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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Department of Fish and Wildlife Performance Review	Full Committee

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Department of Fish and Wildlife Performance Review

GOAL: Receive a final update on the Department of Fish and Wildlife's performance review process and results.

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is responsible for the management of fish and wildlife resources in the state. Facing budget challenges, the Department was allotted funding in the 2017-19 Biennial Operating Budget to undergo a performance review and to develop a plan to both balance revenue and expenditures, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations. The Department is due to complete the work in September of 2018. The Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee will invite the agency to provide a summary of the performance review process and the final results of the review.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Rebecca Lewis and Rob Hatfield

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation: Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6091 (ESSB 6091), enacted in 2018, created the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation (Task Force). The Task Force will meet over the interim to complete the tasks required in ESSB 6091, which are: review the treatment of surface water and groundwater appropriations as they relate to instream flows and fish habitat; develop and recommend a mitigation sequencing process and scoring system to address appropriations; and review the Washington Supreme Court decision in *Foster v. Department of Ecology*.

Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply: The 2017-19 Supplemental Capital Budget creates the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply (Task Force). The Task Force will meet over the interim to complete the tasks required, which are: to review needs and uses of surface water and groundwater in relation to agricultural uses, domestic potable uses, and instream flows; and develop and recommend studies. During the 2018 interim, the Task Force must focus its review only on water resource inventory area 4.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Robert Hatfield

JT. LEG. TF ON WATER RESOURCE MITIGATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June 13	Selah	Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation	Full Committee
June 22	Olympia	Public Hearing/ Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation	Full Committee
September	TBD	Public Hearing/ Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation	Full Committee
TBD	TBD	Public Hearing/ Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation	Full Committee
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JT. LEG. TF ON WATER RESOURCE MITIGATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation

GOAL: Review and make recommendations to address surface water and groundwater appropriations as they relate to instream flows and fish habitat.

DESCRIPTION: Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6091 (ESSB 6091), enacted in 2018, created the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation (Task Force). The Task Force will meet to complete the tasks required in ESSB 6091, which are: review the treatment of surface water and groundwater appropriations as they relate to instream flows and fish habitat; develop and recommend a mitigation sequencing process and scoring system to address appropriations; and review the Washington Supreme Court decision in *Foster v. Department of Ecology*.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Five work sessions/public hearings.

STAFF: Robert Hatfield

JT. LEG. TF ON WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June 25, 2018	Mount Vernon	Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply	Full Committee
Late Sept./Early Oct.	Skagit County TBD	Public Hearing/ Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply	Full Committee
November	Skagit County/TBD	Public Hearing/ Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply	Full Committee

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**JT. LEG. TF ON WATER SUPPLY
COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply

GOAL: Review needs and uses of surface water and groundwater in water resource inventory area 4, and recommend studies.

DESCRIPTION: The 2017-19 Supplemental Capital Budget creates the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply (Task Force). The Task Force will meet over the interim to complete the tasks required, which are: to review needs and uses of surface water and groundwater in relation to agricultural uses, domestic potable uses, and instream flows; and develop and recommend studies. During the 2018 interim, the Task Force must focus its review only on water resource inventory area 4.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Three work sessions with public hearing

STAFF: Robert Hatfield

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Behavioral Health Update - K-12 Public School Funding - Natural Resources Fees Study - Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget Studies and Reviews 	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of Foster Care Placements and Group Home Health and Safety Compliance - Residential Habilitation Centers and Federal Compliance - 2019 Budget Preview 	Full Committee

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Behavioral Health Update

GOAL: Update the Appropriations Committee on activities related to behavioral health.

DESCRIPTION: In the past few years, there have been state and federal court rulings related to lack of timeliness in providing involuntary civic and forensic services, including an order of contempt. In addition, the state is out of compliance with certain federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services rules at Western State Hospital which threatens ongoing federal funding at the facility.

Over the last several years, including 2018, the Legislature has enacted significant policy initiatives and budget enhancements related to improving mental health services provided in the community and at the state hospital.

The Appropriations Committee will review the progress made by the Department of Social and Health Services in implementing the policy changes and funding enhancements particularly related to: (1) staffing and a staff plan at Western State Hospital; (2) the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services certification/system improvement agreement at Western State Hospital; (3) community programs, particularly Behavioral Health Organizations; (4) behavioral health integration; and (4) state and federal lawsuits.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Andy Toulon

K-12 Public School Funding

GOAL: Receive an update on the Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation report to the Supreme Court and the Court's response.

DESCRIPTION: In the 2012 *McCleary* decision, the Supreme Court (Court) ruled that insufficient state funding caused school districts to rely on local levies for a portion of their basic education costs in violation of Article IX, section 1 of the state constitution. The Court retained jurisdiction in the case to monitor the state's progress toward meeting its Article IX obligation.

The Legislature has been implementing and funding Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2261 (2009) and Substitute House Bill 2242 (2010) over the last several years, particularly K-3 class size, all-day kindergarten, and materials, supplies, and operating costs. In 2017 the Legislature addressed compensation, the last remaining category, in Engrossed House Bill 2242. This bill, among other things, made significant changes to state and local funding, made policy and compensation related changes, established a new school district levy lid, and limited the use of school district levies and local effort assistance (LEA) to enrichment programs (not basic education). The Court's response to Engrossed House Bill 2242 and the Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation report in 2017 was that the Legislature met its constitutional requirements except that the compensation changes and funding were fully implemented in the 2019-20 school year instead of the 2018-19 school year.

In 2018 the Legislature enacted Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6362 which, among other things, fully implements (along with the implementing appropriations in the enacted operating budget) compensation changes in the 2018-19 school year instead of the 2019-20 school year.

The Appropriations Committee will receive an update on the Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation report in 2018 to the Court and the Court's response to the report.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kristen Fraser, James Mackison, and Jordan Clarke

Natural Resources Fees Study

GOAL: Receive an update on the Office of Financial Management's analysis of recreational fee options.

DESCRIPTION: The Ruckelshaus Center released a report on recreation passes and fees in Washington in December 2017. The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget required the Office of Financial Management (OFM), in consultation with the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to write a follow-up report that analyzes the cost and revenue potential of the recommendations in the Ruckelshaus Center report. The OFM's report is due to the Legislature by September 1, 2018. The Appropriations Committee will receive an update on OFM's analysis of recreation fee options.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Dan Jones

Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget Studies and Reviews

GOAL: Receive an update on studies and reviews related to the Department of Fish and Wildlife's budget and budget process.

DESCRIPTION: The 2017-19 Biennial Operating Budget provided the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) with one-time operational support, while also requiring three reviews of the agency's management and budget. These reviews include an organization and management assessment (completed in January 2018), a long-term funding plan (due by September 1, 2018), and a zero-based budget analysis (due with the agency's 2019-21 budget requests). The Appropriations Committee will receive an update on the results of the DFW's long-term funding plan and the zero-based budget study.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Dan Jones

Overview of Foster Care Placements and Group Home Health and Safety Compliance

GOAL: Review the spectrum of placements for children in foster care with a focus on provider capacity, recruitment, and retention. Review the monitoring and oversight of group homes for children in Behavioral Rehabilitation Services placements and receive an update on health and safety compliance in group homes.

