed of four members of the Senate, four members of the House of Representatives, two members appointed by the Governor; and one non-legislative member of the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee. Staff will provide support to the Oversight Committee, including at meetings and assisting in drafting the report, as necessary.

PROJECT: Quality Education Council

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Susan Mielke
786-7422

REFERENCES: [ESHB 2261 \(2009\)](http://k12.wa.us/QEC)
k12.wa.us/QEC

DESCRIPTION: The Quality Education Council (QEC) was created in statute in 2009 to recommend and inform the ongoing implementation by the Legislature of an evolving program of basic education and funding for it; and develop goals and priorities for a 10-year period for the educational system. The Council is composed of eight legislators, four educational agency representatives (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Board of Education, Professional Educator Standards Board, and Department of Early Learning), and a representative from the Office of the Governor. The Council is staffed by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and by the state entities with representatives on the Council. Senate Committee Services (SCS) and the House of Representatives Office of Program Research (OPR) may provide additional staff support. Currently a member from the Senate and a member from the House serve as co-chairs and have requested SCS and OPR staff to actively be involved in supporting the QEC. Committee staff will actively support the QEC as directed by the co-chairs.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7420

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| November 20-21 | Full Committee | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| Legislative Assembly | Public Hearing | | |

During the 2014 legislative session, the EET committee heard SSB 5991, which proposed the creation of a legislative task force to study nuclear energy in the region. While the bill did not pass, its substantive provisions were added to the supplemental operating budget, ESSB 6002.

Under the budget provisions, an eight-member legislative taskforce must study the generation of nuclear energy in the region. It must hold no more than four meetings, with two of those meetings in Richland, Washington. Senate committee staff will help plan the meetings and assist in the preparation of any findings and recommendations, which are due December 1, 2014.

PROJECT: Flame Retardants in Children's Products

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Jan Odano
786-7486

REFERENCES: [ESHB 1294 \(2014\)](#), [SB 6540 \(2014\)](#), [ESSB 6002 - SEC. 302 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: During the 2012, 2013, and previous legislative sessions, the EET Committee considered bills that would prohibit the sale, manufacture, and distribution of children's products containing certain flame retardants or chemicals of concern for children.

In 2014 the EET committee passed SSB 6540 that, in addition to prohibiting the sale, manufacture and distribution of children's products containing certain flame retardants, applied the ban to residential upholstered furniture. SSB 6540 required Ecology to work with a recognized clearinghouse, other states, and industry to (1) increase its understanding and use of available credible scientific data on chemicals, (2) provide technical assistance and information about safer alternatives, and (3) promote the protection of human health and the environment.

While legislation has not passed regarding chemicals of concern for children and flame retardants in children's products, the supplemental operation budget contains a proviso directing Ecology to review two flame retardants that are chemicals of high concern used in children's products and residential upholstered furniture. In addition, Ecology is directed to test for the flame retardants in children's products and residential furniture. Ecology must provide a summary of data to the Legislature along with recommendations to ban or restrict flame retardants in children's products or residential upholstered furniture.

Senate committee staff will monitor the reviewing and testing of flame retardants by Ecology and will assist in the preparation of any draft legislation as directed.

PROJECT: Oil Shipment in the State

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Jan Odano
786-7486

REFERENCES: [SSB 6524 \(2014\)](#), [ESHB 2347 \(2014\)](#), [SB 6262 \(2014\)](#), [SB 6576 \(2014\)](#), [SSB 6567 \(2014\)](#), [ESSB 6002 - SEC. 302 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Several bills were introduced during the 2014 legislative session that addressed concerns with the safety of transporting oil through Washington.

The Senate EET and Ways and Means committees heard SSB 6524, which concerned the safety of transporting hazardous materials. The House passed ESHB 2347, which concerned the safety of transporting oil. Both bills contained similar provisions for studying the safety of marine and terrestrial transport of oil through the state and the ability and capacity of federal, state, and local governments to prevent and respond to spills of hazardous materials and oil.

Neither SSB 6524 nor ESHB 2347 were enacted by the Legislature; however, study provisions similar to those in the bills were incorporated into the supplemental operating budget, ESSB 6002.

Under the budget provisions, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to study oil shipment through the state. In conducting the study, Ecology must consult with the Department of Transportation; the Emergency Management Division of the Military Department; the Utilities and Transportation Commission; tribes; federal, state, and local governments; and other affected stakeholders. The purpose of the study is to assess public health and safety as well as environmental impacts associated with the transport of oil. The study must include an analysis of statewide risks, gaps, and options for increasing public safety and improving spill prevention and response readiness. An update on the study is due to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2014, and a final report must be provided by March 1, 2015.

Senate committee staff will monitor the progress of Ecology's study, and the Senate EET Committee will hold a work session on the issue. Committee staff will continue working on transport of oil issues during the 2014 interim and will assist in the preparation of any draft legislation as directed.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7406

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| June 17 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Full Committee Work Session | City Council Chambers Spokane, WA | Oil by Rail. |
| September Time TBA | Full Committee Work Session | Richland, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| September Time TBA | Full Committee Work Session | Bellevue, WA | Promoting Wireless Broadband. |
| November 20-21 Legislative Assembly | Full Committee Work Session | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| Other Meetings: | | | |
| June Time TBA | Legislative Joint Select Task Force on Nuclear Energy Work Session | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| July or September (Two consecutive days) Time TBA | Legislative Joint Select Task Force on Nuclear Energy Work Session | Richland, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |

November
Time TBA

Legislative Joint Select
Task Force on Nuclear
Energy
Work Session

Olympia, WA

Agenda items to be announced.

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance Committee

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PROJECT: Pawnbrokers

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Edward L. Redmond
786-7471

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: During the 2014 legislative session, various stakeholder meetings were held concerning the modernization of statutory law pertaining to the pawn industry. Specifically, there is concern that the current rate ceilings for pawnbrokers are antiquated. Moreover, the communication process with local law enforcement concerning pawned property must be analyzed in order to ensure that an efficient, streamlined delivery system of such information is applied. Staff will attend stakeholder meetings in order to track any progress made on these issues. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Principle Based Life Insurance Reserving Requirements

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Edward L. Redmond
786-7471

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: Over the past seven years, state regulators, with the support of the life insurers and the actuarial profession, have developed a new method for calculating life insurance policy reserves. The new, principle-based reserves approach is intended to enhance the current system for calculating policy reserves, thereby resulting in reserve levels that more accurately reflect risks assumed by life insurers for the policies they underwrite. The Office of the Insurance Commissioner and the insurance industry are currently in the process of developing legislation that will adopt this principle-based reserves approach into statutory law. Staff will attend stakeholder meetings throughout the interim in order to track the progress made on this issue. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7409

