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## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June	Skagit and Whatcom County	Tour (2-day/1-night)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hydraulic Project Permitting</li> <li>- The Department of Agriculture</li> <li>- Washington's Wild Future Initiative</li> </ul>	Full Committee; Part with TED
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hydraulic Project Permitting</li> <li>- The Department of Agriculture</li> <li>- Washington's Wild Future Initiative</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Hydraulic Project Permitting**

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**GOAL:** Prepare the Committee for upcoming legislative discussions on the Department of Fish and Wildlife's hydraulic project permitting program, including the future of the expiring permit fee.

**DESCRIPTION:** Legislation passed in the 2012 session created a first-ever application fee for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's hydraulic project permitting program. This fee is set to expire after the conclusion of the 2017 session. Part of the Committee's work in 2017 will involve an analysis of the fee and a decision as to whether the fee should be extended, changed, or allowed to lapse. That analysis will occur within the context of the overall habitat program, and may include other, non-fee related, policy decisions regarding the program.

The Committee will commit time this interim to better understand how the Department of Fish and Wildlife's habitat program operates, what role the fee has played in the program's operation, and what proposals are being discussed for legislative changes to the program.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jason Callahan

### **The Department of Agriculture**

**GOAL:** Learn about the various authorities and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture, with a focus on plant pest control, livestock impoundment, dairy management, and small farm support.

**DESCRIPTION:** The agriculture and food industry is a \$49 billion industry including 37,000 farms and supporting approximately 160,000 jobs across all 39 of the state's counties. Related to that industry is the state Department of Agriculture and its myriad authorities and responsibilities.

The Committee will invite department leadership to discuss the agency's range of authorities and responsibilities, with a focus on current events, issues raised in the 2016 session, and potential topics of 2017 legislative discussions. This focus will include, but not necessarily be limited to, plant pest control, livestock impoundment, dairy nutrient management, small farm support, farm to school programs, and any structural statutory changes needed to ensure that the department can meet its legal responsibilities and public expectations in coming years.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jason Callahan

## Washington's Wild Future Initiative

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**GOAL:** Receive an update from the Department of Fish and Wildlife on its Wild Future Initiative and prepare the Committee for any resulting legislative proposals.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) dedicated resources in 2015 and 2016 to its Washington's Wild Future initiative. This initiative featured a listening tour of agency stakeholders and partners, and the collection of recommendations for improved resource management, including the identification of funding options and potential license fee increases to ensure that the Department can meet its legal responsibilities and public expectations in coming years.

The Committee will invite Department leadership to address the Committee and brief members on what was learned through the initiative, what recommendations have been implemented administratively, and what potential legislative proposals arose from the process.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jason Callahan

## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Mental Health Updates</li><li>- Managed Care Update</li><li>- Fire Season Review</li></ul>	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Education Funding Task Force Update</li><li>- Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Family Services</li><li>- School Building Health and Safety Rules</li><li>- 2017 Session Budget Preview</li></ul>	Full Committee

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## **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Mental Health Updates**

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**GOAL:** Review implementation of mental health reforms and budget initiatives intended to improve the access and quality of services in the state hospitals and community mental health settings.

**DESCRIPTION:** During the past few years, there have been a variety of external pressures on the mental health system. These include state and federal court rulings related to the lack of timeliness in providing involuntary civil and forensic mental health evaluation and treatment services. They also include the federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services repeatedly finding gaps in the quality of care at Western State Hospital that put patients and staff at risk and threaten ongoing federal funding at the facility.

Over the past four years, the Legislature has enacted significant policy reforms and budget initiatives related to improving mental health services provided in the community and at the state hospitals. The Committee will review the progress made by the Department of Social and Health Services in implementing these reforms and budget initiatives. Specific focus for this work session will include updates on efforts to:

- (1) improve the quality of state hospital patient care and come into compliance with standards required to maintain access to federal funding;
- (2) provide timely access to appropriate treatment for those detained or committed through the civil and forensic mental health involuntary commitment systems; and
- (3) improve the quality of community treatment through integration of mental health, substance abuse, and physical healthcare services.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Andy Toulon

### **Managed Care Update**

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**GOAL:** Review efforts to control Medicaid managed care costs.

**DESCRIPTION:** The fiscal year 2016 Supplemental Operating Budget directs the Health Care Authority to work with the Office of Financial Management, the Medicaid forecast work group, and the managed care plans to develop strategies to hold managed care payment rates flat at calendar year 2016 levels in calendar year 2017. The Committee will receive an update on that effort.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Dave Johnson

## **Fire Season Review**

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GOAL: Review the 2016 fire season.

DESCRIPTION: Washington has experienced record-breaking fire seasons over the past two years. The Committee will receive an update on the 2016 fire season.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Dan Jones and Meghan Morris

## **Education Funding Task Force Update**

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GOAL: Receive an update on the work of the Education Funding Task Force.

DESCRIPTION: The Education Funding Task Force (Task Force) was established to continue the work of the Governor's informal workgroup. The Task Force will receive briefings and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding: state allocations for K-12 staff compensation and staff recruitment and retention; local levies and local effort assistance; local school district bargaining; school employee health benefits; district reporting, accounting, and transparency of data and expenditures; and sources of state revenue. The Committee will receive a briefing on the work of the Task Force.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jessica Harrell and Kristen Fraser

## **Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Family Services**

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GOAL: Receive an update on the activities and recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families.

DESCRIPTION: The Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families (Commission), established by the Governor's Executive Order 16-03, is tasked with developing recommendations regarding the creation of a separate state department of children and families. Recommendations are due November 1, 2016, and will include a mission and vision for the new department, an organizational structure, estimated costs, transition plans, and benchmarks for assessing the impacts on outcomes. The Committee will receive a briefing on the Commission's recommendations.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Mary Mulholland



## **School Building Health and Safety Rules**

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**GOAL:** Review school building health and safety rules adopted by the State Board of Health.

**DESCRIPTION:** The State Board of Health (Board), with technical support from the Department of Health (DOH), is required by statute to adopt rules controlling public health related to environmental conditions. In 1971 the Board adopted rules that provided minimum environmental standards for educational facilities. These rules were amended in the 1990s. In August 2009 the Board adopted new rules regarding environmental health and safety standards for school facilities. The rules addressed pre-occupancy inspection of construction projects, moisture control, mold prevention, noise control, restrooms and showers, playgrounds, laboratories and shops, water quality monitoring, and other areas.

In a proviso in the 2009 Biennial Operating Budget, the Legislature directed the DOH and the Board to refrain from implementing any new or amended rules regarding primary and secondary school facilities until the rules and a final cost estimate for implementation had been presented to the Legislature and the Legislature had formally appropriated funds for implementation. This proviso has been carried over in subsequent operating budgets. The effective date for the most recent rules adopted by the Board is July 1, 2017.

The Committee will receive a briefing on these rules.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Linda Merelle

## **2017 Session Budget Preview**

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**GOAL:** Receive an update on the November revenue and caseload forecasts, and receive a preview of the budget situation for the 2017 session.

**DESCRIPTION:** This project will update the Committee on interim events impacting the 2015-17 Operating Budget and preview the budget outlook for the 2017-19 biennium. This will include reviewing the impacts of revenue and caseload forecast changes, as well as identifying potential significant policy level items that may be considered by the 2017 Legislature.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Dave Johnson and Melissa Palmer

**APPROPRIATIONS  
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

**Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation**

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GOAL: Prepare the 2016 report to the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION: In response to the McCleary v. State court decision in January 2012, the Legislature created the Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation (Committee) to facilitate communication with the state Supreme Court and to prepare a report annually to the court following the end of the legislative session. The Committee will meet to prepare and transmit the report for 2016.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session and one executive session

STAFF: Kristen Fraser and Jessica Harrell

**Legislative Advisory Committee to the Guaranteed Education Tuition Committee**

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GOAL: Advise the Guaranteed Education Tuition Committee and the State Actuary.

DESCRIPTION: The Legislative Advisory Committee is required to meet at least once annually to provide advice to the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Committee and the State Actuary on administration of the GET program.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Catrina Lucero

## BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Equity Crowdfunding Status Update and Review - Wholesale Motor Vehicle Dealer License Reform Implementation	Full Committee

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## **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Equity Crowdfunding Status Update and Review**

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**GOAL:** Examine rulemaking and utilization of equity crowdfunding.

**DESCRIPTION:** ESHB 2023, enacted in 2014, created an exemption to securities registration for small offerings of securities to the public, commonly known as crowdfunding. The Department of Financial Institutions promulgated rules on crowdfunding, which have been in place for more than a year. Some stakeholders have reported problems with the law and the resulting rules, potential inconsistency with new federal laws, and underutilization of the exemption by businesses. The Department has suggested that more time is needed to observe its effectiveness and that utilization has been increasing.

The Committee will review rules promulgated by the Department; monitor federal rulemaking on equity crowdfunding and evaluate potential potential inconsistencies with federal law; evaluate utilization of the law in Washington; and review comparative case studies in other states.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** 1 work session

**STAFF:** David Rubenstein

### **Wholesale Motor Vehicle Dealer License Reform Implementation**

**GOAL:** Study the effects and implementation of ESSB 6606, which imposes new requirements on wholesale vehicle dealer licensees.

**DESCRIPTION:** Due to a recent surge in registrations for wholesale vehicle dealer licenses, stakeholders and the Department of Licensing suggested legislation to curb potential abuse of the license. ESSB 6606, which became effective March 29, 2016, requires licensed wholesale vehicle dealers to buy vehicles from or sell vehicles to other Washington licensed vehicle dealers and limits the number of licensed wholesale vehicle dealers that can have their office facilities in the same commercial building to three.

The Committee will monitor the law's effect and consult with the Department of Licensing to evaluate its impact on licensing and law enforcement activities.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** 1 work session

**STAFF:** Peter Clodfelter

## **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

### **Payroll Cards Regulation**

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GOAL: Study the regulations currently applicable to payroll cards.

DESCRIPTION: HB 2505, considered in the 2016 session, would have limited the fees financial institutions may charge to customers who are given payroll cards as a mode of payment by their employers. Several other states have passed or considered rules and legislation on this topic, and the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has proposed changes to its Regulation E that may impact how payroll cards are issued and managed. Staff will research the issue of payroll cards as they relate to financial institutions, monitor federal rulemaking, and examine other states' approaches to the issue.

STAFF: David Rubenstein

### **Music Licensing Reform Legislation**

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GOAL: Study implementation of E2SHB 1763, which established a regulatory framework for performing rights societies seeking to enforce copyrights of music performed publicly in Washington.

DESCRIPTION: E2SHB 1763, enacted in 2016, creates a registration and regulatory framework for performing rights societies seeking to enforce copyrights of music performed publicly in Washington. The regulatory framework will allow business proprietors to have access electronically to information about all of the music that performing rights societies license the use of, specify conduct that representatives of performing rights societies are prohibited from engaging in, provide penalties for knowing violations, direct the Department of Revenue to inform proprietors of their rights and responsibilities regarding the public performance of copyrighted music, and encourage performing rights societies to engage in public outreach to proprietors to similarly inform proprietors of their rights and responsibilities. The act takes effect January 1, 2017.

Staff will study the implementation process; monitor the act's effect on business proprietors and performing rights societies; and examine the Department of Revenue's plan to inform proprietors of their rights and responsibilities regarding the public performance of copyrighted music.