DESCRIPTION: Children in the state foster care system are placed in a wide range of settings that include foster family homes, Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS) group homes, and BRS in-state and out-of-state facilities. The Appropriations Committee will receive an overview of foster care placement settings and a briefing on provider recruitment and retention issues, including trends in BRS placements.

The work session will also include a briefing on recent findings on health and safety issues within group homes, and an update on efforts by providers and state agencies to address these issues. Group homes are located in the community and are licensed to serve up to six children at a time. In March 2018, the results of a federal inspection were published showing that some group homes did not always comply with state health and safety requirements. The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget provided \$4.3 million GF-State (\$6.4 million total funds) to increase rates for BRS placements in congregate care settings including group homes.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Mary Mulholland

Residential Habilitation Centers and Federal Compliance

GOAL: Receive an updated briefing on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services compliance issues at the Residential Habilitation Centers and on the progress of the work group tasked with examining appropriate levels of care for RHC residents.

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Social and Health Services Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) operates Medicaid-funded placements for eligible individuals in both Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) and community settings. There are four RHCs statewide, two of which (Rainier School and Fircrest) are experiencing compliance issues with the Intermediate Care Facility certification that is necessary to receive federal reimbursement. The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget increased funding for RHC staff by \$7.8 million GF-State (\$15.6 million total funds) to assist in achieving Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) compliance. The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget also tasked a work group with examining how to support appropriate levels of care for RHC residents, and with submitting its agreed-upon preferred vision to the Legislature by December 1, 2018. The Appropriations Committee will receive a briefing on CMS compliance issues at the RHCs and on the work group's progress and report.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Mary Mulholland

2019 Budget Preview

GOAL: Receive an update on the November revenue and caseload forecasts, and receive a preview of the budget situation for the 2019 session.

DESCRIPTION: The Appropriations Committee will receive an update on the interim events impacting the 2017-19 Operating Budget and preview the budget outlook for the 2019-21 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 2019 Legislature.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Dave Johnson and Andy Toulon

APPROPRIATIONS RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

Joint Committee on Employment Relations: The Joint Committee on Employment Relations (Committee) was created in 2002 as part of the Personnel System Reform Act, and modified by Senate Bill 5969 in 2017. The Committee discusses and advises, as requested, on various aspects of collective bargaining. The Committee will meet to discuss collective bargaining related matters.

Expenditure Limit Committee: The Expenditure Limit Committee (ELC) was created in 2000 to determine and adjust the state expenditure limit annually as provided in chapter 43.135 RCW. (The spending limit was first enacted in 1993 under Initiative 601.) The expenditure limit currently is suspended through fiscal year 2020. The ELC also calculates the fiscal growth factor which is used in several statutory calculations. The ELC traditionally meets each November. The ELC will meet to adopt the fiscal growth factor.

Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation: 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 (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 2018.

Legislative Advisory Committee to the Committee on Advanced Tuition (GET) Payment: The Legislative Advisory Committee is required by law to meet at least once annually to provide advice to the Advanced Tuition Payment (GET) Committee and the State Actuary regarding administration of the GET program including, but not limited to, pricing guidelines; the tuition unit price; and the unit payout value.

Pension Funding Council: The Pension Funding Council (PFC) is responsible for setting economic assumptions and related pension contribution rates for Washington's pension plans. In addition, at least once every six years, the PFC administers an audit of valuation used for rate setting. The PFC reviews information related to economic assumptions associated with pension contribution rates.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Staff to the House Appropriations Committee

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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

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BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

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

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

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Robbi Kesler and Peter Clodfelter

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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

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CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Affordable Housing

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Melissa Palmer

Brownfields Redevelopment and Affordable Housing

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Melissa Palmer

**CAPITAL BUDGET
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Christine Thomas

JT. LEG. TF ON IMPROVING STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July 16	Olympia	Public Hearing/Work Session	- Joint Legislative Task Force on Improving State Funding for School Construction	Full Committee
September 27	Pasco and Richland - Eastern Washington	Public Hearing/Work Session	- State recognized K-12 school construction standards - Early education as it relates to K-12 school construction	Full Committee
October	TBD - Western Washington	Public Hearing/Work Session	- Small, rural school districts and the School Construction Assistance Program - State recognized K-12 school construction standards - Schools built to promote health and safety - K-12 School Construction Recommendations	Full Committee
December	Olympia	Public Hearing/Work Session	- K-12 School Construction Recommendations	Full Committee

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JT. LEG. TF ON IMPROVING STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Joint Legislative Task Force on Improving State Funding for School Construction

GOAL:

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: TBD

STAFF: Christine Thomas

State recognized K-12 school construction standards

GOAL: Review and become more informed on design and building standards in K-12 school construction to consider when making recommendations for state-recognized standards

DESCRIPTION: The Task Force must make recommendations for a state school construction financial assistance program that supports the construction and preservation of schools and balances the state and local share of school construction while considering local school districts' relative wealth. The Task Force must also make recommendations for a methodology to project state financial assistance needs for school construction over a ten-year period, measures of relative wealth of a district, education specifications recognized by the state, a capital asset model for new and modernization construction. A work session on these topics would inform members when making recommendations for these state-recognized standards in K-12 school construction.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Two work sessions

STAFF: Christine Thomas

Early education as it relates to K-12 school construction

GOAL: Review and become more informed on early learning facilities needs as they relate to K-12 school construction

DESCRIPTION: The Task Force must make recommendations for a state school construction financial assistance program that supports the construction and preservation of schools and balances the state and local share of school construction while considering local school districts' relative wealth. The Task Force must also make recommendations for an alternative means to fund and accommodate increased classroom capacity to meet K-3 class-size reduction objectives. A work session would inform members on the connection between the need for early learning facilities and K-12 school facilities needs, and may include such topics as the connection between co-located programs and K-2 centers as a model for school construction.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Christine Thomas

Schools built to promote health and safety

GOAL: Become more informed on design and building standards in K-12 school construction that promote health and safety

DESCRIPTION: The Task Force must make recommendations for a state school construction financial assistance program that supports the construction and preservation of schools and balances the state and local share of school construction while considering local school districts' relative wealth. The Task Force must also review utilization of school spaces for multiple purposes and school design and construction approaches that support effective teaching and learning by delivering education through innovative, sustainable, cost-effective, and enduring design and construction methods. A work session would inform the members on such design principles that promote health that may include such topics as moving to learn, environmental quality in school construction, and school safety and security.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Christine Thomas

K-12 School Construction Recommendations

GOAL: Develop recommendations related to K-12 Construction

DESCRIPTION: The task force is directed to make recommendations related to K-12 construction that balance state and local share of school construction and preservation considering school districts' financial capacity. Data and recommendations will be discussed at a task force meeting in December, prior to the recommendations due date of December 15, 2018.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Christine Thomas

COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Status of the Marijuana Industry in Washington, Including the Implementation of the New Marijuana Traceability System- Sports Betting: Legal and Policy Considerations	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reports by State Agencies on the Implementation of Previously Enacted Legislation, Significant Regulatory Issues, and Legislative Priorities for 2019	Full Committee

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COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Status of the Marijuana Industry in Washington, Including the Implementation of the New Marijuana Traceability System

GOAL: Examine legal and policy issues related to the regulation of the marijuana market, including home delivery issues, marijuana testing laboratories, and the implementation of the new marijuana traceability system.