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| November 20-21 | Full Committee | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| Legislative Assembly | Work Session | | |

Senate Governmental Operations Committee

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PROJECT: Shoreline Management Act and its Land Use Implications

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Karen Epps
786-7424

REFERENCES: [SB 6536 \(2014\)](#), [SB 6368 \(2014\)](#), [ESHB 1090 \(2014\)](#), [ESHB 1478 \(2011\)](#),
[HB 1412 \(2007\)](#), [SB 6012 \(2003\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Shoreline Management Act (SMA), enacted by the State Legislature in 1971 and adopted by voters in 1972, governs uses of state shorelines. The SMA applies to all 39 counties and more than 200 towns and cities that have "shorelines of the state" within their boundaries. At the local level, SMA regulations are developed in local shoreline master programs (master programs). All counties and cities with shorelines of the state are required to adopt master programs which regulate land use activities in shoreline areas of the state. Master programs and any amendments are effective only after approval from the Department of Ecology. In 2003, a staggered schedule was established for the development, amendment, and review of master programs by local governments, running from 2005 to 2014 and every seven years after the initial deadline. Legislation adopted in 2011 adjusted the schedule starting in 2019 with updates required every eight years. Committee staff will review the history of the SMA, track the master program updates that are ongoing, and plan and coordinate a work session held in April on the SMA. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Indian Law in Washington State

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Sam Thompson
786-7413

REFERENCES: [ESHB 1287 \(2014\)](#), [ESHB 2233 \(2012\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will study aspects of evolving federal and state law regarding Indians in Washington. Staff will monitor pending federal action on the Yakama Nation's request that Washington partly retrocede state jurisdiction in the Yakama Reservation, pursuant to a federally-authorized process facilitated in 2012 state legislation. Committee staff will monitor implementation of 2014 state legislation exempting non-trust tribal property used for commercial activities from state and local property tax, but requiring payment in lieu of tax. Staff will plan and coordinate a Committee meeting in May on tribal relations and Indian law. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Growth Management Act and its Impacts on Development

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Karen Epps
786-7424

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: The Growth Management Act (GMA) is the comprehensive land use planning framework for counties and cities in Washington. Originally enacted in 1990 and 1991, the GMA establishes land use designation and environmental protection requirements for all Washington counties and cities, and a significantly wider array of planning duties for the 29 counties, and the cities within those counties, that are obligated to satisfy all requirements of the GMA. Committee staff will review impacts on development since the enactment of the GMA.

Committee staff will plan and coordinate Committee work sessions on the topic in the fall and during Committee Assembly Days. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing **STAFF:** Sam Brown
786-7470

REFERENCES: [RCW 42.56.140](http://atg.wa.gov/opengovernment/sunshine.aspx), atg.wa.gov/opengovernment/sunshine.aspx

DESCRIPTION: The 13-member committee was created in 2007 to review all public records exemptions and make annual recommendations to the Legislature on whether to maintain, modify, or terminate each exemption. The Sunshine Committee will hold meetings in May, August, and October of 2014.

Committee staff will continue to attend and monitor meetings held by the Sunshine Committee and legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

COMPLETION DATE: NA **STAFF:** Sam Brown/Karen Epps
786-7470/786-7424

REFERENCES: [RCW 73.04.150](http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/JCVMA), <http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/JCVMA>

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs is a 16-member committee empowered to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on veterans' issues, active military forces issues, and National Guard and Reserve component issues. Committee staff will work with House staff and schedule public hearings, work sessions, and tours for the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7432

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| April 14 7:00 p.m. | Full Committee Work Session | Sumner, WA | Shoreline Management Act and its land use implications. |
| May/June Time TBA | Full Committee Work Session/Briefing | Location to be announced. | Indian Law. |
| Date TBA Time TBA | Full Committee Work Session | Location to be announced. | Growth Management Act. |
| November 20-21 Legislative Assembly | Full Committee Work Session | Olympia, WA | Growth Management Act and additional agenda topics to be announced. |

Other Meetings:

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| May 20 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee (Sunshine Committee) Public Hearing | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| August 19 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee (Sunshine Committee) Public Hearing | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| October 28 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee (Sunshine Committee) Public Hearing | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| April 30 Time TBA | Joint Committee on Veterans' & Military Affairs Tour/Work Session | Tacoma, WA | Report on 2014 legislative session & supplemental budget. Presentation from stakeholder groups. Discussion of legislative priorities & 2014 interim planning. |
| June 11 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. | Joint Committee on Veterans' & Military Affairs Tour/Work Session | JBLM/Spokane, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| September Time TBA | Joint Committee on Veterans' & Military Affairs Work Session | Location to be announced. | Agenda items to be announced. |
| December Time TBA | Joint Committee on Veterans' & Military Affairs Work Session | Location to be announced. | Agenda items to be announced. |

Senate Health Care Committee

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Other Projects:

PROJECT: Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing **STAFF:** Mich'l Needham
786-7442

REFERENCES: [E2SHB 2572 - SEC. 3 \(2014\)](#)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/JointCommittees/HCOJSC/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: Several agencies and entities have a role in implementing health care policy in Washington, including the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the Department of Health, the Department of Social and Health Services, the Health Care Authority, and the Health Benefit Exchange. The Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight will provide oversight between these agencies and organizations. This oversight will include monitoring of each entity's activities to ensure they are not duplicating their efforts and are working towards a goal of increased quality of service.

PROJECT: Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014 **STAFF:** Kathy Buchli
786-7488

REFERENCES: [3ESSB 5034 - SEC. 206 \(2013\)](#)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/JointCommittees/ADJLEC/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: The 2013-15 operating budget created the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues. By December 2014, the Committee must develop a strategy to build capacity to meet the demands of Washington's elderly and disabled populations in such areas as improving the efficiency of long-term services and support, making caregiver supports available, promoting financial security, developing specialized resources, and providing housing and transportation options. The Committee's interim report was submitted in December 2013 and identified topics to study during the 2014 interim with a final report in December.

PROJECT: **Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force**

COMPLETION DATE: December 15, 2015

STAFF: Kevin Black/Carma Matti-
 Jackson/Breann Boggs
 786-7747/786-7454/786-7433

REFERENCES: [2SSB 6312 \(2014\)](#)
 <http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/ABHS/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: Second Substitute Senate Bill 6312 established a task force to conduct a system wide review of adult behavioral health, engage stakeholders, and make recommendations to ensure the successful integration of health care, mental health, and chemical dependency into a managed health care system.