STAFF: Peter Clodfelter

## **Nonprofit Debt Adjusters Reporting**

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**GOAL:** Review study on nonprofit debt adjusters produced by the Department of Financial Institutions

**DESCRIPTION:** SHB 1283, enacted in 2015, created a "fair share" exemption to the laws regulating the fees nonprofit debt adjusters may collect from clients and their creditors. The "fair share" exemption permits nonprofit debt adjusters to collect monetary contributions from creditors relating to a debtor's debt repayment plan created by the debt adjuster.

SHB 1283 also included a requirement that the Department of Financial Institutions produce a report to the legislature by December 1, 2016 (and again by December 1, 2017) summarizing various details of nonprofit debt adjusting activities in Washington. Staff will study the report and, if it is available before Committee Assembly, present a summary of the report to the Committee.

**STAFF:** David Rubenstein

## CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Second or third week of September	Puyallup	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financing Options for Storm Water, Onsite Septic, Flood, and Water Supply Projects</li> <li>- Local Government Infrastructure Financing Options</li> <li>- Model Toxics Control Act Revenue and Funding Stabilization</li> </ul>	Full Committee
Second week of November	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- K-12 School Construction Assistance Program Formula</li> </ul>	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School Construction: The Washington State University Inventory and Condition of Schools Final Report, and the Technical Work Group Initial Report.</li> <li>- Cross Laminated Timber</li> <li>- Local Government Infrastructure Financing Options</li> <li>- Model Toxics Control Act Revenue and Funding Stabilization</li> <li>- Competitive Grant Program for Local Community Projects</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Financing Options for Storm Water, Onsite Septic, Flood, and Water Supply Projects**

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**GOAL:** Develop options, and possible draft legislation, for financing storm water, onsite septic, flood, and water supply projects.

**DESCRIPTION:** During the past three legislative sessions, the Committee has received data and testimony about human and environmental health and safety issues associated with: low water supply in portions of eastern Washington; catastrophic flood damage in the Chehalis River Basin and other areas; and pollution of state waterways from storm water runoff. The House Task Force on Washington Waters and other legislative committees have made preliminary efforts to quantify the needs and to identify new sources of funding to meet the significant resource gaps.

Building upon these prior activities, the Committee will identify and consider revenue options for financing local water projects, including storm water, onsite septic systems, flood hazard reduction/habitat restoration, and water supply projects. Legislation incorporating selected revenue options may be developed for consideration in the 2017 session.

In order to determine the amounts of revenue to be raised and the relevant timeframes, the Committee will also monitor the consultant-led analysis of the scale and timing requirements for water infrastructure investments as directed in Section 1020 of ESHB 2380 (the 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget).

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Meg VanSchoorl and Finance Committee staff



## **Local Government Infrastructure Financing Options**

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**GOAL:** Monitor development of local government infrastructure financing options, including draft legislation and budget proposals.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2009, with the Great Recession significantly impacting general state revenues, the Legislature initiated a redirection of resources traditionally used in the capital budget for use instead in the operating budget. These redirections have become an ongoing practice from the 2009-11 biennium through 2015-17.

The Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), historically used to finance local government infrastructure, is one of the primary capital budget fund sources that has been redeployed for operating purposes. The loan repayments and revenue streams from three dedicated taxes that formerly replenished the PWAA have not been available to the capital budget for new PWAA infrastructure loans since fiscal year 2012.

Recognizing the loss of PWAA resources and the existence of potential new public and private tools for infrastructure development, Committee staff will monitor work by the Office of Financial Management to develop local government infrastructure financing mechanisms, along with possible policy and budget proposals. The Committee will hold one or two work sessions to receive stakeholder testimony on local government infrastructure needs and to review any draft policy bills and budget options for the 2017 legislative session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One or two work sessions

**STAFF:** Meg VanSchoorl and Appropriations Committee staff

## **Model Toxics Control Act Revenue and Funding Stabilization**

**GOAL:** Develop different options for providing more revenue for the three Model Toxics Control Act accounts.

**DESCRIPTION:** Section 6020 of the 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget directs the Office of Financial Management to analyze and make recommendations for stabilizing revenue for the three Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) accounts. The accounts receive funding from a Hazardous Substance Tax of 0.7% on the price of hazardous materials, including oil, that enter the state. The price of oil per barrel has a larger impact on the revenues than other hazardous materials. With oil prices falling the past year, revenues have declined accordingly. This decline has required large cuts to MTCA programs that were funded in the 2015 Capital Budget.

The Committee will develop different options for providing more revenue to the MTCA accounts, and may select options to pursue as legislation in the 2017 session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** Steve Masse

## **K-12 School Construction Assistance Program Formula**

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**GOAL:** Explore alternative funding formula structures to provide state assistance to local school districts for school construction needs.

**DESCRIPTION:** Since the 1960s, Washington has provided financial assistance to school districts in the capital budget for constructing new and remodeling existing school buildings. The School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) is based on two principles: (1) state and local school districts share the responsibility for the provision of school facilities; and (2) there is an equalization of burden among school districts to provide school facilities regardless of the wealth of the districts. To be eligible for state funding through the SCAP, a school district must have a space or remodeling need and must secure voter approval of a bond, capital levy, or other source for the local share of a school project. Once the local share is secured, the state money is allocated to districts based on a funding formula comprised primarily of a set of space and cost allowances and allocations, and a state funding assistance percentage (matching ratio) based on the relative property wealth of the district.

In the last several biennia, funding assistance through the SCAP has not met all of school construction needs. Other programs have been developed to provide state assistance to meet the facility space needs for specialized facilities such as vocational skills centers or distressed schools with aging facilities in need of modernization. Other state objectives such as increased graduation requirements for the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs require construction or modernization of lab and classroom spaces. And reduced class size objectives, for grades kindergarten through third, require constructing new schools or renovating empty school facilities to provide thousands of additional classrooms to meet those class size targets.

Recognizing that meeting state educational outcomes requires facility space and also recognizing that the current SCAP formula is insufficient to provide those spaces, the Committee will explore alternative funding formula structures to provide funding assistance for school construction to address a variety of facility space needs in a transparent and equitable manner. The Committee will hold at least one work session to receive testimony and exchange ideas with Committee members, and may schedule a second work session to review the draft legislation and budget proposals.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One or two work sessions

**STAFF:** Christine Thomas

## **School Construction: The Washington State University Inventory and Condition of Schools Final Report, and the Technical Work Group Initial Report.**

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**GOAL:** Receive a final report from the Washington State University Extension Energy Office regarding the data collection efforts of the Inventory and Condition of Schools database, and an initial report from the School Construction Technical Work Group regarding key elements and issues to consider for a possible Joint Legislative Task Force on School Construction in 2017.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the 2015 Capital Budget, the Legislature provided funding and tasked Washington State University's Extension Energy Office (WSU Energy Office) with collecting school data to complete the Inventory and Condition of Schools (ICOS) database maintained by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and verify classroom counts to support the K-3 Class Size Reduction (K-3 CSR) Grant Program. The WSU Energy Office made an initial report to the Legislature in December 2015 and a final report is due to the Legislature by December 1, 2016.

In the 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget, a School Construction Technical Work Group (Work Group) was formed whose members include fiscal and related staff from the Office of Program Research, Senate Committee Services, and the Office of Financial Management, in consultation with OSPI and other related stakeholders. The Work Group is tasked with monitoring the work and progress of efforts underway in 2016 regarding school construction, and gathering data and identifying key elements and issues for a possible Joint Legislative Task Force on School Construction in 2017.

Staff will provide research and monitor the work and progress of the K-3 CSR Grant Program; the inventory and data collection efforts of the WSU Energy Office to complete ICOS, a school construction cost study conducted by the Educational Service District 112; and the status of implementing capital grants for science, technology, engineering, and math education facilities at public schools. Staff will attend quarterly Technical Advisory Committee meetings facilitated by the OSPI to gather information and receive input to support the Technical Work Group.

The Committee will receive periodic reports on these efforts with an initial report during Committee Assembly. A final report is due to members by January 15, 2017.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Christine Thomas

## **Cross Laminated Timber**

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**GOAL:** Receive a report on the cost and barriers to using Cross Laminated Timber as a construction material.

**DESCRIPTION:** Section 2021 of the 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget provides funding for Washington State University to conduct a study to review and summarize engineering test results on CLT, and funding for the Department of Commerce to assist prospective CLT manufacturers in evaluating the market for CLT in the state.

Section 1022 provides funding for K-3 modular classrooms, with incentives for using Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) as a construction material. The Department of Enterprise Services will manage the contracts with at least two modular classroom builders, delivering up to four classrooms to five school districts identified in the proviso.

The Committee will receive a report on the cost and barriers to using CLT as a construction material.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Steve Masse

## **Competitive Grant Program for Local Community Projects**

**GOAL:** Develop draft legislation establishing a new competitive grant program for local community projects.

**DESCRIPTION:** A number of competitive grant programs for community-based capital projects are established in statute and funded in the capital budget, including Building for the Arts, Building Communities Fund, Youth Recreational Facilities, Heritage Grants, and Historic Courthouse Grants.

Competitive programs allow for thorough vetting of projects and the weighing of relative merit. However, the targeted nature and biennial application cycles of competitive programs means that each legislative session, members receive many requests from their communities seeking direct capital appropriations for local projects.

Staff will analyze recent member-request projects in terms of categories, amounts, and other data. The Committee will explore options for establishing an additional competitive grant program. The Committee will hold one work session to consider the options and possible draft legislation for the 2017 session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Meg Van Schoorl

## **CAPITAL BUDGET STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

### **Cross Laminated Timber – Manufacturing Research**

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**GOAL:** Monitor the Department of Commerce's work on the rural development potential of manufacturing cross-laminated timber.

**DESCRIPTION:** The 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget contains several appropriations and provisos related to supporting the use of cross-laminated timber (CLT) in state construction. Among the anticipated public benefits of CLT use cited by proponents during the 2016 legislative session was the potential for job creation and capital investment in rural areas of Washington.

Section 1021(2) of ESHB 2380 directs the Office of Financial Management to provide a grant to the Department of Commerce or to an associate development organization to assist prospective CLT manufacturers in an area with forest resources to evaluate the potential market and necessary investments to manufacture CLT.

Staff will monitor the use of the grant and any resulting data, and identify follow-up capital investments for Committee members to consider for the 2017 Capital Budget.

**STAFF:** Meg Van Schoorl

### **Capitol Campus Projects**

**GOAL:** Monitor development of the Capitol Campus Predesign and Capitol Campus Master Plan.

**DESCRIPTION:** Sections 1100 and 1101 of the 2015 Capital Budget direct the Department of Enterprise Services to provide a predesign and master plan for the Capitol Campus. The predesign will include cost estimates and best uses for the Pritchard Building and Newhouse Building.

Staff will monitor development of the Capital Campus Predesign and Capital Campus Master Plan, and provide updates to the Committee.

**STAFF:** Steve Masse

## **K-12 School Construction Database**

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**GOAL:** Finish developing a relational database of school construction data.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2014 joint efforts by staff from the Office of Financial Management, the Office of Program Research, Senate Committee Services, and the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program began development of a relational database of school construction data. The purpose of the database was to better predict state funding needs for school construction programs, and to provide staff with the ability to predict school facility capacity needs based on various educational outcome goals.

Staff will input, verify, and update data to complete the database, in consultation with staff from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State University Energy Office, and the Department of Commerce. Tools will be developed to analyze the data under different scenarios to determine capital budget impacts.