DESCRIPTION: The marijuana industry in Washington continues to develop and adjust to recent regulatory changes as annual sales now surpass \$1 billion per year. Among the regulatory changes implemented in 2017 and 2018 are new restrictions on advertising by marijuana licensees, the creation of a license forfeiture process for unused marijuana retail licenses, changes to product labeling requirements, and the establishment of product safety testing requirements for certain cannabis-derived additives used in various medical marijuana products. In addition, pursuant to Initiative 502 (2012), in order to prevent diversion and to promote public safety, the Liquor and Cannabis Board monitors all marijuana business licensees through a "traceability system" that tracks all commerce in marijuana products from initial cultivation through retail sale. Beginning in late 2017, the traceability system underwent significant change insofar as a new vendor was selected to provide traceability system services to the state.

The Commerce and Gaming Committee will hold a work session to examine the implementation of recent statutory requirements, the overall status of the marijuana industry, and key regulatory issues, including home delivery of marijuana products, marijuana testing laboratories, and the transition to the state's new marijuana traceability system.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

Sports Betting: Legal and Policy Considerations

GOAL: Examine the legal and policy implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's May 2018 decision invalidating the federal prohibition on sports betting.

DESCRIPTION: On May 14, 2018, in the case of *Murphy v. National Collegiate Athletic Association*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act violates the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution by prohibiting states from authorizing sports betting. In the wake of this court decision ending the decades-long federal ban on sports betting, states throughout the country are examining their laws and policies pertaining to betting on sporting events. In anticipation of the court's decision, several states enacted legislation to legalize various forms of sports betting and are in the process of implementing such legislation now that the federal ban has been lifted. Many other states are also considering the legalization and regulation of sports betting, including the costs and benefits of such legalization.

In order to examine the legal and policy implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision on sports betting, the committee will hold one work session.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

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

GOAL: Receive reports from the Liquor and Cannabis Board, the Department of Agriculture, and the Gambling, Lottery, and Horse Racing Commissions regarding the implementation of legislation, significant regulatory issues, and legislative priorities for 2019.

DESCRIPTION: The regulation of liquor, marijuana, tobacco, vapor products, and various gambling-related activities involves a wide range of evolving issues that require continuous oversight by the Commerce and Gaming Committee (Committee). The fulfillment of this oversight responsibility requires that the Committee confer with the pertinent regulatory agencies on a regular basis regarding new and ongoing issues, implementation of existing legislation, and proposals for new legislation. Accordingly, the Committee will hold one work session to meet with the Liquor and Cannabis Board, the Department of Agriculture, the Gambling Commission, the Lottery Commission, and the Horse Racing Commission for this purpose.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September / October	Olympia	Work Session	- Affordable Rental Housing and Home Ownership	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Affordable Rental Housing and Home Ownership - Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs - Tourism - Tribal Updates	Full Committee

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Affordable Rental Housing and Home Ownership

GOAL: Explore affordable and market-rate rental housing and home ownership options to continue to address housing affordability needs.

DESCRIPTION: During the 2018 session, the Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs Committee (Committee) considered legislation to expand current programs and create new affordable housing options. The Committee will continue to explore these and other options, including market-rate rental housing and home ownership, to increase the availability of affordable housing throughout the state.

The Committee will focus particularly on assessing data from various agencies and stakeholder groups, examining certain regulatory considerations, including density, infill, and brownfield-related issues in the development of affordable housing, and exploring the regional impacts of affordable housing on different communities.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kirsten Lee, Sean Flynn, and Travis Yonker

Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

GOAL: Receive an update from the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs on its findings and recommendations.

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs (JCVMA) was formed in 2005 to study and explore veteran and military related issues, including the structure and administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Military Department, and to provide a venue for concepts and ideas to be introduced, vetted, and recommended to the Legislature.

The Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs Committee plans to hear from members of the JCVMA regarding the JCVMA's interim activities during December Committee Assembly.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kirsten Lee, Sean Flynn, and Travis Yonker

Tourism

GOAL: Receive an update on the newly-created statewide tourism marketing plan and program.

DESCRIPTION: During the 2018 session, the Legislature established the Statewide Marketing Authority to contract for statewide tourism marketing services, including the creation of a statewide tourism marketing plan and implementation of a statewide tourism marketing program. In fiscal year 2018, \$500,000 was appropriated to the Department of Commerce for an initial statewide tourism marketing plan. Beginning July 1, 2018, 0.2 percent of taxes collected on retail sales of lodging, car rentals, and restaurants will provide funding for the implementation of the statewide tourism-marketing program, up to \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2019, and up to \$3 million for each biennium thereafter.

The Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs Committee will receive an update on the statewide tourism marketing plan and program during December Committee Assembly.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kirsten Lee, Sean Flynn, and Travis Yonker

Tribal Updates

GOAL: Receive updates on issues relating to the government-to-government relationship of the state and Indian tribes, including how recent appropriations for the deployment of broadband are being used by tribes and what modernizations to the Columbia River Treaty are being recommended by tribes.

DESCRIPTION: The Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs Committee (Committee) considers issues related to the government-to-government relationship of the state and Indian tribes. During the 2017 and 2018 sessions, the Committee considered how the state could continue to improve its government-to-government relationships with federally recognized tribes. This included providing additional state assistance to tribes for housing, support services, and infrastructure projects. Additionally, the Committee explored improving tribal involvement in state decision-making processes as they relate to recognition of tribal rights.

The Committee will hear updates during December Committee Assembly on funding for broadband-related infrastructure and renegotiations of the Columbia River Treaty. Specifically, the Committee will hear how the 2018 Capital Budget appropriation for Community Economic Revitalization Board grants and loans for broadband-related infrastructure are being used to improve broadband access and deployment for tribal populations. The Committee will also hear recommendations for the modernization of the Columbia River Treaty, focusing on how tribal rights may be integrated into the Treaty through tribal participation.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kirsten Lee, Sean Flynn, and Travis Yonker

EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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

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EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Youth Exiting from Public Systems of Care

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Luke Wickham

EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Dawn Eychaner

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Determinants of Educational Success

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Ethan Moreno and Megan Wargacki

Educator Preparation and Development

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Megan Wargacki and Ethan Moreno

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Olympia	Work Session	- State Environmental Policy Act Appeals - Efforts to Reduce Air Pollutants	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- The Future of the Growth Management Act - New Measures to Improve Oil Transportation Safety	Full Committee

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Future of the Growth Management Act

GOAL: Continue to monitor discussions regarding the Growth Management Act facilitated by the Ruckelshaus Center pursuant to the 2017-19 Biennial Operating Budget.