Between April 1, 2014, and December 15, 2015, the task force is charged with making recommendations on the following topics related to behavioral health purchasing and service delivery:

1. Provide guidance for creation of common regional service areas for medical and behavioral health purchasing (By September 1, 2014).
2. Oversee integration of chemical dependency purchasing with managed care contracts.
3. Provide recommendations for full integration of behavioral health and medical services by 2020 or by 2016 for 'early adopter' regions.
4. Review performance measures for client outcomes developed by DSHS/HCA steering committee pursuant to 2SSB 5732 (2014) and ESHB 1519 (2013) (By August 1, 2014).
5. Review of public safety practices concerning persons with behavioral health disorders and forensic involvement.
6. Recommend whether a statewide behavioral health ombudsman should be created.
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Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7456

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| November 20-21 | Full Committee | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced |
| Legislative Assembly | Work Session | | |

Other Meetings:

April 22
9:00 a.m.

Adult Behavioral Health
System Task Force
Work Session/Public
Hearing

Criminal Justice
Training Center
19010 1st Ave S
Burien, WA

1. Introductions and selection of co-chairs.
2. Review task force responsibilities and draft work plan
3. Overview of mental health, chemical dependency, and physical health care purchasing.
4. Task force organizational decisions.
5. Regional service areas for purchasing services.
6. Stakeholder and public comment.

May 19
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Joint Legislative
Executive Committee
on Aging and
Disability Issues
Work Session

House Hearing Rm B
J.L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

1. State Alzheimer's Plan update.
2. Healthy communities.
3. Family Caregiver Support Program.
4. Older Americans Act.
5. Area Agencies on Aging outreach activities.

June 13
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Adult Behavioral Health
System Task Force
Work Session

Criminal Justice
Training Center
Burien, WA

Agenda items to be announced

June 18
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Joint Legislative
Executive Committee
on Aging and Disability
Issues
Work Session

Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Workforce quality and
protection from elder abuse
and exploitation.

July 14
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Joint Legislative
Executive Committee
on Aging and
Disability Issues
Work Session

House Hearing Rm B
J.L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Financial security.

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| July 17 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight Work Session | Senate Hearing Rm 4 J.A. Cherberg Building Olympia, WA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health Benefit Exchange update. 2. Office of the Insurance Commissioner update. 3. Health Care Authority update. |
| July 18 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | Criminal Justice Train. Cntr 19010 1st Ave S. Burien, WA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of county recommendations for Regional Service Areas. 2. Review of Health Care Authority and Department of Social and Health Services performance measures established pursuant to SB 5732 and HB 1519. 3. Review of criteria for counties to become early adopters of full integration of behavioral health and physical health care. 4. Discussion of task force recommendations for Regional Service Areas. 5. Public comment. |
| August 15 (tentative) Time TBA | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | SeaTac, WA | Agenda items to be announced |
| September 15 1:00 p.m. | Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues Work Session | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced |
| September 18 Time TBA | Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight Work Session | Senate Hearing Rm 4 J.A. Cherberg Building Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced |
| September 19 Time TBA | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | SeaTac, WA | Agenda items to be announced |

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| October Time TBA | Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues Work Session | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced |
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| November 4 Time TBA | Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight Work Session | House Hearing Rm B J.L. O'Brien Building Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced |
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| Nov/Dec Time TBA | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced |
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Senate Higher Education Committee

Work Plan Summary – 2014 Interim

PROJECT: Veteran Supportive Campuses

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Eric Wolf
786-7405

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: In 2009 the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs signed a memorandum of understanding with the Office of the Governor, Washington National Guard, Council of Presidents, Independent Colleges of Washington, Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges, and the state's various higher education boards to create a Veteran Supportive Campus program for institutions of higher education. Committee staff will provide background on the memorandum of understanding establishing the program, summarize the program's growth since its inception, and review the benefits and challenges to veterans and institutions created as a result of the program.

Staff will additionally report on how the Veteran Supportive Campus designation is granted to institutions of higher education, the process institutions must undergo to receive the designation, and responsibilities institutions commit to when receiving the designation. Staff will also research which institutions have and have not received the designation and will summarize information about the program's administration and expansion efforts across the state, student feedback received by the program and participating institutions of higher education, and similar programs in other states.

Other Projects:

PROJECT: Joint Higher Education Committee

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Kim Cushing
786-7421

REFERENCES: [E2SHB 2483 \(2012\)](#)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/HIEJC/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: In 2012 the Legislature established the Joint Higher Education Committee (Committee) to review the work of the Student Achievement Council (Council) and provide legislative feedback; engage with the Council and the higher education community to create greater communication, coordination, and alignment between the higher education system and expectations of the Legislature; and provide recommendations for the higher education policy, including proposed legislation, to the higher education and fiscal committees of the Legislature. The Committee consists of four senators (two from each caucus) and four representatives (two from each caucus).

The Committee must meet twice annually and is staffed by Senate Committee Services (SCS) and the House of Representatives Office of Program Research. SCS staff will provide research and support to the senators and draft legislation as requested.

PROJECT: College Bound Scholarship Program Work Group

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 2014

STAFF: Kim Cushing/Maria Hovde
786-7421/786-7710

REFERENCES: [ESSB 6436 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: During the 2014 session, the Legislature created a work group to make recommendations to ensure the College Bound Scholarship Program (Program) is viable, productive, and effective. The work group must meet at least once but no more than five times in 2014 and submit a final report to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2014, with recommendations for making the Program viable, including but not limited to funding.

The 11-member work group will include two members of the House of Representatives (one from each caucus) and two members of the Senate (one from each caucus). Staff support for the work group will be provided jointly with the House of Representatives. Senate Higher Education staff will work in conjunction with Senate Ways and Means staff in support of this work group. Staff will draft legislation as directed.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7415

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| Late Sept/Oct Time TBA | Full Committee Tour/Briefing | Bellevue College, Lake Washington Institute for Technology, & Renton Technical College. | Community college tour. |
| November 20-21 Legislative Assembly | Full Committee Work Session | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| Other Meetings: | | | |
| June 9 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. | College Bound Scholarship Program Work Group Public Hearing | Senate Hearing Rm 1 J.A. Cherberg Building Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| Date TBA Time TBA | Joint Higher Education Committee Public Hearing | Location to be announced. | Agenda items to be announced. |

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| Fall Time TBA | Joint Higher Education Committee Public Hearing | Location to be announced. | Agenda items to be announced. |
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| Up to 4 additional interim meetings Date/Time TBA | College Bound Scholarship Program Work Group Public Hearing | Locations to be announced. | Agenda items to be announced. |
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Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee

Work Plan Summary – 2014 Interim

PROJECT: Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force

COMPLETION DATE: December 15, 2015

STAFF: Kevin Black/Carma Matti-
Jackson/Breann Boggs
786-7747/786-7454/786-7433

REFERENCES: [2SSB 6312 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Second Substitute Senate Bill 6312 established a task force to conduct a system wide review of adult behavioral health, engage stakeholders and make recommendations to ensure the successful integration of health care, mental health and chemical dependency into a managed health care system.