**STAFF:** Christine Thomas

## **Higher Education Site Visits**

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**GOAL:** Monitor progress of 2015-2017 capital projects underway and make site visits of potential 2017-2019 capital budget requests at institutions of higher education.

**DESCRIPTION:** Staff will visit at least three four-year institutions and three two-year institutions of higher education to monitor progress of capital projects funded in the 2015 Capital Budget. On these site visits, staff will also tour potential projects for consideration as a capital budget request by the institution for the 2017 Capital Budget.

**STAFF:** Christine Thomas

## COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June 13	Olympia	Work Session	- Marijuana Commerce in Washington State: Regulation, Enforcement, and Research	Full Committee
June 28	Olympia	Work Session	- Vapor Products: Legal and Regulatory Issues - Group 12 Amusement Games: Authorization and Regulation by the Washington State Gambling Commission - Preventing Access to Liquor, Marijuana, and Nicotine Products on the part of Minors: Policy and Regulatory Issues	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Legislative Proposals for the 2017 Session Regarding the Regulation of Liquor, Marijuana, Gambling, and Vapor Products	Full Committee

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## COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### **Marijuana Commerce in Washington State: Regulation, Enforcement, and Research**

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**GOAL:** Examine legal, regulatory, and research issues relating to development of the legal market for recreational and medical marijuana.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2012 Washington voters approved Initiative 502, which legalized the production, processing, sale, and possession of recreational marijuana. Since that time, the legal market has grown significantly: e.g., in fiscal year 2015, recreational sales totaled \$260 million and yielded \$65 million in tax revenue; in fiscal year 2016 (to date), recreational sales totaled \$682 million and yielded tax revenues of \$131 million. As of April 2016, the state has a total of 313 licensed marijuana retailers and approximately 890 businesses licensed for the production and/or processing of marijuana products.

In 2015 legislation was passed that combined medical marijuana and recreational marijuana into a single regulatory and licensing system administered by the Liquor and Cannabis Board in conjunction with the Department of Health. Effective July 1, 2016, under this integrated regulatory system, only licensed marijuana retailers with a medical marijuana endorsement may sell medical marijuana products. In 2016 legislation was passed that created a marijuana research license allowing licensees to grow and possess marijuana for research purposes and specifically authorized the University of Washington and Washington State University to conduct marijuana-related scientific research.

The Committee will hold one work session to examine legal, regulatory, and research issues relating to the development of the recreational and medical marijuana markets in Washington and other states.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session in June 2016

**STAFF:** Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter



## Vapor Products: Legal and Regulatory Issues

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GOAL: Examine legal and regulatory issues relating to vapor products.

DESCRIPTION: In 2016 the Legislature passed ESSB 6328, which created a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme governing commerce in vapor products. The term "vapor product" includes electronic cigarettes and a wide range of similar products consisting of battery-powered electronic devices that employ a heating element used to vaporize a liquid nicotine solution. The legislation prohibits minors from purchasing or possessing vapor products and requires that distributors and retailers of such products be licensed.

Studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have shown that in recent years the use of vapor products by youth has increased dramatically. Specifically, the CDC estimates that 79,000 teenagers used vapor products in 2011 and that this number increased to more than 263,000 teenagers by 2013. At present, there are no federal regulations governing commerce in vapor products, although the federal Food and Drug Administration is in the process of adopting administrative rules.

The Committee will hold one work session to examine legal and regulatory issues relating to vapor products.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session in June 2016

STAFF: Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

## **Group 12 Amusement Games: Authorization and Regulation by the Washington State Gambling Commission**

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**GOAL:** Examine the legal issues and policy implications relating to the authorization of Group 12 amusement games by the Washington State Gambling Commission.

**DESCRIPTION:** In July 2015, the Washington State Gambling Commission (Commission) established administrative rules authorizing a new category of electronic games, designated as "Group 12 amusement games," for play by persons age 21 and over. These administrative rules describe Group 12 games as electronic games which require players to solve a puzzle or complete a pattern in order to win a prize based upon the skill of the player in finding the winning solution. Following the adoption of the authorizing rules, several hundred of these games are now being used in taverns throughout the state.

During the 2016 session, however, several state legislators publicly voiced concerns about Group 12 games being games of chance akin to slot machines, and therefore a form of gambling, and formally requested that the Commission review its original decision and consider repealing the rules authorizing the Group 12 games. This request for reconsideration and possible repeal of the Group 12 games authorization rules was formally expressed in a proviso included in the 2016 Supplemental Operating Budget. The Commission is currently considering the adoption of additional administrative rules regarding the regulation of the games.

The Committee will hold one work session to examine legal issues and policy implications relating to the authorization of Group 12 amusement games.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session in June 2016

**STAFF:** Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

## **Preventing Access to Liquor, Marijuana, and Nicotine Products on the part of Minors: Policy and Regulatory Issues**

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GOAL: Examine policy and regulatory issues relating to preventing minors from having access to liquor, marijuana, and nicotine products.

DESCRIPTION: As the result of the legalization of marijuana, privatization of spirits sales, and the increasing availability of nicotine vapor products, the opportunity for minors to access and use these addictive substances has greatly increased in recent years. Accordingly, such access to liquor, marijuana, and nicotine products raises significant policy, regulatory, and law enforcement issues that warrant ongoing legislative attention.

The Committee will hold one work session to examine policy and regulatory issues relating to minors' access to and use of marijuana, liquor, and nicotine products.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session in June 2016

STAFF: Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

## **Legislative Proposals for the 2017 Session Regarding the Regulation of Liquor, Marijuana, Gambling, and Vapor Products**

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GOAL: Examine legislative proposals relating to liquor, marijuana, gambling, and vapor products.

DESCRIPTION: The state regulation of liquor, cannabis, gambling, and vapor products involves a wide range of evolving issues that require regular attention by the Legislature. Although significant legislation has been enacted in recent years with respect to all of these subject matter areas, there are many ongoing legal and policy issues that require legislative oversight.

The Committee will hold one work session to examine legislative proposals for the 2017 session with respect to liquor, cannabis, gambling, and vapor products.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session during Committee Assembly

STAFF: Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
May/June	Olympia	Work Session	- Local Government Resources for Affordable Housing Development	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- State Investment in Local Revitalization Programs - Resources for Tribal Communities and Veterans Populations in Rural and Remote Areas	Full Committee

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
TBD*			- Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs	

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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Local Government Resources for Affordable Housing Development**

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**GOAL:** Examine the existing resources and opportunities in order to assist local governments in developing and increasing affordable housing.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee considered a number of proposals during the 2016 session related to promoting affordable housing preservation and development in cities and counties. The Committee will study the approaches offered in these proposals and other ideas to determine the most effective options for supporting affordable housing at the local level.

The examination will include an assessment of existing programs and resources available to local governments, and which cities or counties have successfully used those resources. The legal and economic barriers to affordable housing development will also be examined to determine the need to create new opportunities and to find the best options for local governments.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

### **State Investment in Local Revitalization Programs**

**GOAL:** Review the current investment for the Community Economic Revitalization Board program and the Local Revitalization Financing program.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will consider the funding and administration of two programs operated within the Department of Commerce.

The Local Revitalization Funding (LRF) program allows local governments to finance public infrastructure projects with a contribution of the state sales and use tax collected in a designated revitalization area. The LRF program has been closed to new applications because the state contribution limit has been reached. The LRF program was amended in the 2016 session to provide opportunities for more local governments to participate in the program and to shift administrative functions from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Commerce. The Committee will examine the effects of these changes to the LRF program, as well as the state contribution limit.

The Community Economic Development Revitalization Board (CERB) program, also administered by the Department of Commerce, provides financing to local governments and tribes for public facilities that are used to support private economic development. The Committee will examine the current state investment in the CERB program and the projects financed through the program.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn and Kirsten Lee

## **Resources for Tribal Communities and Veterans Populations in Rural and Remote Areas**

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**GOAL:** Examine the particular needs of specific communities in rural or remote geographic areas regarding the availability and access to resources.

**DESCRIPTION:** Communities in rural and remote locations often do not have the same access to public resources as other communities that are closer to urban centers. Certain groups in these remote areas face particular challenges with obtaining services, economic opportunities, and affordable housing.

Veterans living in remote areas often are far removed from veteran benefit providers, which makes it more difficult to obtain services and opportunities. The Committee will examine the particular needs of these veterans and how to increase access to veteran health and other benefits, as well as how to improve job opportunities in these areas.

Tribes located in remote areas often create economic development opportunities for their own members, as well as the surrounding communities. The Committee will look at the kinds of economic opportunities produced on remotely-based reservations, as well as the services and housing access provided for tribal members.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn and Kirsten Lee

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

**Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs**

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GOAL: Study issues related to veterans and active military forces, including the structure and administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Military Department, and to make recommendations to the Legislature.

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs was formed to study and explore veteran and military related issues and to provide a venue for concepts and ideas to be introduced, vetted, and recommended to the Legislature.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: TBA

STAFF: Sean Flynn

## EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families	Full Committee

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
TBD*			- Legislative Children's Oversight Committee	
TBD*			- Children's Mental Health Work Group	
TBD*			- Legislative-Executive Workfirst Oversight Task Force	

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## **EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families**

**GOAL:** Monitor the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families, and receive information regarding the commission and its recommendations, and any accompanying legislation.

**DESCRIPTION:** On February 18, 2016, the Governor issued an executive order establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families. The Commission is responsible for making recommendations regarding the creation of a separate state agency for children's services, including which agencies and issue areas should be included in this new state agency. The Commission must issue a report of its recommendations by November 1, 2016.

The committee will receive a report from the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Delivery of Services to Children and Families during Committee Assembly.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Luke Wickham

## **EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

### **Achieving a Better Life Experience Program**

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GOAL: Monitor Implementation of the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program.

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature enacted House Bill 2323 in 2016, which establishes the Achieving a Better Life Experience program. This program must be implemented by the governing board by July 1, 2017. The governing board must submit semiannual reports to the legislature regarding progress toward program implementation and recommendations regarding legislative changes necessary to implement the program.

Staff will monitor the progress of this program and provide information to members regarding program implementation.

STAFF: Luke Wickham

### **Early Achievers Program**

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GOAL: Monitor implementation of the Early Achievers Program.

DESCRIPTION: In 2015, the Legislature enacted 2E2SHB 1491, relating to improving quality in the early care and education system through the Early Achievers program. The DEL will have eight significant deadlines to meet this interim in the implementation of Early Achievers, including the integration of all child care licensing standards and implementing an Early Achievers enrollment mandate for child care providers receiving state subsidy. Additionally, the federal government reauthorized the CCDF Block Grant in 2014 for the first time since 1996 so the DEL will be required to submit a CCDF plan, with many of the CCDF requirements intertwined with the Early Start Act.

Staff will attend Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) meetings, monitor the implementation of 2E2SHB 1491 (referred to as the Early Start Act), and monitor the Department of Early Learning's (DEL) development of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) plan.

STAFF: Ashley Paintner

## **Child Abuse and Neglect Record Categories and Retention.**

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GOAL: Analyze child abuse and neglect categories and the retention of those records.

DESCRIPTION: In 2007, the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 5321, which requires the Children's Administration of DSHS to destroy unfounded and inconclusive child abuse and neglect referrals within six years of completion of the investigation. It also removed the "inconclusive" category of child abuse and neglect determinations. Since 2008, the Children's Administration has made only "founded" or "unfounded" child abuse and neglect determinations.