DESCRIPTION: In the nearly three decades since the Growth Management Act (GMA) was first enacted, the Legislature has, on an almost annual basis, taken action to revise and refine the state's framework of local government growth planning. The growth challenges that the GMA must respond to are diverse, and include housing affordability, rural economic development, and the sufficiency of lands available for development in targeted growth areas.

The 2017-19 Biennial Operating Budget includes funding for the William D. Ruckelshaus Center (Center) to collaborate with stakeholder groups to create a road map for adapting growth management policies and programs to address the challenges that are expected to accompany the state's forecasted population growth.

During the 2018 interim, the Environment Committee (Committee) will continue to monitor and, as appropriate, engage in the discussions facilitated by the Center regarding the adaptability of state growth management laws, policies, and programs. In parallel to the discussions facilitated by the Center, the Committee will also specifically investigate, among other topics, whether limited areas of more intensive rural development are effective tools for promoting rural economic development, the effectiveness of resource land designations at maintaining farmland, forestland, and mineral land, and the approaches to managing population growth taken by other states, including Oregon.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jacob Lipson and Rob Hatfield

Synchronizing Recreation Site Access Policies and Expanding Public Access to Recreational Opportunities

GOAL: Consider the costs and revenue potential of alternatives to the state's current recreational access policies, including the Discover Pass.

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and the Parks and Recreation Commission each manage state lands that provide recreational opportunities to assorted user groups. Since 2011 an annual Discover Pass (\$30), a day-use pass (\$10), or a vehicle access pass issued in conjunction with the purchase of qualifying hunting or fishing licenses has been required in order for persons to obtain motor vehicle access to state recreation sites. State laws and agency policies provide free access to some recreation sites for qualifying user groups. Separate types of passes are sometimes required to access other categories of public recreational lands in Washington, including national forests and national parks.

Recently, the William D. Ruckelshaus Center (Center) was directed to facilitate an agency and stakeholder-driven assessment of how to improve the consistency, equity, and simplicity of access to these recreational lands. In December 2017 the Center delivered a final report to the Legislature containing several recreational access policy options that the stakeholder group determined met the consistency, equity, and simplicity criteria. A proviso in the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget directs the Office of Financial Management to analyze the costs and revenue potential of the recreational access policy options developed in the Center process, and to submit a report to the Legislature by September 1, 2018.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jacob Lipson and Rob Hatfield

State Environmental Policy Act Appeals

GOAL: Gather information on the type, prevalence, and impacts of appeals made under the State Environmental Policy Act.

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 those governing shoreline management, water quality, and transportation planning, provide planning frameworks and permitting processes that address elements of the environment that are also reviewed as part of SEPA processes. The SEPA provides opportunities for the appeal of government decisions on both procedural and substantive grounds.

During the 2018 interim, the Environment Committee will learn more about the types and locations of projects that are most frequently appealed under SEPA, the delays of projects and decisions that are associated with SEPA appeals, and outcomes of SEPA appeals.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jacob Lipson and Rob Hatfield

Efforts to Reduce Air Pollutants

GOAL: Receive updates on state agency, local government, and business efforts to improve air quality.

DESCRIPTION: Washington's largest port districts have adopted and begun implementing plans to reduce the emissions of diesel and other air pollutants associated with port operations, including emissions from ships, trucks, planes, and trains. In addition, as a result of the settlement of litigation related to past air quality violations by a car manufacturer and in order to reduce levels of common air pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act, both state government and private businesses are slated to make substantial investments in the electrification of multiple modes of transportation.

The Environment Committee will receive updates on the status of these various state, local, and private efforts to reduce air pollution.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Rob Hatfield and Jacob Lipson

New Measures to Improve Oil Transportation Safety

GOAL: Track the implementation of changes to oil spill prevention and preparedness regulations for facilities and vessels and the development of additional policy options to improve the safety of the over-water transportation of oil.

DESCRIPTION: In three of the past four years, legislation has been enacted to address oil transportation safety. This new legislation has amended oil spill prevention and preparedness regulations and has created new requirements for the Department of Ecology and other agencies to undertake preparedness activities like the completion of geographic response plans and to prepare oil transportation safety studies, such as vessel traffic risk assessments. Most recently, in 2018, legislation was enacted that, among other things: (a) requires the rules for vessel and facility oil spill contingency plans to be updated to address oils that may sink or submerge; (b) requires the Department of Ecology to complete a report to the Legislature on options to improve oil transportation safety in North Puget Sound; and (c) establishes a forum for discussion with the Canadian government of cross-boundary oil transportation safety issues.

The Environment Committee will hold one work session to receive an update on the status of the development of new oil spill preparedness and prevention regulations and on the evaluative work to develop policy options to reduce oil spill risks in Puget Sound and boundary waters shared with Canada.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jacob Lipson

FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	- Sales Tax Suppression - Legal Developments in Tax Law	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Board of Tax Appeals - Legal Developments in Tax Law - Local Government Apportionment Task Force	Full Committee

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FINANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Sales Tax Suppression

GOAL: Identify and develop a proposal to prevent sales tax suppression by businesses.

DESCRIPTION: Sales tax suppression occurs when a business uses systems to avoid remitting sales tax revenue collected to the state, resulting in the loss of state general fund revenue. During the 2018 session, the Finance Committee (Committee) held a work session on the challenges and possible solutions to combat sales tax suppression.

The Committee will focus on the best legislative options to combat sales tax suppression and the related costs to implement the solutions for both the state and businesses.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Serena Dolly

Legal Developments in Tax Law

GOAL: Understand the implications of recent U.S. Supreme Court and Washington State Supreme Court decisions.

DESCRIPTION: In April the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments for *South Dakota v. Wayfair*. A decision is expected in the summer or fall. This case is a challenge to the current *Quill* precedent that limits the application of state sales and use tax on internet sales. In 2017 the Legislature enacted Engrossed House Bill 2163 which required certain marketplace facilitators, remote sellers, and referrers to either collect and remit sales and use tax on sales to Washington consumers or make reports on the sales to the Department of Revenue. The decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair* may require legislative action in 2019.

In addition, *Tulalip v. State* is expected to go to trial this year. This case involves a challenge to the collection of retail sales and use tax, business and occupation tax, and personal property tax by the state on non-Indian businesses and their patrons within the boundaries of Quil Ceda Village.

The Finance Committee will monitor the developments in these cases for any legal or revenue implications.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Two work sessions

STAFF: Tracey O'Brien

Board of Tax Appeals

GOAL: Review the Board of Tax Appeals plan to address issues related to the number of pending appeals.

DESCRIPTION: The Board of Tax Appeals handles appeals from the Board of Equalization and the Department of Revenue. Currently, an appeal can wait several years before a hearing. Engrossed House Bill 2777, as enacted in 2018, directed the Board of Tax Appeals to develop a detailed report on the number of pending appeals and provide a plan to address pending appeals. The report to the Legislature is due by November 1, 2018.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Tracey O'Brien

Local Government Apportionment Task Force

GOAL: Understand the work and recommendations of the Local Government Apportionment Task Force.