Between April 1, 2014, and December 15, 2015, the task force is charged with making recommendations on the following topics related to behavioral health purchasing and service delivery:

1. Provide guidance for creation of common regional service areas for medical and behavioral health purchasing (By September 1, 2014).
2. Oversee integration of chemical dependency purchasing with managed care contracts.
3. Provide recommendations for full integration of behavioral health and medical services by 2020 or by 2016 for 'early adopter' regions.
4. Review performance measures for client outcomes developed by DSHS/HCA steering committee pursuant to 2SSB 5732 (2014) and ESHB 1519 (2013) (By August 1, 2014).
5. Review of public safety practices concerning persons with behavioral health disorders and forensic involvement.
6. Recommend whether a statewide behavioral health ombudsman should be created.
7. Review the crisis mental health system.

Specific deliverables include a preliminary report on December 15, 2014, and a final report on December 15, 2015. The task force consists of eleven voting members including four legislative members; three executive branch members; three county members; and one tribal member.

The task force anticipates holding five all-day meetings, predominantly in the SeaTac area, including a working lunch meeting for task force members and staff. Staff support for the task force will be jointly provided with the House of Representatives. Senate Human Services staff and Senate Ways and Means staff will provide staff support for this task force.

PROJECT: Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Statewide Coordinating Committee

COMPLETION DATE: June 30, 2015

STAFF: Shani Bauer
786-7468

REFERENCES: [SSB 5803 \(2013\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Committee will address the issue of children who are commercially sexually exploited. Prescribed membership includes legislator representatives from state and local agencies, and relevant criminal justice entities. The duties of the Committee include overseeing and reviewing the implementation of the Washington State Model Protocol at pilot sites; receiving reports and data from local and regional entities regarding the incidence of commercially sexually exploited children in their areas; reviewing recommendations from local and regional entities regarding policy changes that would improve the effectiveness of local response practices; and making recommendations regarding data collection and strategic local investments to address the commercial sexual exploitation of children. A report is due to the appropriate legislative committees by June 30 of each year until the 2015 expiration date. The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2014. SCS staff will provide research and support to the Senators and draft legislation as requested.

PROJECT: Family Assessment Response Implementation

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Shani Bauer
786-7468

REFERENCES: [ESSB 6555 \(2012\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: The federal foster care program is authorized by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act with specific eligibility requirements and fixed allowable uses of funds, as set by the federal government. Without a waiver, Title IV-E funding may not be used for prevention services or for services after a family has reunified in order to ensure that the reunification is a safe and permanent one. The Department of Social and Health Services convened a statewide advisory committee to make recommendations to Children's Administration (CA) about the content of the waiver application. On July 6, 2012, CA submitted the Washington State Title IV-E Child Welfare Demonstration Waiver Proposal, which is focused on the implementation of the Family Assessment Response (FAR) program.

The FAR implementation plan was submitted to the Legislature on December 31, 2012, and implementation began on December 1, 2013. The Title IV-E Advisory Committee has been monitoring the implementation of this plan. On January 1, 2014, three Washington cities began accepting FAR cases. CA is currently consulting with a national expert on implementation science. Once this consultation has progressed, another Title IV-E Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled. SCS staff will closely monitor the implementation of FAR and provide any support as needed.

PROJECT: Juvenile Sentencing Reform Task Force

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2014

STAFF: Shani Bauer
786-7468

REFERENCES: [2SSB 5064](#), [SSB 6390](#)

DESCRIPTION: Second Substitute Senate Bill 5064 establishes a task force to examine juvenile sentencing reform as it relates to the intersection of the adult and juvenile justice systems.

The task force is directed to conduct a thorough review and make recommendations for reform regarding:

- The process and circumstances for transferring a juvenile to adult jurisdiction;
- Sentencing standards, term lengths, sentencing enhancements, and stacking provisions that apply once a juvenile is transferred to adult jurisdiction; and
- The appropriate custody, treatment, and resources for declined youth who will complete their term of confinement prior to reaching age 21.

A final report is due December 1, 2014. The task force consists of 15 voting members including 4 legislative members. Staff support for the task force will be jointly provided with the House of Representatives.

PROJECT: Sex Offender Housing

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2014

STAFF: Shani Bauer
786- 7468

REFERENCES: [SB 6252](#), [ESB 5105 \(2013\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5105 (2013) required the Department of Corrections to give local government notice of landlords who provide housing to sex offenders through the housing voucher program and gave local government a mechanism to challenge the location of that housing. This session Senate Bill 6252 sought to place further restrictions on sex offender housing by limiting the distance a sex offender on community custody can reside from locations in which children congregate. Some argue these restrictions make finding stable housing for sex offenders difficult, thereby reducing public safety rather than improving it.

Senator Hargrove and Senator Darneille have requested the Sex Offender Policy Board review state policies related to the release and housing of sex offenders in the community. The board is directed to make recommendations that balance the need to find housing for offenders, the need to maintain public safety, and the general public's need to feel safe in their communities. It is recommended that the board invite representatives from the WA State Association of Counties and the Association of WA Cities to participate.

A report and recommendations are requested by December 1, 2014. Staff will monitor the progress of the board.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7414

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| November 20-21 | Full Committee | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| Legislative Assembly | Work Session | | |

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| May 27 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. | Juvenile Sentencing Reform Task Force Work Session | Criminal Justice Training Center Burien, WA | Discussion of priorities of work group. |
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| June 12:00 p.m. | Juvenile Sentencing Reform Task Force Work Session | Location to be announced. | Agenda items to be announced. |
| July 15 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Juvenile Sentencing Reform Task Force Work Session | Burien, WA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statistics update. 2. Current approaches and trends. 3. Decline hearings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation from prosecuting and defense attorneys. b. Colorado's recent legislation. 4. Questions to be discussed by members of the task force: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Do the Kent factors appropriately address juveniles who should be transferred to adult jurisdiction? b. Does "once an adult, always an adult" still make sense? c. Is automatic transfer to adult jurisdiction still appropriate? Do the current criteria make sense? d. Should direction be codified authorizing waiver of a mandatory decline hearing if all parties agree? 5. Public comment. 6. Plans for future meetings. |
| September 12:00 p.m. | Juvenile Sentencing Reform Task Force Work Session | Location to be announced. | Agenda items to be announced. |
| October 12:00 p.m. | Juvenile Sentencing Reform Task Force Work Session | Location to be announced. | Formulate final recommendations. |