Staff will provide information to the Committee regarding the current categories of child abuse and neglect determinations. Staff will also provide information to the Committee regarding the maintenance and destruction policies for child abuse and neglect records.

STAFF: Luke Wickham

## **EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

### **Legislative Children's Oversight Committee**

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**GOAL:** Monitor and ensure compliance with statutes, rules and policies related to family and children services, and receiving reports from the Office of the Family and Children's Ombuds.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislative Children's Oversight Committee was created in 1996 through the enactment of 2SHB 2856. The purpose of the committee is to monitor and ensure compliance with administrative acts, relevant statutes, rules, and policies pertaining to family and children services and the placement, supervision and treatment of children in the state's care or in state-licensed facilities or residences. The Committee also receives reports from the Office of the Family and Children's Ombuds.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** To be determined

**STAFF:** Luke Wickham

### **Children's Mental Health Work Group**

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**GOAL:** Identify barriers to access of mental health services for children and families and advise the Legislature on statewide mental health services for this population.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2016, the Legislature enacted E2SHB 2439, which established the Children's Mental Health Work Group. The Work Group will hold four to five meetings over the interim to identify barriers to accessing mental health services for children and families, and to advise the Legislature on statewide mental health services for this population. The Work Group is tasked with reviewing and developing recommendations in three primary areas related to mental health services for children: 1) assessment, eligibility, and billing; 2) workforce; and 3) child care and education. The final report, including recommendations from the Work Group, is due to the Legislature by December 1, 2016.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Four to five meetings

**STAFF:** Ashley Paintner

## **Legislative-Executive Workfirst Oversight Task Force**

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**GOAL:** Monitor the WorkFirst program, the operation of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and related policies.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2011, the Legislature enacted ESSB 5921, which established the Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Oversight Task Force to oversee the redesign of the WorkFirst program and to continue monitoring work activity requirements. The Task Force is required to meet quarterly, or as determined necessary by the co-chairs. The Task Force met on April 8th, 2016, and will likely have two more meetings this interim.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Three meetings

**STAFF:** Ashley Paintner

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Late April or Early May	Olympia	Site Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accountability: Standards and Assessments</li> <li>- Accountability: Governance</li> <li>- Basic Education and the Every Student Succeeds Act in Washington</li> <li>- Teacher Preparation Programs</li> </ul>	Full Committee
Late September or October	Toppenish, Yakima, and Spokane	Site Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teacher Preparation Programs</li> <li>- Basic Education and the Every Student Succeeds Act in Washington</li> <li>- Accountability: Governance</li> </ul>	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Basic Education and the Every Student Succeeds Act in Washington</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Basic Education and the Every Student Succeeds Act in Washington**

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**GOAL:** Understand how basic education policies and statutes in Washington interrelate with the provisions of the newly reauthorized federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislature has defined the state's program of basic education as "that which is necessary to provide the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the state-established high school graduation requirements that are intended to allow students to have the opportunity to graduate with a meaningful diploma that prepares them for postsecondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship." The Legislature has stated that this program "by necessity is an evolving program of instruction intended to reflect the changing educational opportunities that are needed to equip students for their role as productive citizens."

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10, 2015. The ESSA reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act for four years, and replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). In comparison to the NCLB, the ESSA places more education policy authority in the hands of states and school districts.

Because of this new flexibility, Washington lawmakers have an opportunity to review how their philosophical basic education goals relate to the statutory goals. During the 2016 interim, the Education Committee will evaluate the statutory definition and goals of the Program of Basic Education and consider how basic education should be addressed. The Committee will have a roundtable discussion about basic education and receive the Superintendent of Public Instruction's consolidated plan for implementing the ESSA.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Megan Wargacki and Ethan Moreno

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June	Olympia	Work Session	- Integrating the State Environmental Policy Act With Other Planning Laws	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Toxic Substances Regulation - Solid Waste Management	Full Committee

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## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Integrating the State Environmental Policy Act With Other Planning Laws**

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**GOAL:** Find opportunities for further streamlining laws used in land use planning without reducing environmental protections.

**DESCRIPTION:** The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) establishes a review process for state and local governments to identify environmental impacts from government decisions, including decisions to issue permits. Other state laws, including the Shoreline Management Act (SMA), also establish planning frameworks and permitting processes that may overlap with SEPA review requirements.

Several policy mechanisms integrate SEPA reviews with SMA and other local planning processes. For example, in 2012, the Legislature directed the Department of Ecology to update rules establishing categorical exemptions to the SEPA, including the integration of the SEPA with certain local planning requirements. Likewise, during the 2016 session, the Committee considered extending an exemption from project-specific SEPA reviews for projects that are consistent with local development plans that have undergone an up-front SEPA review.

During the 2016 interim, the Committee will continue to explore possible areas where SEPA overlaps or duplicates other laws, and will seek to identify opportunities to further streamline and integrate planning and permitting processes without lessening environmental protections.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jacob Lipson and Jason Callahan

## Toxic Substances Regulation

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**GOAL:** Continue to track developments in federal and state policies related to the regulation of toxic substances in products.

**DESCRIPTION:** In recent years, the Legislature has considered legislation on a variety of aspects of the regulation of toxic substances. Contemporary issues in state toxics regulation include the following topics:

- Earlier this year, the Legislature passed House Bill 2545, which restricts the use of five flame retardant chemicals in children's products and residential upholstered furniture. Under the legislation, the departments of Health and Ecology will also consider whether six additional flame retardant chemicals should be identified under the Children's Safe Products Act (CSPA) as high priority chemicals, thereby triggering reporting requirements for manufacturers whose products contain those chemicals. Based on the departments' CSPA evaluations and input from stakeholders, the Department of Health must submit policy recommendations to the Legislature for any of the six flame retardant chemicals designated as high priority chemicals under the CSPA.
- This year, the Committee considered toxic substances legislation addressing synthetic recreational fields that contain rubber material derived from used tires. Although the Legislature did not act on this bill, the Department of Health is evaluating data and monitoring research on the health and environmental impacts of rubber materials in synthetic fields, and some local governments in Washington have also evaluated and adopted related policies.
- After years of debate, the United States Congress has moved closer to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). In addition to changing the federal process for evaluating and regulating toxic substances, the TSCA reforms contemplated by Congress have the potential to preempt the state's ability to adopt its own chemical restrictions via legislation or executive action in the future.

During the 2016 interim, the Committee will continue to track: implementation of the 2016 flame retardant legislation by the departments of Health and Ecology; the activities of local governments and the Department of Health related to synthetic turf recreational facilities that contain material from used tires; and Congress's efforts to reform the TSCA.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jacob Lipson and Jason Callahan

## Solid Waste Management

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**GOAL:** Clarifying the scope of materials subject to solid waste management laws.

**DESCRIPTION:** Local governments and the Department of Ecology both have roles in implementing state solid waste management laws. Under the state solid waste management laws:

- counties are required to develop comprehensive solid waste management plans that are subject to approval by the Department of Ecology;
- local health departments are responsible for issuing permits to solid waste handling facilities; and
- the Department of Ecology adopts solid waste management rules that apply statewide and are implemented by local governments.

During the 2016 session, the Committee enacted legislation exempting certain items of commercial value from solid waste management requirements, and considered legislation to manage leftover paint via a statewide product stewardship program instead of via local waste collection systems. In addition, the 2016 Supplemental Operating Budget requires a report by the Department of Ecology regarding the use of waste collection infrastructure by the stewardship organization that manages the state's electronic waste stewardship program.

During the 2016 interim, the Committee will evaluate the scope of materials managed as solid waste and collected via solid waste collection infrastructure in Washington and other jurisdictions. In addition, the Committee will evaluate the use of traditional solid waste collection infrastructure by product stewardship programs, and the appropriate criteria for determining whether leftover materials, such as paint, should be managed via product stewardship systems or traditional solid waste collection infrastructure.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jacob Lipson and Jason Callahan

## FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September or October	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- State &amp; Local Tax Issues Related to the Media &amp; Entertainment Industries</li> <li>- Recent Trends in Nexus Standards in Washington and Nationally</li> </ul>	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updates on Interim Activities by DOR, LCB, JLARC, ERFC, and Other Workgroups with Tax-Related Duties</li> <li>- Recent Property Tax Trends</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **State & Local Tax Issues Related to the Media & Entertainment Industries**

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**GOAL:** Provide an overview of the various state and local taxes that apply to the media and entertainment industries.

**DESCRIPTION:** The broadcasting, film, cable, and direct-to-home sectors are subject to a variety of state and local taxes. These taxes can vary substantially by sector and by the local, regional, or national character of the business. Issues have arisen recently regarding the appropriate taxation of these industries in light of changes to state nexus standards and substantial disparities in taxation based on the method of delivery.

The Committee will review the various state and local taxes applicable to these industries.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jeff Mitchell

### **Recent Trends in Nexus Standards in Washington and Nationally**

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**GOAL:** Discuss recent changes in nexus standards in Washington and nationally and update the committee on the status of nexus litigation in other states.

**DESCRIPTION:** Federal law requires a taxpayer to have “substantial nexus” with a state before a state can require the taxpayer to collect and remit taxes to the state. The traditional view of “substantial nexus” for sales and use taxes requires the taxpayer to have a physical presence in the state, i.e. employees, property, etc. A number of states, including Washington, have begun using an “economic presence” standard for other taxes and have created click-through nexus for online retailers when purchasers access retailer websites through retailer-affiliates. Furthermore, legislation has been introduced in Congress in recent years that would authorize states to collect sales taxes from remote sellers if the states complied with certain tax simplification requirements.

The Committee will review the contours of the physical presence and economic presence standards in Washington and nationally, receive an update on recent nexus litigation, and learn about recent federal nexus legislation.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jeff Mitchell

## **Updates on Interim Activities by DOR, LCB, JLARC, ERFC, and Other Workgroups with Tax-Related Duties**

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**GOAL:** Receive briefings from the Department of Revenue, the Liquor and Cannabis Board, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, and the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council on tax-related activities occurring over the 2016 interim.

**DESCRIPTION:** During the 2016 interim, various state agencies will be involved with programs, litigation, studies, and other endeavors directly involving state and local taxes. Examples include: the Liquor and Cannabis Board's implementation of initiatives related to marijuana and liquor; a Department of Revenue-led task force addressing tax and business licensing simplification; the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee's performance audits of tax preferences; and the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council's quarterly analysis and forecasts of economic activity and state revenue.

The Committee will receive an update on these and other similar-tax related activities.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Dominique Meyers

## **Recent Property Tax Trends**

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**GOAL:** Describe the changes over the past 15 years in median home prices, assessed values, property tax rates, regular and special levies, and other property-tax related issues.

**DESCRIPTION:** The property tax was the first tax levied in Washington. Today, property taxes account for about 30 percent of total state and local taxes. Property taxes continue to be the most important revenue source for public schools, fire protection, libraries, and parks and recreation. The property tax is also the most complicated tax in Washington. Over the past several decades there have been substantial fluctuations in property values, but because of statutory and constitutional limitations and broader changes with respect to funding various services such as education and fire protection, there has been a unique interplay with tax rates, revenues, and the composition of state and local levies.