DESCRIPTION: Engrossed House Bill 2005, as enacted in 2018, directs the Department of Revenue (DOR) to convene a Local Business and Occupation Tax Apportionment Task Force. The legislation directs the DOR to work with cities, towns, and identified business organizations to analyze the current two-factor apportionment formula and to develop an alternative apportionment method that assigns gross receipts to a local jurisdiction. Final recommendations to the Legislature are due by October 31, 2018.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Richelle Geiger

**FINANCE
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

House Tax Structure Work Group: During the 2018 interim, the Work Group will hold public meetings in eastern, central, and western Washington and Olympia to facilitate public discussions regarding Washington's tax structure. The Work Group will receive a staff briefing on Washington's revenue sources and listen to members of the public. There will also be small group discussions on specific policy questions. A final report will include a summary of the small group results.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Four meetings

STAFF: Serena Dolly, Richelle Geiger, Richelle Harris, and Tracey O'Brien

HOUSE TAX STRUCTURE WORK GROUP COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Spring	TBD	Work Session	- Tax Structure	Full Committee
Spring / Summer	TBD	Work Session	- Tax Structure	Full Committee
Summer	TBD	Work Session	- Tax Structure	Full Committee
December	Olympia	TBD	- Tax Structure	Full Committee

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HOUSE TAX STRUCTURE WORK GROUP COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Tax Structure

GOAL: Facilitate discussions about the current tax structure, with a focus on the business and occupation tax, and identify any options to improve the overall tax structure.

DESCRIPTION: As part of the 2017-19 Operating Budget, a work group was created to facilitate public discussion throughout the state regarding Washington's tax structure. The work group will consist of a member from each of the major caucuses in the House of Representatives.

During the 2018 interim, the work group will hold public meetings in eastern, central, and western Washington and Olympia. The work group will receive a staff briefing on Washington's revenue sources and will listen to members of the public. There will be small group discussions on specific policy questions.

A final report, including a summary of the small group results, will be developed.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Three work sessions and one executive session

STAFF: Serena Dolly, Richelle Geiger, Richelle Harris, and Tracey O'Brien

HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Olympia	Work Session	- Opioids - Health Care Costs	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Behavioral Health - Public Health - Balance Billing - Medicaid Transformation Demonstration	Full Committee

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HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Opioids

GOAL: Monitor and evaluate the progress of providing opioid use disorder related services and prevention efforts.

DESCRIPTION: During the 2018 session, the Health Care and Wellness Committee (Committee) considered several issues related to opioid use disorder including increasing access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), the prescription monitoring program, access to naloxone, and many others. The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget included funding to increase the Medicaid MAT rate for opioid use disorder, to provide MAT to offenders with opioid use disorder released from prison, to develop a statewide electronic emergency medical services data system to report patient encounter data, to increase access to opioid reversal medications, and for additional staffing to coordinate the integration of the prescription monitoring program into electronic health records.

The Committee will review the progress of providing these opioid use disorder related services and prevention efforts.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kim Weidenaar and Jim Morishima

Health Care Costs

GOAL: Understand the causes and impacts of increasing health care costs and strategies for mitigating cost increases.

DESCRIPTION: Health care costs have been on the rise in Washington, which has had impacts ranging from rising health insurance premiums to increased General Fund impacts. There are many possible causes for increasing costs, including prescription drug costs, market uncertainty, and health care consolidation. The Washington State Institute for Public Policy must conduct a study and report to the Legislature by December 1, 2018, on single payer and universal health care systems focusing on overall costs, uninsured rates, quality of care, and health outcomes.

The Health Care and Wellness Committee will examine the possible causes of rising health care costs and strategies for mitigating cost increases, including the all payer claims database, prescription drug cost transparency, the role of pharmacy benefit managers, health insurance market stabilization, and the single payer study report.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kim Weidenaar and Jim Morishima

Behavioral Health

GOAL: Monitor and review issues affecting the integration of behavioral health and physical health services into Medicaid managed care contracts.

DESCRIPTION: By 2020, behavioral health services and physical health services for Medicaid clients in Washington must be integrated into Medicaid managed care contracts. The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget requires the Health Care Authority to report to the Legislature on the effect of incorporating the responsibility for long-term civil inpatient psychiatric commitments into these managed care contracts. In addition, House Bill 2671, as enacted in 2018, established a task force with the Department of Health to examine behavioral health and suicide prevention issues in the agricultural industry.

The Health Care and Wellness Committee (Committee) will receive an update on the status of integrating behavioral health into fully-integrated medical care plans. In addition, the Committee will monitor the proceedings of the task force on agricultural behavioral health and suicide prevention.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Chris Blake

Public Health

GOAL: Monitor and explore issues related to public health, social determinants of health, and the societal cost of disease.

DESCRIPTION: The public health system in Washington is administered by several entities including the State Department of Health, the State Board of Health, 35 local jurisdictions, and tribal governments. In addition to the consideration of a statewide model for foundational public health services, funding in the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget was provided to Seattle and King County Public Health for core public health services to prevent and stop the spread of communicable disease. The supplemental budget also included funding for a collaboration between local public health, accountable communities of health, and health care providers to reduce preventable hospitalizations, which in part considers the impact of social determinants of health and the associated costs.

The Health Care and Wellness Committee will review issues relating to public health, including the impact of funded projects.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kim Weidenaar

Balance Billing

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.

The Health Care and Wellness Committee will receive an update from the Insurance Commissioner on his work addressing the issue of balance billing.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jim Morishima and Kim Weidenaar

Medicaid Transformation Demonstration

GOAL: Understand the implementation and administration of Washington's Medicaid Transformation Demonstration and the expected results.

DESCRIPTION: In January 2017 the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a five-year Medicaid waiver, known as the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration Project, that authorizes as much as \$1.5 billion over the course of the waiver. The Medicaid Transformation Demonstration includes components related to supporting regional projects organized by the accountable communities of health, establishing supports for persons before they need full Medicaid long-term services and supports, and providing supportive housing and employment services to certain Medicaid recipients.

The Health Care and Wellness Committee will receive an update on the progress of implementing and administering the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Chris Blake

HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Governor's Indian Health Council

GOAL: Monitor the development of recommendations by the Governor's Indian Health Council related to the Indian health system.

DESCRIPTION: The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget requires the Health Care Authority to convene the Governor's Indian Health Council (Council) to address policies with tribal implications, facilitate training on the Indian health system, and provide oversight of contracting to address its effects on services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Council must report to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 1, 2018.

Staff will monitor the proceedings of the Council and any recommendations that it adopts.

STAFF: Chris Blake

Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals

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

DESCRIPTION: The Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals (Select Committee) was established 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. Staff will monitor the work of the Select Committee.

STAFF: Chris Blake

HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Committee: The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability (Committee) has been in existence for the past five years and will continue through June 2019. The Committee is charged with identifying strategic actions to prepare for the aging of Washington's population. The actions identified should allow for individuals to live in a community or a setting of their choice, and should promote quality of life.