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| April 22 9:00 a.m. | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | Criminal Justice Training Center 19010 1st Ave S Burien, WA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions and selection of co-chairs. 2. Review task force responsibilities and draft work plan 3. Overview of mental health, chemical dependency, and physical health care purchasing. 4. Task force organizational decisions. 5. Regional service areas for purchasing services. 6. Stakeholder and public comment. |
| June 13 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | Criminal Justice Training Center Burien, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| July 18 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | Criminal Justice Training Center 19010 1st Ave. S. Burien, WA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of county recommendations for Regional Service Areas. 2. Review of Health Care Authority and Department of Social and Health Services performance measures established pursuant to SB 5732 and HB 1519. 3. Review of criteria for counties to become early adopters of full integration of behavioral health and physical health care. 4. Discussion of task force recommendations for Regional Service Areas. 5. Public comment. |
| August 15 (tentative) Time TBA | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | SeaTac, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| September 19 Time TBA | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | SeaTac, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
| Nov/Dec Time TBA | Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force Work Session | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |

Senate Law Justice Committee

Work Plan Summary – 2014 Interim

PROJECT: Guardianships

COMPLETION DATE: NA

STAFF: Tim Ford
786-7423

REFERENCES: [SB 5694 \(2014\)](#), [SB 6502 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: There were two bills considered during the 2014 legislative session that dealt with guardianship issues (neither passed). SB 5694 modified provisions relating to the appointment, qualification, removal, and duties of guardians in order to improve protections for incapacitated adults and required the administrator for the courts and a long-term care ombudsman to publish information regarding professional and lay guardians. SB 6502 prohibited a person appointed as a guardian from inheriting or acquiring any property interest or receiving any benefit from a decedent ward of the guardian, if the guardian has been convicted of theft or found to have committed financial exploitation and required a person to disclose a prior finding of financial exploitation, conviction, or arrest to the court before appointment as a guardian. A number of technical issues were raised during the discussions and hearings on the guardianship issues. Staff will work with legislators and interested parties to identify remaining issues and options to address them. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Unpiloted Aerial Vehicles

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Tim Ford
786-7423

REFERENCES: [HB 2789 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: HB 2789 was vetoed by the Governor. It would have established a workgroup administered through the Department of Enterprise Services to study and make suggestions regarding the use of extraordinary sensing devices for regulatory purposes. The Governor has issued a moratorium to executive branch state agencies to prohibit the purchase and use of these devices for the next 15 months. The Governor is creating a task force to examine the issue and develop legislation for the 2015 legislative session. The task force will include legislators, the ACLU, state agencies, law enforcement, industry, and citizens at large. Staff will provide support for the Senators participating in this task force. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Civil Forfeiture

COMPLETION DATE: NA

STAFF: Kelly Walsh
786-7755

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: Ninety percent of the proceeds of seizure and forfeiture actions stemming from child pornography, sexual exploitation of a minor, or promoting prostitution in the first degree are retained by the seizing law enforcement agencies for increased enforcement and 10 percent are forwarded to the state. There are a number of different civil forfeiture provisions in Washington

statutes. Legislators have expressed an interest in better understanding the standards and burdens of proof in these cases, the procedures and protections involved, and how the proceeds are utilized. Staff will prepare a summary of Washington law on civil forfeiture, a comparison of the various Washington statutes, and a survey the other state's laws.

PROJECT: Human Sex Trafficking

COMPLETION DATE: NA

STAFF: Kelly Walsh
786-7755

REFERENCES: [SB 5488 \(2013\)](#), [ESSB 5669 \(2013\)](#), [SHB 1791 \(2014\)](#), [ESHB 1291 \(2013\)](#), [SHB 1292 \(2013\)](#), [ESSB 5563 \(2014\)](#), [SSB 5308 \(2013\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: In the 2013-14 biennium, the legislature passed a variety of bills aimed at combatting human sex trafficking. This included the creation of two statewide coordinating committees. As a part of its Protect Innocence Challenge, Shared Hope International conducts an annual comprehensive study of existing state laws to analyze the effectiveness of each state legislature's response to domestic minor sex trafficking. As a result of the passage of SB 5488, ESSB 5669, SHB 1791, ESHB 1291, SHB 1292, ESSB 5563, and SSB 5308 Washington State earned an "A" grade from Shared Hope International for its legislative framework. In the 2014 legislative session the Senate Law and Justice Committee held a work session on the remaining issues of identifying and rescuing victims of human-trafficking. Staff will conduct a survey of other state's laws and contact interested parties to identify options to address these issues. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7455

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| June 16 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Full Committee Work Session | Senate Hearing Rm 1 J.A. Cherberg Building Olympia, WA | 1. Abuse by clergy. 2. Separation of powers. 3. Independence of administrative hearings officers. 4. Sealing court records. |
| Sept/Oct Time TBA | Full Committee Public Hearing | Spokane, WA | Agenda items to be determined. |
| November 20-21 Legislative Assembly | Full Committee Public Hearing | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be determined. |

Senate Natural Resources & Parks Committee

Work Plan Summary – 2014 Interim

PROJECT: Fish Passage Barrier Removal

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Bonnie Kim
786-7316

REFERENCES: [2SHB 2251 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: In 2014 the Legislature passed 2SHB 2251 which added three types of projects eligible for streamlined review by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) for hydraulic project approval and directed DFW to lead statewide fish passage barrier removal efforts. In particular, the bill directed DFW to convene a board with representatives from state agencies, tribal and local governments, and other interested organizations to identify and expedite removal of human-made or caused fish passage barriers. Senate committee staff will monitor the implementation of 2SHB 2251 and the fish passage barrier removal board, and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

PROJECT: Regional Fishery Enhancement Group Funding

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Curt Gavigan
786-7437

REFERENCES: [3ESSB 5034 \(2013\) - SEC. 307\(14\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: There are 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEs) throughout the state whose statutory purpose is to maximize the efforts of volunteers and private donations to improve the state's salmon resource. In 2013 the Legislature adopted an Operating Budget proviso requiring the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to work with RFEs to identify potential long-term funding sources. While DFW and the RFEs provided a number of potential options in a December 2013 report, continued discussion and analysis is planned for the 2014 interim. Senate committee staff will monitor these discussions and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

PROJECT: Incentives to Increase Access to Private Lands

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Richard Rodger
786-7461

REFERENCES: [RCW 4.24.210](#), [SSB 6207 \(2014\)](#), [SB 6508 \(2014\)](#), [SHB 2150 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Several 2014 legislative proposals considered ways to address landowner liability or incentives to promote recreational access. Those proposals included expanding the use of the recreational use immunity protections to additional landowners who charge a fee for access to their lands. Staff will research and analyze incentives offered in other states to increase recreational access to private lands, develop legislative proposals as requested, and provide member support.