The Committee will receive an overview of these changes.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sarah Emmans

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Fall	Olympia	Work Session	- Information Technology in Transportation	Full Committee; Joint with TR
Week of Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Information Technology in Transportation	Full Committee; Joint with TR
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- General Government Agency Legislative Reports and Budget Initiatives	Full Committee

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July 18	Seattle	Work Session	- IT Project Oversight and Budgeting Task Force	Full Committee
September	TBD	TBD	- IT Project Oversight and Budgeting Task Force	Full Committee
November	TBD	TBD	- IT Project Oversight and Budgeting Task Force	Full Committee

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## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Information Technology in Transportation**

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**GOAL:** Identify short, medium, and long-term issues concerning the deployment of information technology in and for transportation purposes and to propose potential avenues to address the issues.

**DESCRIPTION:** Changes in automotive information technology (IT), with respect to vehicular functions that assist the driver in operating the vehicle, have advanced rapidly, with some in the industry predicting that fully automated vehicles will be ready in a matter of years, rather than decades. Moreover, consumer preferences regarding ancillary automotive IT features and use of nonautomotive IT while driving have also evolved quickly, spurred by developments in communications, navigation, and other IT devices.

The IT advancements in transportation have the potential to accommodate changing demographic preferences. Many teenagers are foregoing the early acquisition of vehicles, or even drivers' licenses, and many baby boomers are choosing to remain in the workforce longer than earlier generations and are seeking generally to stay active longer. The demands for transportation appear to be shifting.

The increase in the use of IT in transportation is not without concerns. Automotive safety, while having greatly improved in recent years, remains a concern for policymakers, in part due to a rise in distracted driving issues. In part, this is due to the utilization of IT devices in vehicles.

The General Government and Information Technology Committee, jointly with the Transportation Committee, will explore the practical, legal, and policy challenges of a changing world of IT in transportation. The membership will work to identify short, medium, and long-term issues concerning the deployment of IT in transportation that may need addressing, both at the state and local government level, and within the private sector. The membership will propose a plan for policymakers to address the issues in order maximize the benefits of IT with respect to transportation.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** James Mackison (GGIT) and Mark Matteson (TR)

### **General Government Agency Legislative Reports and Budget Initiatives**

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**GOAL:** Provide members with updates related to legislative reports and implementation of budget initiatives.

**DESCRIPTION:** There are approximately 68 state agencies with issues that may be referred to the General Government and Information Technology Committee. The Committee will receive an overview of legislative reports and budget initiatives for these agencies that were directed in the 2016 session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Dawn Eychaner, Meghan Morris, Dan Jones, Lily Sobolik, Linda Merelle, James Mackison, and Rachelle Harris



## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

### **IT Project Oversight and Budgeting Task Force**

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**GOAL:** Review current IT project development, project oversight, and budgeting processes in Washington state, other states, and private sector organizations.

**DESCRIPTION:** The work of the joint task force was extended in Section 911 of the Supplemental Budget. The task force is comprised of the chairs and ranking minority members, or their designees, of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and one member each from the two largest caucuses of the Senate and the two largest caucuses of the House of Representatives. The Director of Financial Management and the state Chief Information Officer, or their designees, are also members of the task force.

The task force will review options to increase enterprise wide IT solutions, improve project development and oversight processes in Washington, and to better integrate these processes with the budget process. The committee will also review budgeting for IT projects and make recommendations regarding how budgeting for IT spending in Washington might be more efficient. In its review, the task force may consider options such as a separate IT budget as a subset of the operating budget or a more long-term planning process like the 10- year capital budget project planning process.

The task force will report on any findings and recommendations it develops to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee and General Government and Information Technology Committee, the Senate Ways and Means Committee and Government Operating and Security Committee, and the Governor.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** 2-3 work sessions

**STAFF:** James Mackison (GGIT) and Julie Murray (WAM)

## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health Impacts of Marijuana Legislation</li> <li>- Access to Dental Care for Medicaid Enrollees</li> <li>- Washington State Health Insurance Pool</li> <li>- Administrative Simplification</li> </ul>	Full Committee
September/ October	Seattle	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seattle Center Volunteer Clinic</li> <li>- Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation</li> <li>- University of Washington Health Sciences Interdepartmental Collaboration</li> <li>- School Nutrition and Physical Education Requirements</li> </ul>	Full Committee
TBD*			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tour of State Hospitals with Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals</li> </ul>	Full Committee; Joint with SCQUISH and JUDI

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
TBD*			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability</li> </ul>	
TBD*			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight</li> </ul>	

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## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Health Impacts of Marijuana Legislation

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**GOAL:** Obtain an understanding of any effects of marijuana regulations on public health, including rates of substance use and abuse among youth and adults.

**DESCRIPTION:** Initiative 502 (2012) established a regulatory system for the sale of marijuana in Washington. Legislation in 2015 incorporated medical marijuana distribution into the regulatory structure established under the Initiative. The Initiative called for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to provide several reports on the effects of the marijuana regulations, including its effects on public health. A preliminary report was issued by WSIPP in September 2015 and several final reports are due beginning in September 2017.

The Committee will receive an update from WSIPP on its preliminary findings related to marijuana and public health.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Chris Blake

### Access to Dental Care for Medicaid Enrollees

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**GOAL:** Monitor the recommendations of the dental services work group at the Health Care Authority.

**DESCRIPTION:** Substitute House Bill 2498 (2016) directed the Health Care Authority to establish a work group to make improvements to the prior authorization system for dental providers in medical assistance programs. The recommendations are to address wait times for prior authorization approvals, dental services that do not need prior authorization, ways to reduce burdens on dental providers, and adjustments in payment practices. The Committee will receive an update from the Health Care Authority on the work group's findings and recommendations.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Chris Blake

## Washington State Health Insurance Pool

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**GOAL:** Receive an update from the Washington State Health Insurance Pool and evaluate whether continued pool coverage is necessary for certain populations.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Washington State Health Insurance Pool (WSHIP) provides health insurance coverage for individuals who are unable to obtain comprehensive health insurance or Medicare supplemental coverage on the open market. The WSHIP is funded through a combination of premiums, assessments on health insurers, and federal grants. The WSHIP will discontinue all comprehensive health insurance coverage on December 31, 2017, but will continue to offer Medicare supplemental coverage. In 2012 and 2015, the WSHIP submitted reports to the Legislature on the need for continuing WSHIP coverage for certain populations. The most recent report recommended that (1) the WSHIP continue offering both Medicare supplemental and comprehensive health insurance coverage beyond December 31, 2017, (2) the WSHIP funding formula be maintained, and (3) coverage for undocumented immigrants be expanded through the Alien Medical for Dialysis and Cancer Treatment Program to cover other serious medical conditions.

The Committee will receive an update from the WSHIP on current enrollment and the need for continued pool coverage for certain populations.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jim Morishima and Alexa Silver

## Administrative Simplification

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**GOAL:** Receive an update from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner on its administrative simplification efforts.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2009, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) was directed to designate a lead entity to develop processes, guidelines, and standards to streamline health care administration. The OIC and its lead entity, OneHealthPort, facilitated a work group to develop best practice recommendations on prior authorization. In 2016, the OIC plans to develop rules to provide transparency and predictability regarding the prior authorization process.

The Committee will receive an update on these rules.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Alexa Silver and Jim Morishima

## **Seattle Center Volunteer Clinic**

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**GOAL:** Receive information about the Seattle Center Volunteer Clinic and learn about ways to extend the model to other communities.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2013 the Legislature passed EHB 2351 which allowed health care professionals from other states to practice in Washington on a limited volunteer basis under certain conditions. To use the licensing exception, the volunteer health care professional must be affiliated with a sponsoring organization. In 2014 and 2015, the Seattle Center sponsored a free health care clinic which used volunteer health care providers from out-of-state and reported on the results to the Health Care and Wellness Committee.

The Committee will receive a report on the Seattle Center Volunteer Clinic activity in 2015 and its plans for the future.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Chris Blake

## **Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation**

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**GOAL:** Receive information on the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington collects world-wide population health data for research and policy analysis. The IHME makes its data available free of charge to anyone who requests it.

The Committee will receive information on the IHME's work and the types of data available to policymakers.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Alexa Silver and Jim Morishima

## **University of Washington Health Sciences Interdepartmental Collaboration**

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**GOAL:** Obtain a better understanding of how the life science department deans at the University of Washington collaborate.

**DESCRIPTION:** The University of Washington has several life science departments, including dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, social work, and health sciences administration. The University has been working to establish an integrated, collaborative learning system to connect disciplines, promote teamwork, foster mutual understanding, strengthen research, and advance health.

The Committee will receive an overview of the University's work on interprofessional education and care.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Chris Blake

## **School Nutrition and Physical Education Requirements**

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**GOAL:** Review efforts to help children achieve healthy active lifestyles and maintain a healthy weight.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Healthiest Next Generation Initiative, through the coordination of the Department of Health, has been working to establish policy options to help Washington's children achieve healthy active lifestyles and maintain a healthy weight.

The Committee will explore how to support these health goals for children while they are at school. The Committee will review recommendations for physical activity and nutrition and the extent to which Washington's schools are helping children meet these recommendations.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Chris Blake

## **Tour of State Hospitals with Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals**

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**GOAL:** Understand the issues facing patients and staff at the state hospitals.

**DESCRIPTION:** ESSB 6656 establishes the Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals to monitor, receive updates from, and make recommendations related to the role of state hospitals in the mental health system, the use of the Behavioral Health Innovation Fund, the monitoring of outcome measures, and reviews of survey results. The capacity of the state hospitals is an indication of the condition of the broader community mental health system.

The Committee shall participate in tours of state hospitals organized through the Select Committee.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One or two tours

**STAFF:** Chris Blake

## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

### Foundational Public Health

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GOAL: Monitor the development of a statewide proposal to modernize and fund foundational public health services.

DESCRIPTION: The 2016 Supplemental Operating Budget directs the Department of Health and local health jurisdictions to develop a proposal for statewide implementation of foundational public health services. The proposal must outline a plan for modernizing, streamlining, and funding a twenty-first century public health system. The first report is due to the Legislature by December 1, 2016. Staff will monitor the work of the Department and local health jurisdictions as they develop the report.

STAFF: Chris Blake

### Balance Billing

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GOAL: Address the issue of balance billing for medical services.

DESCRIPTION: Balance billing occurs when a health care provider bills a patient for amounts not covered by insurance. Balance billing most often occurs when a patient receives services from a provider who does not contract with the patient's insurer. In this project, staff will work with stakeholders to discuss legislative options to address balance billing for medical services rendered by out-of-network providers.

STAFF: Jim Morishima and Alexa Silver



## **HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

### **Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability**

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**GOAL:** Review issues affecting aging and disabled populations to promote quality services and appropriate supports to these populations.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability was convened during the 2013 and 2014 interims to develop a strategy for addressing several issues related to preparing for the aging of Washington's population. The 2015-17 Operating Budget continues the Committee through the 2016 interim with two additional members and several new topics.

In the 2016 interim, the Committee plans to follow up on the items that it discussed last year relating to improving the care of residents in institutional settings and guardianships. In addition, the Committee will consider other issues including the health care needs of older adults, support for best practices in end of life care, financial security in retirement, and building communities that support older adults. The Committee will issue final recommendations by December 10, 2016.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Three work sessions

**STAFF:** Chris Blake

### **Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight**

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**GOAL:** Oversee and monitor executive agencies and the Health Benefit Exchange as they implement the state's health care policy.