The Committee may study several issues relating to the aging and disabled communities, including issues related to health care needs, financial security, vulnerable adults, guardianships, and community design. The Committee intends to focus on issues related to palliative care, guardianships, long-term services and supports financing, social isolation, age-friendly communities, and nutritional considerations for older adults.

Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight: The Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight provides oversight between the Health Care Authority (HCA), the Health Benefit Exchange, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the Department of Health (DOH), and the Department of Social and Health Services to ensure that they do not duplicate efforts and that they work toward a goal of increased quality of services, leading to reduced costs to health care consumers.

The Committee may review issues related to payment and care delivery for critical access hospitals, access to care, the Medicaid Transformation Waiver, and Accountable Communities of Health. The Committee may also receive updates from various state agencies on the implementation of legislation, rules, and policies.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Chris Blake, Mary Mulholland, and Kim Weidenaar

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING & DISABILITY
COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
May	Olympia	Work Session	- Age-Friendly Communities - Long-Term Services and Supports Financing	Full Committee
November	Olympia	Work Session	- Palliative Care - Guardianships - Long-Term Services and Supports Financing	Full Committee

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JOINT LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING & DISABILITY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Age-Friendly Communities

GOAL: Understand the elements of community design that can assist residents as they age.

DESCRIPTION: Many communities have been considering ways to better support the housing and transportation needs of their aging residents. In May 2014, the Committee held a work session in which state, county, and city governments shared their approaches to assisting in these efforts. A national initiative has also been underway to encourage cities and states to take steps to become "age-friendly" in several areas, including housing, transportation, outdoor spaces and buildings, and social participation.

The Committee will receive an overview of age-friendly community initiatives and policy and budget options, including programs that can help reduce social isolation among older adults and promote senior nutrition.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Mary Mulholland; Chris Blake

Long-Term Services and Supports Financing

GOAL: The Committee will receive an update from groups tasked in the 2018 Supplemental Operating budget with exploring policy options for a potential long-term services and support (LTSS) public benefit program.

DESCRIPTION: The 2018 Supplemental Operating budget contains two provisos related to gathering information on a potential LTSS public benefit program. The first proviso requires DSHS to contract with an independent actuarial firm to update specific aspects of a 2016 analysis and feasibility study on a LTSS public benefit program. The second proviso requires DSHS to contract with the Area Agencies on Aging to convene a stakeholder work group that will explore how family members might be included as LTSS providers in such a program. Both provisos require that status updates or recommendations be made to the Committee. The Committee's May and December work sessions will feature presentations by one or both groups.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Two work sessions

STAFF: Mary Mulholland; Chris Blake

Palliative Care

GOAL: Understand current efforts to promote palliative care in Washington.

DESCRIPTION: Palliative care provides patients with relief from the symptoms, pain and stress of a serious illness and improve quality of life for patients and families. In June 2015, the Committee held a work session to learn about initiatives related to palliative care in Washington, as well as efforts to promote advance care planning.

The Committee will hold a work session to further explore efforts and policy and budget options to promote palliative care.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Chris Blake and Mary Mulholland

Guardianships

GOAL: Receive an update on recent activities related to guardians and consider strategies to improve the guardianship system for incapacitated persons who are older adults and persons with disabilities.

DESCRIPTION: Guardianships have been the subject of several bills introduced in the 2017 and 2018 sessions. In November 2015, the Committee held a work session about the different types of guardians, the clients they serve, and the related oversight structure. The work session introduced the Committee to the work of a group known as the Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) which is supported by the Administrative Office of the Court's Office of Guardianship and Elder Services.

The Committee will receive an update on recent activities related to guardianships, including the development and implementation of recommendations from the WINGS group.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Mary Mulholland; Chris Blake

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Budgeting for Hospitals - Medicaid Transformation Waiver and Accountable Communities of Health 	Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight
October	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Washington Rural Health Access Preservation (WRHAP) Pilot - Access to Care in Rural Communities - Reports and Updates from State Agencies on Implementation of Legislation and Health-Related Projects 	Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight
December	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to Care in Rural Communities - Global Budgeting for Hospitals - Reports and Updates from State Agencies on Implementation of Legislation and Health-Related Projects - Washington Rural Health Access Preservation (WRHAP) Pilot 	Joint Select Committee for Health Care Oversight

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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Global Budgeting for Hospitals

GOAL: Explore global budgeting and other payment models for hospitals across Washington.

DESCRIPTION: Several states such as Maryland and Pennsylvania have explored and implemented alternative payment models for rural hospitals using an all-payer global budget that pays rural hospitals a fixed amount set in advance for all hospital-based services paid by all participating payers. Washington is exploring similar payment models for rural hospitals through a number of opportunities, including the Health Care Authority's (HCA) participation in a Global Budgeting Policy Academy in May 2018. The Committee will receive updates from the HCA on global budgeting efforts and explore potential policy and legislative options.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kim Weidenaar, Jim Morishima, and Chris Blake

Medicaid Transformation Waiver and Accountable Communities of Health

GOAL: Receive updates from the Health Care Authority and Accountable Communities of Health on the progress of the Medicaid. Transformation Waiver Implementation

DESCRIPTION: In 2017, The Health Care Authority (HCA) received federal funding for five years to implement a healthcare transformation waiver under its Healthier Washington initiative. Funding is provided for HCA's initiatives including Accountable Communities of Health (ACH), Tailored Support for Older Adults, Medicaid Alternative Care, supportive housing services, and supportive employment services. The ACHs will pursue projects with the goal of transforming the Medicaid delivery system and are paid through the transformation waiver for reaching specified benchmarks and goals.

The Committee will receive updates from the HCA and several ACHs on the transformation waiver and specific projects the ACHs have identified and are working towards in year two of the waiver.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kim Weidenaar, Jim Morishima, and Chris Blake

Washington Rural Health Access Preservation (WRHAP) Pilot

GOAL: Receive updates on the WRHAP pilot and related initiatives.

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Health (DOH) and the Health Care Authority (HCA), in collaboration with the Washington State Hospital Association, formed the WRHAP pilot to examine different structures for payment and care delivery for critical access hospitals. The WRHAP pilot expects to create a new facility type that would allow rural critical access hospitals to scale their services to the needs and care patterns of the communities. Recently, the Legislature has passed several bills to support the WRHAP pilot. The DOH, the HCA, and Washington State Hospital Association are required to report interim progress to the Legislature by December 1, 2018.

The Committee will receive an update on the status of the WRHAP pilot and related efforts.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kim Weidenaar, Jim Morishima, and Chris Blake

Access to Care in Rural Communities

GOAL: Review and explore access to care issues in rural communities.

DESCRIPTION: Rural communities face a number of different challenges in accessing care. This includes the availability of specialty services, the provision of telemedicine services, and a shortage of primary and specialty health care providers. The Committee will review access to care challenges, including updates from relevant state agencies, and will explore policy options to increase access.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kim Weidenaar, Jim Morishima, and Chris Blake

Reports and Updates from State Agencies on Implementation of Legislation and Health-Related Projects

GOAL: Receive reports from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Health Care Authority (HCA), Health Benefit Exchange (HBE), Office of Financial Management (OFM), the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC), and other agencies regarding implementation of legislation, policies, and rules, and significant regulatory issues.