Other Projects:

PROJECT: Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Task Force

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Curt Gavigan/Richard Rodger/
Bonnie Kim
786-7437/786-7461/786-7316

REFERENCES: [Executive Order 14-01](#)

DESCRIPTION: In February 2014, the Governor issued Executive Order 14-01 which established the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation (Task Force). The Task Force must develop an action plan and recommendations on topics to include the management, transformation, and development of Washington's outdoor recreation assets and programs. The Task Force will meet throughout the interim, with plans and recommendations due in September 2014. Senate committee staff will monitor the Task Force and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7419

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| July 29 10:00 a.m. | NRP Full Committee Work Session | Senate Hearing Rm 1 J.A. Cherberg Building Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
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| November 20-21 Legislative Assembly | Full Committee Public Hearing | Olympia, WA | Agenda items to be announced. |
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| Up to 2 additional interim meetings/tours Date/Time TBA | Full Committee Public Hearings and/or Tours/Briefings | Locations to be announced. | Agenda items to be announced. |
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Senate Trade & Economic Development Committee

Work Plan Summary – 2014 Interim

PROJECT: International Trade Programs

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Jeff Olsen
786-7428

REFERENCES: [ESSB 6002-SEC. 127\(30\) 2014](#)

DESCRIPTION: Washington's economy relies heavily on international trade. To promote international trade, the Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC) operates an International Trade Program. In addition to the programs operated by the state of Washington, a number of international trade organizations and associations provide international trade services to Washington business. The Committee will participate in a site visit and receive an overview of the DOC's international trade program and activities. The DOC is directed to conduct a data-based evaluation of the effectiveness of the DOC's international trade services and report its findings to the Legislature no later than January 15, 2015. Staff will monitor the progress of the evaluation and legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Tourism Funding

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Jeff Olsen
786-7428

REFERENCES: [SHB 2229 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Tourism is a significant sector in Washington's economy, bringing in economic activity from both national and international visitors. Recently, the state of Washington closed the Tourism Office in the Department of Commerce. The 2013-15 budget includes \$1 million for the Washington Tourism Alliance (WTA) to continue tourism activities. During the 2014 session, the Legislature passed SHB 2229 directing the WTA to identify a long-term funding mechanism to support a statewide tourism marketing program. Staff will attend stakeholder meetings and track the progress made to identify a funding source. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Tax Appeal Reform

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Jeff Olsen
786-7428

REFERENCES: [SSB 6175 \(2014\)](#), [SSB 6176 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: The American Bar Association adopted the Model State Administrative Tax Tribunal Act in 2006 as a recommended model for states to adopt to increase public confidence in the fairness of the state tax system. The model act provides that a taxpayer having a disagreement over a tax issue may receive a hearing of record before an independent agency with tax expertise, before requiring payment of the tax assessment. Staff will attend stakeholder meetings and monitor progress on tax appeal reform. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

PROJECT: Aerospace Industry Economic Development Opportunities

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Jeff Olsen
786-7428

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: The aerospace industry plays a large role in Washington's economy, generating a significant amount of economic activity and jobs throughout the state. With the recent decision to build the 777X in Washington, businesses will be competing for the opportunity to supply parts and composite materials manufacturing to support 777X production activities. The Washington State Office of Aerospace assists the aerospace sector by helping local companies expand and attract new companies to Washington. The Committee will hold a work session on the Washington aerospace industry strategy to learn how communities across the state may compete for new business activity associated with the aerospace sector.

PROJECT: Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Jeff Olsen
786-7428

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: PNWER is in the process of establishing a state council in Washington State. The objective of the council is to increase exports of products made in Washington and to establish a working model of governments, businesses, labor, and educational institutions networked to promote the northwest region of the North American continent. A particular focus will be on developing the manufacturing segment of middle-market firms and expanding their market share, while at the same time developing a world-class, highly integrated mechatronics training program. Staff will attend stakeholder meetings and legislation will be drafted as requested.

Committee Meeting Schedule – 2014 Interim

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7408

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| Date TBA | Full Committee | Seattle, WA | International Trade Programs |
| Time TBA | Work Session | | Department of Commerce Tour. |
| November 20-21 | Full Committee | Olympia, WA | 1. Tourism funding. |
| Legislative Assembly | Work Session | | 2. Aerospace manufacturing economic development opportunities. |
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| | | | 4. Pacific Northwest Economic Region. |

Other Meetings:

July 7

1:00 p.m.

Joint Legislative Task
Force on Maritime
and Manufacturing

House Hearing Rm B
J.L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

1. Election of co-chairs.
 2. Review of task force responsibilities.
 3. Members' roundtable discussion.
 4. Other administrative matters and next steps.
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Senate Transportation Committee

Work Plan Summary – 2014 Interim

PROJECT: Revenue Structure of Natural Gas Used to Power Vehicles

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2014 **STAFF:** Amanda Cecil
786-7429

REFERENCES: [ESSB 6440 - SEC. 209 \(1\)\(a\) \(2014\)](http://dof.wa.gov/ESSB6440-SEC2091a2014)
dof.wa.gov/

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will monitor the Department of Licensing's stakeholder work evaluating the annual license fee in lieu of fuel tax, which currently applies to natural gas used to power vehicles, to determine a fee that more closely represents the average consumption of vehicles by weight. The work must also include recommendations to the Legislature on an updated fee schedule.

PROJECT: WSDOT's Methods and Systems for Determining Highway Preservation and Maintenance Needs

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014 **STAFF:** Clint McCarthy
786-7319

REFERENCES: [ESSB 5024 - SEC. 108 \(1\) \(2013\)](http://www.leg.wa.gov/JLARC/Pages/default.aspx)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/JLARC/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) is conducting a review of the methods and systems used by the Department of Transportation to develop asset condition ratings and maintenance service level needs and subsequent funding requests for highway preservation and maintenance programs, including tolled facilities. In December 2013, JLARC provided a briefing on the overview of the methods and processes that the Department uses to assess assets. The second phase of the review must include a report containing findings and recommendations, which is due December 2014. Committee staff will monitor the review and provide briefings to interested legislators.