**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.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** Alexa Silver and Jim Morishima

## HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June	Tacoma	Work Session	- Development of the Washington Student Achievement Council Strategic Action Plan	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Free Tuition Programs	Full Committee

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## HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Development of the Washington Student Achievement Council Strategic Action Plan

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**GOAL:** Receive a briefing by the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) on the state's 10-year higher education attainment goals outlined in the 2015 Roadmap Update Report and the WSAC's objectives and process for developing its Strategic Action Plan, in part, to help prepare members who will attend the WSAC meeting the following day.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is directed by statute to develop the state's higher education attainment goals and priorities. The WSAC developed, and the Legislature adopted, educational attainment goals that, by 2023: (a) all adults in the state, ages 25-44, will have a high school diploma or equivalent; and (b) at least 70 percent of adults in the state, ages 25-44, will have a postsecondary credential. The WSAC is required to create a two-year Strategic Action Plan as part of reaching the education attainment goals. The Strategic Action Plan includes specific policy and investment recommendations. The WSAC must collaborate with related agencies and stakeholders, including K-12, community and technical colleges, and public and private baccalaureate institutions, when developing the Strategic Action Plan.

On June 15, 2016, the WSAC will meet at Bates Technical College to discuss the development of the 2016 Strategic Action Plan. The WSAC plans to invite legislators, as well as other stakeholders, to participate in break-out sessions and/or panel discussions during the WSAC meeting.

The Committee will hold a work session the day before the WSAC meeting in order to receive a briefing by the WSAC on the 10-year attainment goals and development of the Strategic Action Plan for the purpose of providing members who plan to participate in the WSAC meeting with a broad overview of the objectives and processes.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Megan Mulvihill and Trudes Tango

## Free Tuition Programs

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**GOAL:** Review programs that provide free college tuition to determine if a similar policy proposal is appropriate for Washington and discuss possible legislation.

**DESCRIPTION:** Free community college programs and legislation are being introduced across the country, and it has been a national topic of political debate. Tennessee was the first state in the country to enact a free community college program, known as the Tennessee Promise, with Oregon and Minnesota following.

In addition, there are a range of scholarship and grant programs across the country, at local and statewide jurisdictions, that cover the majority of tuition based on a variety of eligibility factors, such as need, merit, field of study, and geographic location. Washington's two largest financial aid programs, the State Need Grant and the College Bound Scholarship, provide grants to students based on need.

The Committee will review the different types of promise programs and other scholarship, grant, and waiver programs, comparing the different eligibility requirements, the costs, and looking at the impacts of free community college on the higher education systems in Tennessee, Oregon, and Minnesota. The Committee will consider whether similar legislation should be pursued, and the possible impact on Washington's higher education system and financial aid programs.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Megan Mulvihill and Trudes Tango

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September or October	Olympia	Work Session	- Adjudicative Proceedings - Incentivized Informant Testimony	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- 2017 Session Preview	Full Committee
TBD*		Tour	- Tour of State Hospitals with Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals	Full Committee; Joint with SCQISH and HCW

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
TBD*			- Task Force on Use of Body Worn Cameras	

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## **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Adjudicative Proceedings**

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**GOAL:** Understand how and when adjudicative proceedings under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) are conducted, as well as the interrelationship between adjudicative proceedings and judicial review of agency action.

**DESCRIPTION:** Under the APA, an “adjudicative proceeding” means a proceeding before an agency in which an opportunity for hearing before that agency is required by statute or constitutional right before or after the entry of an order by the agency. Adjudicative proceedings also include most cases of licensing and rate making in which an application for a license or rate change is denied, or a license is revoked, suspended, or modified, or in which the granting of an application is contested by a person having standing to contest under the law. The APA establishes procedures under which adjudicative proceedings are conducted, and includes a variety of provisions that set the parameters and provide the framework for such proceedings, including provisions regarding presiding officers, time limits, discovery, rules of evidence, ex parte communications, and entry of initial and final orders. The APA also establishes the means for judicial review of most agency action.

The Committee will receive a briefing and hear stakeholder comment regarding procedures under which adjudicative proceedings are conducted under the APA.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Cece Clynych

### **Incentivized Informant Testimony**

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**GOAL:** Examine the issues surrounding the use of incentivized informant testimony in criminal proceedings and possible policy changes to address those issues.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee considered legislation in 2016 (HB 2654) addressing the issue of incentivized informant testimony in criminal proceedings. Incentivized informant testimony is testimony from a criminal suspect or suspected accomplice who provides the testimony in exchange for a benefit, such as a plea deal, payment, promise of leniency, or other advantage offered by the state. HB 2654 would have created a process for a pre-trial hearing on the reliability of an incentivized informant's testimony, with possible exclusion of the testimony from trial if the court finds insufficient indicia of its reliability.

The Committee will hold a work session to hear from representatives of the Innocence Project Northwest and the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, as well as other stakeholders and participants in the criminal justice system, to discuss the various issues surrounding use of incentivized informant testimony and potential policy changes to address those issues.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Edie Adams

## **2017 Session Preview**

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GOAL: Review legislation and issues for the 2017 session.

DESCRIPTION: The Committee will have a work session to review significant legislative proposals and issues for the upcoming 2017 session.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Omeara Harrington, Cece Clynch, and Edie Adams

## **Tour of State Hospitals with Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals**

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GOAL: Understand the issues facing patients and staff at the state hospitals.

DESCRIPTION: ESSB 6656 establishes the Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals. The Select Committee membership includes the Chair and Ranking members of the House Judiciary Committee, in addition to other Legislative and Executive branch members, and is directed to receive updates, monitor, and make recommendations related to the role of state hospitals in the mental health system, the use of the Governor's Behavioral Health Innovation Fund, the monitoring of outcome measures, and review of findings regarding the state hospitals.

The Judiciary Committee will participate in tours of the state hospitals that are organized through the Select Committee.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One or two tours

STAFF: Omeara Harrington

**JUDICIARY  
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

**Task Force on Use of Body Worn Cameras**

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**GOAL:** Examine and report on issues associated with the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement and correction agencies.

**DESCRIPTION:** EHB 2362, enacted in 2016, established a task force to examine and report on the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement and corrections agencies. The task force must examine and report its findings and recommendations regarding a number of issues, including: costs assessed to persons requesting disclosure of body worn camera recordings; body worn camera policies adopted by agencies; retention and retrieval of body worn camera data; model body worn camera policies; the use of body worn cameras in health care facilities subject to federal and state health care privacy laws; and the use of body worn cameras for gathering evidence, surveillance, and police accountability.

The task force must hold public meetings in locations that include rural and urban communities and communities in the eastern and western parts of the state. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2017. The task force expires July 1, 2019.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** To be determined

**STAFF:** Edie Adams



## LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 29	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workers' Compensation Benefit Accuracy</li> <li>- Workplace Bullying</li> <li>- Occupational Exposure to Lead</li> </ul>	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Labor Market Update</li> <li>- Agency Reports</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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

### **Workers' Compensation Benefit Accuracy**

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**GOAL:** Hear a report from the Benefit Accuracy Workgroup.

**DESCRIPTION:** Injured workers eligible for wage-replacement benefits receive 60 to 75 percent of their monthly wage, depending on marital status and number of children. Determining the monthly wage requires a calculation under statutory standards as interpreted by case law and various policies and practices. In 2015 legislation was enacted (ESB 5510) requiring the Department of Labor and Industries (Department) to convene a Benefit Accuracy Workgroup (Workgroup). The legislation directed the Workgroup to focus on improving the accuracy, simplicity, fairness, and consistency of calculating wage replacement benefits, and directed the Workgroup not to consider overall reductions in benefit levels. The second of two reports from the Workgroup is due September 1, 2016.

The Committee will hear the final Workgroup report.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Joan Elgee

### **Workplace Bullying**

**GOAL:** Examine the issues related to workplace bullying to better assess whether legislation is needed.

**DESCRIPTION:** Legislation to address workplace bullying has been introduced in over 20 states in the last few years. In 2015 both California and Utah enacted some form of legislation to address workplace bullying, mainly by requiring training for certain employers on "abusive conduct." In Washington, several bills have been introduced. Most recently, HB 2849 from the 2016 session would have made it an unfair practice under the Washington Law Against Discrimination to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.

The Committee will explore workplace bullying, including the complexity of defining "bullying," the extent to which current law does or does not address abusive conduct in the workplace, and best practices to address workplace bullying.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Trudes Tango

## **Occupational Exposure to Lead**

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**GOAL:** Receive an update on the progress of the Lead Safety Stakeholder Workgroup.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2013 the Department of Public Health, Seattle & King County, asked the Department of Labor and Industries (Department) to consider updating its standards on occupational exposure to lead. In the request, the Director of Public Health, Seattle & King County, noted that the state's current standards for lead are based on the level of scientific knowledge about lead toxicity available in the 1970s and therefore the standards do not reflect the current understanding of lead's health effects. As a result of that request, the Department convened a stakeholder workgroup, which has met at least three times since 2015 and is scheduled to meet several more times during the 2016 interim.

The Committee held a work session in the 2015 interim on the topic of occupational exposure to lead. As a follow-up in 2016, the Committee will hear an update from the Department regarding the workgroup's progress on making recommendations to amend the rules governing lead standards.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Trudes Tango

## **Labor Market Update**

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**GOAL:** Receive a report from the Employment Security Department on the state's labor market.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will receive a report from the Employment Security Department on the state's labor market, including trends in labor force participation, unemployment, and the growth and decline of various industries and occupations.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Trudes Tango and Joan Elgee

## Agency Reports

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GOAL: Receive reports from agencies on topics related to the Committee's work.

DESCRIPTION: Legislation requires the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) and several other entities to report on topics of interest to the Committee. These reports include, for example, an annual report from L&I, the Employment Security Department, and the Department of Revenue on underground economy efforts and a report from the workers' compensation Office of the Ombuds on the ombuds's work to advocate for the injured workers of self-insured employers. The 2016 Supplemental Operating Budget includes requirements that L&I report on a pilot program involving catastrophically injured workers and to report on performance measures for expanding evidence-based best practices to reduce the risk of long-term disabilities of injured workers. Other reports include a report from an independent researcher on workers' compensation structured settlements.

The Committee will hear selected reports from the respective entities and determine if legislation is needed to implement any recommendations.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Joan Elgee and Trudes Tango

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 20	Olympia	Work Session	- Review of the Growth Management Act	Full Committee
October 18	Olympia	Work Session	- Review of the Growth Management Act - Public Records Requests to Local Governments	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Review of the Growth Management Act - Public Records Requests to Local Governments	Full Committee

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## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Review of the Growth Management Act**

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**GOAL:** Review the Growth Management Act, identify areas of needed improvement, and prepare legislative proposals for the 2017 session.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Growth Management Act (GMA) was originally enacted more than 25 years ago in 1990 and 1991. Since its enactment, the GMA has significantly reformed the processes and results of planning decisions and land use practices in Washington. During this time period, the state has also experienced significant population growth.

An objective review of the GMA will be conducted for the purpose of identifying aspects of the law that are and are not functioning well after 25 years and significant population growth, and will include a review of school siting issues and other local land use issues. The first work session will be an overview and discussion between stakeholders and legislative members regarding aspects of the GMA that need improvement. Based on discussions and comments at the first work session, legislative options for modifying the GMA will be identified and considered at the second work session. Finally, at the third work session, the Committee will consider draft legislative proposals for the 2017 session and hear feedback regarding the proposals.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Three work sessions

**STAFF:** Cassie Jones

### **Public Records Requests to Local Governments**

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**GOAL:** Examine issues affecting local government responses to public records requests and options for addressing those issues.