DESCRIPTION: During the last several legislative sessions new laws were enacted that changed the designation of the state behavioral health authority from the DSHS to the HCA, updated the HBE statutes, and created the All-Payer Health Care Claims database, among other initiatives. Relevant agencies will update the Committee on the implementation of these initiatives as well as new health-related rules, issues, and other projects.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kim Weidenaar, Jim Morishima, and Chris Blake

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Washington State Institute for Public Policy College Bound Scholarship Evaluation - Student Success Programs	Full Committee

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HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Washington State Institute for Public Policy College Bound Scholarship Evaluation

GOAL: Understand the College Bound Scholarship's impact on educational outcomes, including degree completion rates.

DESCRIPTION: The College Bound Scholarship (CBS) was established in 2007 to provide guaranteed four-year tuition to low-income students. Students in grades 7 or 8 who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches are eligible to sign the CBS pledge, which is a commitment to graduate from high school with at least a C average and no felony convictions. Upon graduation, students will receive the CBS if they fulfill the pledge requirements, and the student's family income does not exceed 65 percent of the state median family income. The CBS recipients receive an award to cover the cost of four-years of full-time tuition and fees at public college rates, minus any state-funded grant, scholarship, or waiver assistance, plus \$500 for books and materials.

Since the CBS program began, over 280,000 students have signed the pledge. The first CBS awards were granted to the graduating high school class of 2012. Initial reports on the program's impact from the Washington Student Achievement Council indicate that the CBS program serves as a dropout prevention program, in addition to a postsecondary aspiration program. Students in the CBS program are graduating from high school and enrolling in college at higher rates than their low-income peers who did not sign the CBS pledge. Six cohorts of CBS students are now enrolled in college and four-year graduation rate data on the first cohorts is available.

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) is directed under RCW 28B.118.095 to conduct a program evaluation of the CBS program. The evaluation is to focus on educational outcomes, especially degree completion rates, and at a minimum also analyze grade point averages, remediation needs, academic persistence, and the impact of CBS ineligibility on students and families. The evaluation is due December 1, 2018. The Higher Education Committee intends to receive a preliminary report on the WSIPP CBS program evaluation to hear whether the CBS program is improving educational outcomes.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Trudes Tango and Megan Mulvihill

Student Success Programs

GOAL: Receive an update on student success programs and initiatives at the public institutions of higher education.

DESCRIPTION: The state's educational attainment goal is to have at least 70 percent of Washington adults, ages 25-44, obtain a postsecondary credential by 2023. Student success programs have been a focus of the Higher Education Committee (Committee) in recent years as the state aims to reach this goal. Student success programs often include things such as advising, tutoring, structured course scheduling, mentor programs, and innovative remedial programs. In recent years, legislation has been introduced to increase student success programs, such as House Bill 1651 and House Bill 2801. In addition, some of the institutions of higher education have received appropriations in the operating budget to implement student success programs. In the 2015-17 Operating Budget, Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University, and the Evergreen State College received funding for student success and advising programs that lead to increased degree completion. During the 2016 Committee Assembly, the Committee heard from these institutions about how they were going to use the funding to implement student success programs.

In addition, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges received an appropriation of \$1.5 million over the 2017-19 biennium to expand Guided Pathways. Guided Pathways is a research-based approach that simplifies choices for students by outlining clear pathways through college and into careers for different fields of study. The program also includes intensive advising and monitoring of a student's progress to ensure they stay on their chosen path.

The Committee intends to continue monitoring the institutions' student success programs. The Committee will hold a work session during December Committee Assembly to hear an update from the institutions, with the goal of learning more about the institution's implementation of their programs and if possible, what effect these programs have had on student progress.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Trudes Tango and Megan Mulvihill

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Olympia	Work Session	- Antitrust Laws - Suicide-Safer Homes - Child Support	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Behavioral Health - Guardianships - Medical Debt	Full Committee

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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Antitrust Laws

GOAL: Develop greater knowledge of state and federal antitrust laws.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed and completed business mergers and acquisitions in this state and throughout the country have brought antitrust issues to the forefront. During the 2018 session, the Judiciary Committee (Committee) heard House Bill 1811, which would have required that a 30-day notice be given to the Attorney General before the effective date of a proposed material change, such as a merger or acquisition, involving a health care provider or other health care organization. Other proposed mergers that have been the recent subject of media attention involve the media itself. There are both federal and state laws that govern and proscribe certain anticompetitive business practices. The Committee will hold a work session to educate members on antitrust laws in general, and key state and federal laws in this arena.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Edie Adams and Cece Clynych

Suicide-Safer Homes

GOAL: Receive an update on the work of the Suicide-Safer Homes Task Force.

DESCRIPTION: The Suicide-Safer Homes Task Force was established in 2016 to: develop and administer a public education campaign to raise awareness of suicide and the role the public can play in reducing the incidence of suicide; and develop and implement strategies for creating suicide-safer homes by reducing access to lethal means commonly used in suicides, such as firearms and prescriptions medications. The Task Force is administered by the University of Washington School of Social Work, and its responsibilities include: developing suicide awareness and prevention messages and trainings for firearms dealers and ranges, pharmacies, and health care providers; and developing and implementing suicide awareness and prevention community outreach programs. The Task Force must submit annual reports to the Legislature and file a final report by December 1, 2019. The Judiciary Committee will hold a work session to receive an update from the Task Force on its suicide awareness and prevention campaign.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Edie Adams

Child Support

GOAL: Develop greater knowledge of child support issues.

DESCRIPTION: In recent years, the Judiciary Committee (Committee) has handled numerous child support bills addressing a variety of issues relating to the establishment and enforcement of child support obligations, including legislation to implement some of the recommendations of the 2011 and 2015 Child Support Work Groups (work groups). The Committee will hold a work session involving representatives of the Department of Social and Health Services' Division of Child Support and other stakeholders to discuss outstanding recommendations from the work groups, including the issue of a residential schedule credit, as well as new developments in other states to improve the child support system.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Edie Adams

Behavioral Health

GOAL: Receive an update on the civil and forensic commitment landscape at the state hospitals.

DESCRIPTION: During the 2018 session, the Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6491, which expands the system of assisted outpatient mental health treatment to include commitments based on substance use disorders and makes changes to less restrictive alternative treatment. In addition, there continue to be a variety of external pressures on the state hospitals which include, but are not limited to, a threat to federal funding and certification by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services due to repeated citations regarding quality of care concerns at Western State Hospital, and state and federal court rulings related to the timeliness in providing competency services and the adequacy of treatment and release planning for those found not guilty by reason of insanity.

The Judiciary Committee will receive updates from the Department of Social and Health Services and system stakeholders and partners on the progress towards providing timely access to appropriate treatment for those detained or committed through the civil and forensic mental health involuntary commitment systems.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Ingrid Lewis

Guardianships

GOAL: Identify areas that may need improvement in the Washington guardianship statutes.