PROJECT: 2015 Citizen's Guide to the Budget

COMPLETION DATE: January 2015 **STAFF:** David Ward/Ariel Kennedy
786-7341/786-7300

REFERENCES: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/TRAN/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: The Senate Transportation Committee and Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee (LEAP) will publish an updated 2015 Citizen's Guide to the Transportation Budget. Members, legislative staff, and the general public use the guide to answer basic questions about the Washington State transportation budget. The guide will be updated before the 2015 legislative session.

PROJECT: Business Models for Financially Sustainable Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Networks

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 2014 **STAFF:** Kim Johnson
786-7472

REFERENCES: [ESSB 6001 - SEC. 204 \(6\) \(2014\)](http://www.leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/default.aspx)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will provide support, where appropriate, and monitor a study commissioned by the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) to (a) explore potential business models for a financially sustainable electric vehicle charging network and; (b) examine alternative roles for public and private sector participation in fostering private sector commercialization of EV charging services. The JTC will issue an interim report by December 31, 2014, to the Transportation Committees of the Legislature. The final report is due March 1, 2015.

PROJECT: Railroad Crew Transportation Study

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 2014 **STAFF:** Kelly Simpson
786-7403

REFERENCES: [ESSB 6001 - SEC. 102 \(2014\)](http://www.leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/default.aspx)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/JTC/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: The 2014 supplemental transportation budget directs the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) and stakeholders to study the safety of vehicles providing transportation for railroad crew members. The study must include a review of "the safety of equipment, driver qualifications, insurance levels, safety of operations, and the past accidents of charter party carriers providing railroad crew transportation." The final report is due December 31, 2014, which must include recommendations for avoiding future accidents and provide recommended statutory changes that would enhance public safety. Committee staff will monitor the work of the UTC and brief interested legislators on draft legislation resulting from the study.

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Senate Ways & Means Committee

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PROJECT: 2015 Citizen's Guide to the State Budget

COMPLETION DATE: January 2015 **STAFF:** Kellee Keegan
786-7716

REFERENCES: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/>

DESCRIPTION: The Senate Ways & Means Committee and Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee will publish an updated version of the Citizen's Guide to the Budget for the 2015 legislative session. The guide is published on an annual basis for use by members, legislative staff, and the general public to answer basic questions about the Washington State biennial budget. It is anticipated that the guide will be published the second week of session and will be available with the committee, as well as online.

PROJECT: 2015 Citizen's Guide to K-12 Finance

COMPLETION DATE: January 2015 **STAFF:** Lorrell Noahr
786-7708

REFERENCES: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/>

DESCRIPTION: The Ways & Means and Early Learning & K-12 Education Committees will update the Citizen's Guide to K-12 Finance. This document serves as a resource for members, legislative staff, and the general public. The document focuses on frequently asked questions regarding K-12 finance.

PROJECT: Local Government Distributions

COMPLETION DATE: October 31, 2014 **STAFF:** Julie Murray
786-7711

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: The legislature distributes over \$750 million dollars of state funds each fiscal year to units of local government, primarily cities, and counties. The funds are distributed by a variety of mechanisms through the operating, capital, and transportation budgets. Staff will develop a reference guide for use by members, legislative staff, local governments, and the public of state shared revenues, distributions, grants, and loan programs that benefit local governments. Staff will also work with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program to develop a searchable tool and map to enable persons to identify distributions by type (e.g. gas tax) or by beneficiary (e.g. distributions to Tacoma).

PROJECT: 2015 Legislative Guide to Washington State Property Taxes

COMPLETION DATE: January 2015 **STAFF:** Dean Carlson/Juliana Roe
786-7305/786-7438

REFERENCES: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/>

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will update the Legislative Guide to Washington State Property Taxes to reflect recent changes. The guide serves as a resource for members, legislative staff, and the general

public. It is anticipated that the guide will be published the second week of session and will be available with the committee, as well as online.

PROJECT: 2014 Legislative Budget Notes

COMPLETION DATE: Fall 2014 **STAFF:** Ways and Means Committee Staff
786-7715

REFERENCES: http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/index_lbns.asp

DESCRIPTION: Legislative fiscal staff in the Senate and House will work together with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee staff to publish the Legislative Budget Notes (LBN) in the summer of 2014. The LBN is a publication that represents the official record of legislative action on the omnibus operating, transportation, and capital budgets. It is used by legislators, legislative staff, state agencies, and the general public to determine the legislative intent behind the hundreds of policy changes embedded in the three major documents.

PROJECT: Caseload Forecast Council Technical (Staff) Workgroups

COMPLETION DATE: On-going **STAFF:** Ways and Means Committee Staff
786-7715

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: Staff will monitor changes and trends and provide input regarding caseload forecasts for entitlement programs for the public schools, medical assistance, long-term care, developmental disabilities, foster care, adoption support, general assistance, corrections and juvenile rehabilitation. The caseload forecasts are used to develop the majority of the budgets for these programs. The workgroups meet periodically and include staff from the Senate Ways & Means Committee, House Appropriations Committee, Caseload Forecast Council, Office of Financial Management, and the Department of Social and Health Services and other caseload-driven agencies.

PROJECT: 4 Year Balanced Budget & Outlook

COMPLETION DATE: On-going **STAFF:** Richard Ramsey/Dean Carlson/
Steve Jones
786-7715

REFERENCES: [Chapter 43.88 RCW](#)

DESCRIPTION: Beginning with the 2013-2015 biennium, Ch. 8, laws of 2012 (SSB 6636) requires that budgets at time of passage be projected to be balanced for current and following biennia based on a maintenance level projection. Each November, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC) must submit a budget outlook document for state revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and related funds for the current biennium and the next ensuing biennium. The ERFC must also prepare a budget outlook document for the Governor's proposed budget and for the budget enacted by the Legislature. To assist the council in the preparation of the state budget outlooks, a State Budget Outlook Workgroup is created, consisting of one staff person from the Office of Financial Management, the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee, the Office of the State Treasurer, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, the Caseload Forecast Council, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. Staff will participate in the workgroup and provide other kinds of technical assistance.

PROJECT: **Legislative-Executive Workfirst Oversight Task Force**

COMPLETION DATE: On-going

STAFF: Breann Boggs
786-7433

REFERENCES: [ESSB 5921 \(2011\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: ESSB 5921 (2011) created the Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Oversight Task Force to oversee the partner agencies' implementation of the redesign of the WorkFirst program and operation of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to assure that the programs are achieving desired outcomes for their clients. The Task Force also has responsibility for determining evidence-based outcome measures and developing accountability measures for WorkFirst recipients. The task force must make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature in a variety of areas as well. Human Services & Corrections, Ways and Means, House OPR, and executive agency staff will provide support to the Task Force.