**DESCRIPTION:** During the 2016 session, the Committee held a public hearing on HB 2576, which concerned public records requests to local agencies. House Bill 2576 included: (a) a proposal to create a task force or other stakeholder group to review local agency concerns about public records requests; and (b) a proposal to authorize local agencies to charge requestors for the actual cost of providing records requested for a commercial purpose. Ultimately, HB 2576 was not passed by the Legislature. The Committee's work sessions will continue the discussion started by HB 2576 regarding the possible creation of a task force or stakeholder group, and recovery of costs for commercial requests.

In addition, the State Auditor, in consultation with the state Chief Information Officer and the Attorney General, is developing a methodology and conducting a study to establish an accurate cost estimate for providing paper and electronic copies of records in response to requests under the Public Records Act. These work sessions will examine the results of the completed study.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** Cassie Jones

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July 12, 2016	Camp Murray/ Tillicum	Tour	- Tour of Camp Murray	Full Committee; Joint with GGIT
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Standards for Local Jail Operations - Review of Prostitution Laws	Full Committee

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
TBD*	TBD	Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Community Policing Standards	Full Committee
TBD	TBD	Work Session	- Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Best Practices Task Force	Full Committee

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Standards for Local Jail Operations**

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**GOAL:** Research and review strategies for improving jail conditions and operations.

**DESCRIPTION:** State law requires local governments that own or operate correctional facilities to adopt and follow their own standards for the operation of those facilities. Standards must meet federal and state constitutional requirements relating to health, safety, and welfare of inmates and staff. Prior to 1988, a state board created and enforced statewide standards for local jail operations. However, the Legislature eliminated the board and the statewide standards. Recent reports from advocacy organizations, the media, and constituents have raised concerns over the lack of accountability and oversight in local jail facilities.

The Committee will review legislative strategies for improving jail conditions and operations.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard

### **Review of Prostitution Laws**

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**GOAL:** Review current prostitution statutes and evaluate literature on best approaches to addressing prostitution issues.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the 2015-2016 biennium, the Committee heard two significant proposals regarding the crime of Patronizing a Prostitute, HB 1558 (2015) and SB 5277 (2016). House Bill 1558 would enhance the laws for seizure and forfeiture of property connected to the crime of Patronizing a Prostitute. Senate Bill 5277 would increase the penalty for Patronizing a Prostitute from a simple misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor, thereby increasing the maximum term of confinement to 364 days and the maximum fine to \$5,000. Both hearings generated conflicting public testimony on the effectiveness of criminalization and increased penalties.

The Committee also heard and reported out a proposal regarding the crime of Prostitution. House Bill 2668 (2016) would expand current laws allowing a person to vacate a conviction for Prostitution when it was the result of being a victim of a trafficking or a prostitution-related offense.

The Committee will examine this issue further by receiving testimony from experts and evaluating the current literature on the issue of prostitution, including criminalization, appropriate penalties, and vacation of convictions. The Committee will consider whether to pursue legislation in the 2017 session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard



**PUBLIC SAFETY  
STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

## **Impaired Driving**

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**GOAL:** Determine strategies to reduce the number of DUI-related deaths and serious injuries that take place each year.

**DESCRIPTION:** Developing strategies to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries in Washington due to impaired driving is one of the major issues that the Committee considers each year. A person may commit Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug if the person drives with a blood or breath alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or higher, or is under the influence of or affected by liquor or any drug (which includes any chemical inhaled or ingested for its intoxicating or hallucinatory effects).

Each year a round table workgroup of over 35 stakeholders gather to discuss and make recommendations relating to strengthening DUI laws and reducing DUI incidents. The stakeholders include but are not limited to legislators, defense attorneys, prosecutors, Victim Impact Panel representatives, victims and family members of victims, judges, law enforcement officers, MADD volunteers, representatives of ignition interlock and BAC companies, and representatives from the Department of Corrections, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, and the Department of Licensing. The goal of the diverse stakeholder group is to prevent impaired driving and to determine strategies to reduce the number of serious DUI-related incidents that take place each year.

**STAFF:** Yvonne Walker

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

**Joint Legislative Task Force on Community Policing Standards**

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**GOAL:** Learn about current laws, practices, and training programs on the use of deadly force, and review ways to reduce the number of violent interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the public.

**DESCRIPTION:** Deadly force is the intentional application of force through the use of firearms or any other means reasonably likely to cause death or serious physical injury. State law authorizes the use of deadly force by officers in certain specified circumstances. In considering whether to use deadly force to arrest or apprehend any person for the commission of any crime, a peace officer must have probable cause to believe that the suspect poses a threat of serious physical harm to the officer or others if he or she is not apprehended.

In 2016, ESHB 2908 was enacted which created a joint legislative task force charged with reviewing current laws, practices, and training programs on the use of deadly force and recommending ways to reduce the number of violent interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the public.

The Task Force will review literature and reports on the use of deadly force, and plans to consult with persons, organizations, and entities with interest or experience in community policing including, but not limited to, law enforcement, local governments, professional associations, community organizations, advocacy groups, and faith-based organizations.

The Task Force must have at least four meetings in 2016. A report with findings and recommendations is due to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 1, 2016.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Four work sessions

**STAFF:** Yvonne Walker and Kelly Leonard

**Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Best Practices Task Force**

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**GOAL:** Reduce the number of untested sexual assault kits, and improve state and local practices for responding to sexual assault.

**DESCRIPTION:** The SAFE Best Practices Task Force (Task Force) was created with the passage of SHB 1068 (2015) to reduce the number of untested sexual assault kits in Washington, and to review and recommend state and local best practices for responding to sexual assaults, including examinations, investigations, and prosecutions. The Task Force will execute its work plan and goals included in the 2015 preliminary report before it concludes its operations on June 30, 2018.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Three work sessions

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard and Yvonne Walker

## STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June/July	Olympia	Work Session	- Open Data Policies and Modernizing Public Disclosure Laws	Full Committee
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Agency Rulemaking - Public Disclosure Commission - Elections Technology	Full Committee

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
TBD*	Olympia	Public Hearing and Work Session	- Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee	Full Committee

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## **STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Open Data Policies and Modernizing Public Disclosure Laws**

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**GOAL:** Identify opportunities to modernize public disclosure laws and understand the relationship of the Public Records Act to open data policies at the state and local level.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will examine options for modernizing the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act. The Office of the Chief Information Officer, the Attorney General, and other stakeholders will update the Committee on state policies and activities related to open data and how the state is working with local governments on these issues.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Dawn Eychaner

### **Agency Rulemaking**

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**GOAL:** Review the decision-making process for developing and implementing agency rules.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will hold a work session with representatives from the Office of Financial Management and other state agencies to review how agency rules are developed and implemented, examine the impacts of rulemaking on businesses, and hear recommendations for streamlining the process and reducing the number of agency rules. The Committee will examine the delegation of legislative authority and the Legislature's continued oversight role with respect to rulemaking.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

### **Public Disclosure Commission**

**GOAL:** Consider the legislative requests of the Public Disclosure Commission.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) will report on agency-request legislation introduced in the 2016 session and discuss agency needs for the upcoming biennium.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

## **Elections Technology**

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**GOAL:** Update the Committee on the status of state and local election technology. Explore what worked and what did not work during the 2016 election.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will receive an update from the Secretary of State and county auditors on recent enhancements to the state voter registration database, local technology needs, and the potential for uniform ballot design. The Secretary of State and county auditors will also brief the Committee on the 2016 elections process, including what worked and what did not work at the state and county levels.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Dawn Eychaner

## **STATE GOVERNMENT STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

### **Automatic Voter Registration**

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**GOAL:** Track legislative proposals and laws pertaining to automatic voter registration in other states.

**DESCRIPTION:** Staff will research and analyze proposed legislation and the results of enacted automatic voter registration laws in other states such as California, Oregon, and Maryland. Staff will report findings to the Committee.

**STAFF:** Dawn Eychaner

### **Ballot Canvassing**

**GOAL:** Explore timelines and parameters regarding the mailing of ballots.

**DESCRIPTION:** Election ballots mailed on election day may not be counted if the ballot is not deposited in a mailbox in time. Postal boxes often have different deadlines for mail pick up, which can create confusion for voters on election day. Staff, in consultation with the United States Postal Service, the Secretary of State, and county elections offices, will study how voters are informed about the latest time in which a ballot can be mailed on election day and be counted. Research will include the possibility of standardizing ballot mail collection.

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

**STATE GOVERNMENT  
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

**Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee**

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GOAL: Select subject(s) for oral histories.

DESCRIPTION: The Committee directs the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives in the administration of the Legislative Oral History Program. The program records and documents select oral histories of current and former members, staff, and other citizens who have participated in the political history of the Washington State Legislature.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Two full committee meetings

STAFF: Dawn Eychaner

## TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 12	Olympia	Work Session	- Information Technology in Transportation	Full Committee; Joint with GGIT and TR
Week of Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Information Technology in Transportation	Full Committee; Joint with GGIT and TR
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Renewable Energy Policy Options and New Business Models - Timely Issuance of State Agency Permits as an Economic Development Priority - Emerging Economic Development Opportunities	Full Committee

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
May	Olympia	Public Hearing/ Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on the Economic Resilience of Maritime & Manufacturing	Full Committee

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## TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Information Technology in Transportation

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**GOAL:** Identify short, medium, and long-term issues concerning the deployment of information technology in and for transportation purposes and to propose potential avenues to address the issues.

**DESCRIPTION:** Changes in automotive information technology (IT) with respect to vehicular functions that assist the driver in operating the vehicle have advanced rapidly, with some in the industry predicting that fully automated vehicles will be ready in a matter of years, rather than decades. Moreover, consumer preferences regarding ancillary automotive IT features and use of nonautomotive IT while driving have also evolved quickly, spurred by developments in communications, navigation, and other IT devices.

The IT advancements in transportation have the potential to accommodate changing demographic preferences. Many teenagers are foregoing the early acquisition of vehicles or even drivers' licenses, and many baby boomers are choosing to remain in the workforce longer than earlier generations and are seeking generally to stay active longer. The demands for transportation appear to be shifting.

The increase in the use of IT in transportation is not without concerns. Automotive safety, while having greatly improved in recent years, remains a concern for policymakers, in part due to a rise in distracted driving issues. In part, this is due to the utilization of IT devices in vehicles.

The Technology and Economic Development Committee, jointly with the Transportation Committee and the General Government and Information Technology Committee, will explore the practical, legal, and policy challenges of a changing world of information technology in transportation. The membership will work to identify short, medium, and long-term issues concerning the deployment of IT in transportation that may need addressing, both at the state and local government level and within the private sector. The membership will propose a plan for policymakers to address the issues in order maximize the benefits of IT with respect to transportation.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** Jasmine Vasavada (TED), Mark Matteson (TR), and James Mackison (GGIT)

## **Renewable Energy Policy Options and New Business Models**

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**GOAL:** Receive a staff report on committee efforts to develop energy policy related to the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard and other policies aimed at promoting renewable energy, the net metering statute, and new business models that facilitate integration of distributed energy resources.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will learn about new business models and policies that can assist in promoting distributed energy resources. Members will learn about Oregon's recent amendments to its Renewable Portfolio Standard, potential strategies aimed at flattening the "duck curve" of electricity demand, and innovative efforts at various electric utilities in Washington that are contributing to the development of methodologies to value both the services provided and demands imposed by the integration of distributed energy resources. The Committee will discuss how the existing policy framework in Washington, including but not limited to the Energy Independence Act and net metering laws, might be amended to better facilitate the emergence of new business models.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Nikkole Hughes and Jasmine Vasavada

## **Timely Issuance of State Agency Permits as an Economic Development Priority**

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**GOAL:** Receive a status update on the implementation of permit timeliness legislation, HB 2192 (2014).