PROJECT: **Legislative Advisory Committee to the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Committee**

COMPLETION DATE: On-going

STAFF: Maria Hovde
786-7710

REFERENCES: [3ESHB 2127 \(2012\)](#); [RCW 28B.95.170](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Legislative Advisory Committee is required by law to meet at least once annually to provide advice to the GET committee and the State Actuary regarding administration of the GET Program including, but not limited to pricing guidelines; the tuition unit price; and the unit payout value. As per statutory requirement, the Legislative Advisory Committee met in January 2014, but did not make any formal recommendations. The Legislative Advisory Committee is planning to meet again after receiving an update to the actuarial valuation of the GET Program in June 2014.

PROJECT: **Options for Financing Water Supply, and Flood and Storm Water Management Infrastructure**

COMPLETION DATE: December 2014

STAFF: Brian Sims
786-7431

REFERENCES: NA

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will develop options for financing capital projects to improve water supply facilities and flood mitigation and storm water management infrastructure. Financing options will not divert general fund resources and will involve state and local resources.

PROJECT: College Bound Scholarship Program Workgroup

COMPLETION DATE: December 31, 2014

STAFF: Kim Cushing/Maria Hovde
786-7421/786-7710

REFERENCES: [ESSB 6436 \(2014\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Pursuant to enactment of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6436, a workgroup is established to make recommendations to ensure the College Bound Scholarship Program (Program) is viable, productive, and effective. The workgroup shall meet at least once but no more than five times in 2014. A final report will be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2014, with recommendations for making the Program viable, including but not limited to funding.

The workgroup shall consist of two members, one from each caucus of the House of Representatives; two members, one from each caucus of the Senate; one representative of the public four-year institutions; one representative of the state's community and technical college system; one representative of a private, nonprofit institution; one representative from the Washington Student Achievement Council; one representative from a college scholarship organization; one non-legislative representative appointed by the Governor; and one representative of the middle school system.

Staff support for the workgroup will be provided jointly with the House of Representatives. Senate Higher Education staff will work in conjunction with Senate Ways and Means staff in support of this workgroup.

PROJECT: Aging and Disability, Joint Legislative Executive Committee

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2014

STAFF: Carma Matti-Jackson
786-7454

REFERENCES: [E3SSB 5034](#)

DESCRIPTION: The 2013-15 operating budget created the Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues. By December 2014, the Committee must develop a strategy to build capacity to meet the demands of Washington's elderly and disabled populations in such areas as improving the efficiency of long-term services and making caregiver supports available, promoting financial security, developing specialized resources, and providing housing and transportation options. The Committee's interim report was submitted in December 2013 and identified topics to study during the 2014 interim with a final report in December.

PROJECT: **Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force**

COMPLETION DATE: December 15, 2015

STAFF: Carma Matti-Jackson/
Breann Boggs/Kevin Black
786-7454/786-7433/786-7747

REFERENCES: [2SSB 6312](#)

DESCRIPTION: Second Substitute Senate Bill 6312 established a task force to conduct a system wide review of adult behavioral health, engage stakeholders, and make recommendations to ensure the successful integration of health care, mental health, and chemical dependency into a managed health care system.

Between April 1, 2014, and December 15, 2015, the task force is charged with making recommendations on the following topics related to behavioral health purchasing and service delivery:

1. Provide guidance for creation of common regional services areas for medical and behavioral health purchasing (By September 1, 2014).
2. Oversee integration of chemical dependency purchasing with managed care contracts.
3. Provide recommendations for full integration of behavioral health and medical services by 2020 or by 2016 for 'early adopter' regions.
4. Review performance measures for client outcomes developed by DSHS/HCA steering committee pursuant to 2SSB 5732 (2014) and ESHB 1519 (2013) (By August 1, 2014).
5. Review of public safety practices concerning persons with behavioral health disorders and forensic involvement.
6. Recommend whether a statewide behavioral health ombudsman should be created.
7. Review crisis mental health system.

Specific deliverables include a preliminary report on December 15, 2014, and a final report on December 15, 2015. The task force consists of eleven voting members including four legislative members; three executive branch members; three county members; and one tribal member.

The task force anticipates holding five all-day meetings, predominantly in the SeaTac area, including a working lunch meeting for task force members and staff. Staff support for the task force will be jointly provided with the House of Representatives. Senate Human Services staff and Senate Ways and Means staff will provide staff support for this task force.

PROJECT: **2015 Legislative Guide to Washington State Taxes**

COMPLETION DATE: January 2015

STAFF: Dean Carlson/Juliana Roe
786-7305/786-7438

REFERENCES: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WMI/>

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will create a Legislative Guide to Washington State Taxes. The guide will serve as an overview of Washington's full tax structure for members, legislative staff, and the general public. It is anticipated that the guide will be published the by second week of session and will be available with the committee, as well as online.

PROJECT: Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation

COMPLETION DATE:

STAFF: Lorrell Noahr/Steve Jones/
Susan Mielke
786-7708/786-7440/786-7422

REFERENCES:

[ESHB 2261 \(2009\)](#), [SHB 2776 \(2010\)](#)
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/AIXLJSC/Pages/default.aspx>

DESCRIPTION: The Washington State Supreme Court issued its decision in *McCleary v. State*, on January 5, 2012. The Court found that the State failed to meet its paramount constitutional duty to fully fund a program of basic education program. The Court retained jurisdiction to monitor the Legislature's compliance with its constitutional duty. The Legislature created the Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation (HCR 4410, 2012) to facilitate communication with the Washington Supreme Court on school funding. In July 2012 the Court directed the Joint Select Committee to report annually following enactment of each operating budget, summarizing the legislative actions taken to implement educational funding reforms and achieve compliance with Article IX of the State Constitution. To date, the Legislature has filed two progress reports with the Supreme Court. (August 29, 2013, and September 17, 2012). On January 9, 2014, the Court declared that the State was not on target to meet its 2018 constitutional funding obligations and directed the State to submit, no later than April 30, 2014, a complete plan for fully implementing its program of basic education for each school year between now and the 2017-18 school year. Committee staff will provide support to the Joint Select Committee and assist with the report as directed by members of the Joint Select Committee.

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Senate Committee Services Website:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/SENATE/COMMITTEES/Pages/default.aspx>

Bills Passed During the 2014 Regular Legislative Session:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/Documents/Reports/BillsPassed/2014.pdf>

TVW Archives: <http://www.tvw.org/archives>