**DESCRIPTION:** A 2013 performance audit by the State Auditor's Office reported that predictable permit decision times help businesses successfully plan their activities and make sound investment choices, but that state agencies could shorten the time it takes to submit, review, and make decisions on business permit applications through simple improvements. In 2014 the Legislature enacted HB 2192, requiring designated state agencies to post permit assistance information online. The legislation established timelines for agency compliance with various requirements, including requiring agencies to post by March 2016 data-based estimates of permit application completion and decision times. The Office of Regulatory Assistance and Innovation and state agencies designated in HB 2192 will report to the Committee on the progress they have made in tracking and reporting permit timeliness information, any problems and opportunities identified that affect permit timeliness, and improvement efforts implemented as a result of the legislation.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Kirsten Lee and Jasmine Vasavada

## Emerging Economic Development Opportunities

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GOAL: Learn more about two emerging industries.

DESCRIPTION: Members will receive briefings about two emerging industries in Washington:

(1) Cross-laminated timber (CLT), a new generation of engineered wood product developed initially in Europe, has been gaining popularity in residential and non-residential applications. In Washington, CLT is attracting interest from both the construction and wood industries, but at this time there is no CLT manufacturer in the state. The 2016 supplemental capital budget appropriated funding to Washington State University to summarize engineering test results and other evidence demonstrating the performance of this new building material and its potential manufacture from regionally-sourced sustainable or renewable materials. Another appropriation was provided to the Department of Commerce or an Associate Development Organization to assist prospective CLT manufacturers in evaluating the potential market and determine necessary investments to manufacture CLT. Members will hear from industry experts and agencies implementing the pilot project funded by the budget proviso.

(2) Due to unique microclimates, parts of Washington are experiencing economic development in the form of an emerging grain beverage industry, including maltsters, breweries, and distilleries. The Committee will hear from industry players and experts about the potential of branding to shape the national and international market for the grain beverage commodities grown in the state's unique microclimates.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kirsten Lee and Jasmine Vasavada

**TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

**Joint Legislative Task Force on the Economic Resilience of Maritime & Manufacturing**

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**GOAL:** Prepare and distribute a report of final recommendations by the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Economic Resilience of Maritime & Manufacturing.

**DESCRIPTION:** As required by its enabling legislation, the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Economic Resilience of Maritime and Manufacturing (Task Force) must develop both a short-term and a long-term action plan, which include both legislative and non-legislative approaches, to foster resilience and growth in the maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors. In developing these plans, the Task Force must consider the recommendations from both the Advisory Committee and from public testimony. A draft report on the Task Force's recommendations will be distributed to the members of the Task Force by the end April. The Task Force will vote on its final recommendations and action plans in a public hearing at the beginning of May. The final report will be distributed and publicly available before the Task Force expires on June 1, 2016.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session with opportunity for public comment at the beginning of May

**STAFF:** Nikkole Hughes and Kirsten Lee

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Early September	Olympia	Work Session	- Information Technology in Transportation	Full Committee, Joint with GGIT
Week of November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Information Technology in Transportation	Full Committee, Joint with GGIT
Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Federal Transportation Funding: Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act - I-405 Express Toll Lane (ETL) Implementation and Tolling Customer Service Reform - REAL ID Enforcement in Washington - Sound Transit 3	Full Committee

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**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** Mark Matteson (TR) and James Mackison (GGIT)

## **Federal Transportation Funding: Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act**

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**GOAL:** Receive a report from work groups tasked with recommending the allocation of federal funding.

**DESCRIPTION:** In December 2015, a new five-year transportation federal authorization bill was signed into law. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act provides \$305 billion in funding authority nationwide over the five-year period. Washington is projected to receive \$691 million in obligation authority during federal fiscal year 2016 through nine core programs. This is an increase of 4.3 percent or \$28.5 million over the previous federal authorization, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). The FAST Act largely maintains the core formula programs, but adds a new formula program and discretionary grant programs for highway, freight, and transit. The new National Significant Freight and Highway Projects, a discretionary program, is established and is funded nationally at \$900 million per year. The Surface Transportation Program is renamed as the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program into which the Transportation Alternatives Program is folded as a set-aside.

Certain FAST Act programs require funds to be shared between the state and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and local governments. Washington has traditionally determined the percentage share of federal funds to be allocated to the state and local governments by engaging key partners in a discussion. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) will convene such a group in spring of 2016. In 2012, for context, OFM formed a similar group, consisting of the transportation committee chairs and representatives from the tribes, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), ports, counties, cities, MPOs and Regional Transportation Planning Organizations, and transit. Presently 66 percent is allocated to the state and 34 percent is allocated to local governments. This split will continue until a new decision is made by the 2016 workgroup.

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2524 directs the WSDOT to update the existing freight mobility plan to comply with new requirements outlined in the FAST Act. In updating the plan, the WSDOT must convene a stakeholder group that includes representatives of public ports, the trucking industry, railroads, the marine industry, local governments and planning organizations, and the Washington Freight Advisory Board. The work group must also provide a list of prioritized projects eligible for the new freight funding.

The Committee will receive an update on the progress of both federal funds work groups, including information on decisions made regarding state/local fund splits and the types of projects expected to be eligible for freight funding.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Alyssa Ball and Jerry Long

## **I-405 Express Toll Lane (ETL) Implementation and Tolling Customer Service Reform**

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**GOAL:** Receive an update on I-405 ETL facility performance and on tolling customer service reforms.

**DESCRIPTION:** I-405's Express Toll Lanes (ETLs) opened in September of 2015 between Bellevue and Lynnwood and tolls were assessed to all vehicles without the required number of occupants at all times of day. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) lengthened a number of access points in December and January to allow drivers additional time to merge into and out of the express toll lanes. In March of 2016, the Transportation Commission changed I-405's express toll collection times to weekdays from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. only, with weekends and six major holidays untolled. Additional roadway and signage modifications have been planned by the WSDOT later in 2016.

The authorizing I-405 ETL legislation requires that the WSDOT report annually to the Transportation Commission and the Legislature on performance metrics related to traffic speeds, transit ridership, ETL usage rates, and revenue generation. The 2016 Supplemental Transportation Budget includes supplemental quarterly reporting requirements. This information is to be provided to the Legislature's transportation committees and must include: information on the travel times and travel time reliability in the ETLs and general purpose lanes for the entire corridor and commonly made trips in the corridor; a month-to-month comparison of travel times and travel time reliability for these segments; and total ETL and total general purpose lane traffic volumes.

Substitute Senate Bill 5481 (Chapter 292, Laws of 2015) requires the WSDOT to implement several tolling customer service reforms, including the provision of more notification for unpaid tolls prior to an issuance of a civil penalty, the use of greater discretion granted to the WSDOT and administrative law judges to waive or reduce civil penalties, and the provision of a mobile platform for toll customers. Additionally, in the spring of 2016, the WSDOT began implementing internal reforms to improve call wait times and pass fulfillment and to expand call center staffing. The WSDOT also plans to develop a real-time survey for immediate customer feedback and to create a volunteer business advisory group to provide input on customer service improvements.

The Committee will examine the quarterly performance data provided by the WSDOT, reviewing the impact of the ETLs on the performance of all lanes compared to the performance of these lanes prior to the ETLs' introduction and to the lanes' performance as operational changes have been introduced in the corridor. The membership will also examine impacts to transit ridership and adjacent roadways, as well as revenue collected compared to operating expenses and 2011 projections. The Committee will receive an update on both implementation of SSB 5481 and on customer service-related internal reforms.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jennifer Harris and Alyssa Ball



## REAL ID Enforcement in Washington

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**GOAL:** Receive an update on REAL ID enforcement timeline, current and future possible impacts, and related driver's license issuance topics.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2005 the REAL ID Act passed, and in 2008 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued final administrative rules governing state issuance of driver's licenses and identification cards and associated back office practices in accordance with the new law. While REAL ID does not directly impose federal standards on states, states are required to comply in order for state driver's licenses and identification cards to be recognized by federal agencies as REAL ID compliant for the purposes of accessing federal facilities, boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft, entering nuclear power plants, and any other purposes as determined by the Secretary of the DHS.

On April 1, 2016, federal facilities in Washington began requiring that state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards be REAL ID compliant to be recognized for the purposes of entry. Based on its most recent guidance, the DHS has given states until January 22, 2018, to meet the requirements of the REAL ID Act for the purposes of domestic air travel, unless they have been granted an extension to comply with the act. Beginning on that date, individuals will no longer be permitted to use a standard Washington driver's license or identification card to board a commercial domestic flight. However, the Washington issued enhanced driver's license and enhanced identification card will continue to be accepted for federal identification purposes, since they are authorized for federal identification purposes under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI).

Similarly to standard driver's licenses and identification cards, REAL ID requires that commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) and commercial learner's permits (CLPs) meet federal driver's license and identification card issuance standards. Washington currently issues its CDLs and CLPs in accordance with these standards, including restricting issuance of CDLs and CLPs to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. While the federal government permits states to also issue non-domiciled CDLs and CLPs to individuals domiciled in foreign countries, current state law does not permit the Department of Licensing (DOL) to do so. Individuals who received CDLs from the DOL in the past and who are not domiciled in the United States can no longer receive renewals of these CDLs under current state law.

The Committee will review the federal timeline for enforcement of REAL ID; current volumes and projections for Washington enhanced driver's license and identification card issuance; and, to the extent available, information regarding requests made of the DOL for new CDLs and CLPs and for CDL renewals by non-domiciled applicants. The Committee will use this information to evaluate the current and future impact to Washington of federal enforcement of the REAL ID Act and possible approaches to address the advance of REAL ID enforcement during the 2017 session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jennifer Harris

## Sound Transit 3

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**GOAL:** Provide an overview of the Sound Transit 3 plan, a progress update on Sound Transit 2, as well as next steps to be taken by Sound Transit.

**DESCRIPTION:** The current draft plan for Sound Transit 3 proposes approximately \$50 billion worth of expenditures over 25 years. If approved by the voters at the November election, the plan would extend the light rail system to Everett, Tacoma, Issaquah, Redmond, Ballard, and West Seattle. It would also expand current bus service, provide bus-rapid transit along much of I-405, build new park-and-ride facilities, expand the current Sounder service, and provide for maintenance of the system.

The funding for these expenditures would be provided by a 0.5 percent sales tax increase, a 0.8 percent increase in the motor vehicle excise tax, and a property tax of \$.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value, as well as a continuation of existing taxes, long-term debt, and federal grants. These taxes would equate to just less than \$400 per year for a typical household within the Sound Transit district.

The Committee will receive an overview of the Sound Transit 3 plan, the build-out of Sound Transit 2, and, if necessary, a description of Sound Transit's next steps with the regards to expansion of the current system.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** David Munnecke