DESCRIPTION: The Judiciary Committee will hold a work session to obtain information pertaining to the needs of individuals with limited capacity who require assistance making decisions related to the individual's health, safety, and financial affairs. Guardianships have been the subject of several bills introduced in the 2017 and 2018 sessions; topics have ranged from types of services provided by guardians to the training and monitoring of guardians. A panel of presenters representing various stakeholders in the guardianship community will discuss and make recommendation on issues relevant to both individuals receiving services and those providing the service.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Ingrid Lewis

Medical Debt

GOAL: Learn about the prevalence and impact of medical debt in Washington and the variety of state and federal laws related to medical debt collection.

DESCRIPTION: The issue of medical debt has garnered attention around the country in recent years, and was the subject of bills heard in the Judiciary Committee (Committee) in the 2017 and 2018 sessions. The 2018 bill (House Bill 2731) would have placed limits on the collection of medical debt by prohibiting prejudgment interest, limiting post-judgment interest, prohibiting interest or late fees on portions covered by charity care, requiring particular notice to debtors, and providing for larger exemptions. In the meantime, some states have enacted laws limiting certain aspects of medical debt collection and federal rules have gone into effect governing when and what can be reported on credit reports and placing limits on collection by certain hospitals. The Committee will hold a work session to educate the members on what is currently known about the prevalence and impact of medical debt in Washington, as well as key state and federal laws and regulations addressing medical debt collection.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cece Clynch

LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
TBD	Seattle	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secure Scheduling - Subminimum Wages for Persons with Disabilities 	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundamentals of Public Sector Collective Bargaining - Mental Health Services for Injured Workers - Workplace Safety in the Exotic Dancing Industry 	Full Committee

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LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Secure Scheduling

GOAL: Learn about the impact of scheduling practices on workers and consider solutions.

DESCRIPTION: Washington law does not address when and how workers are scheduled. A business may change a worker's schedule at any time, with or without notice, unless a contract or collective bargaining agreement provides otherwise. "Secure scheduling" or "fair work week" laws generally require employee input into scheduling practices of employers. Oregon passed a statewide scheduling law in 2017 and several cities, including Seattle, have adopted scheduling ordinances.

Examples of provisions in these laws include requirements that certain employers: post work schedules 14 days in advance; provide premium pay for schedule changes after the schedule is posted; grant an employee's scheduling request related to a major life event unless the employer identifies a bona fide business reason; provide minimum breaks between shifts; and offer additional hours to current employees before hiring new employees.

The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee will learn about and explore solutions to the scheduling challenges faced by workers.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Joan Elgee

Subminimum Wages for Persons with Disabilities

GOAL: Learn about how and under what circumstances subminimum wage certificates for persons with disabilities are used and the policy issues raised by the use of these certificates.

DESCRIPTION: The state minimum wage is \$11.50 per hour as of January 1, 2018, and applies to nearly all workers in the state. State law allows an employer to pay less than the minimum wage to an individual whose earning capacity is impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency or injury under a special certificate issued by the Director of the Department of Labor and Industries (Department). The Director of the Department may issue certificates to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment. Under the Department's rules, the wage rate may not be less than 75 percent of the minimum wage unless a lower rate appears to be clearly justified. The federal Fair Labor Standards Act also provides for the payment of subminimum wages upon the issuance of a certificate from the federal Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. Depending on the circumstances, employers may need to obtain subminimum wage certificates from both the federal and state agencies.

Several states, including New Hampshire and Maryland, have recently enacted legislation eliminating subminimum wages for persons with disabilities. Seattle, which has its own minimum wage ordinance, does not permit special certificates for persons with disabilities.

The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee will learn about special certificates, the appropriateness of a subminimum wage for persons with disabilities, the impact of eliminating the subminimum wage for persons with disabilities, and related issues.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Trudes Tango

Fundamentals of Public Sector Collective Bargaining

GOAL: Obtain a comprehensive understanding of aspects of public sector collective bargaining.

DESCRIPTION: Collective bargaining for public sector employees statewide can vary, depending on the public employer. For example, cities and counties bargain under the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act (PECBA). Many classified state employees bargain under the Personnel Services Reform Act (PSRA). And other public employees, such as academic employees of public institutions of higher education, have their own bargaining statutes.

The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee (Committee) hears a variety of bills addressing collective bargaining for public sector employees; therefore the Committee will have an educational work session to better understand the mechanics of the collective bargaining process.

The Committee will receive a broad overview of public employee collective bargaining, including on topics such as: (1) procedures for holding elections and certifying exclusive bargaining representatives; (2) ways in which unions communicate with their members and with employers; (3) rights and obligations of public employers and exclusive bargaining representatives; and (4) the different bargaining models, contract ratification, and the administration of the bargaining agreement.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Trudes Tango

Mental Health Services for Injured Workers

GOAL: Hear an update from the Department of Labor and Industries regarding its process for evaluating whether to expand the types of providers offering mental health services to injured workers.

DESCRIPTION: Currently, only psychiatrists, doctoral level psychologists, and psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners may provide mental health services to injured workers under the Industrial Insurance Act. Last session, House Bill 2865 and Senate Bill 6448 would have expanded the list of provider types to include mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers. The House bill did not receive a hearing; however, Senator Keiser and Representative Sells sent a letter to the Department of Labor and Industries (Department), requesting that the Department work with stakeholders to change agency policy.

The Department intends to gather a group of stakeholders to include representatives of master's level mental health counselors, business and labor, and possibly other psychiatric service providers, to discuss the current policy and how services of master's level professionals might help injured workers heal and return to work. The Department expects that discussion to include items such as models from other jurisdictions, fee schedules, scopes of service, if or how the Department should test the impact to the system, whether to start with geographic areas lacking mental health support, and other issues. The information gathered by the Department through this process will be presented to the Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee for their advice.

The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee will hear an overview of the Department's plan and an update of where the Department is in the process.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Trudes Tango

Workplace Safety in the Exotic Dancing Industry

GOAL: Examine safety issues in the exotic dancing industry and determine whether legislation is needed.

DESCRIPTION: Generally, employment protections apply to covered workers and not to independent contractors. For example, persons injured at work are entitled to industrial insurance only if they are covered workers. Similarly, the protections of the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA), which provides for safety standards at work, apply to covered workers. Independent contractors who meet certain tests are not covered.

Concern has been expressed about safety for those in the exotic dancing industry, including possible association with criminal activity. No specific law governs workplace standards in the industry. Some dancers have been found to be covered workers for purposes of industrial insurance. Some local jurisdictions, such as King County, have ordinances governing standards of conduct for exotic dancing and other adult entertainment venues.

The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee will hear about working conditions in the exotic dancing industry and determine if legislation is needed.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Joan Elgee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October 22	Olympia	Work Session	- Municipal Police - Local Options for Economic Development	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Annexation	Full Committee

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Municipal Police

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

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

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

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cassie Jones and Yvonne Walker

Local Options for Economic Development

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cassie Jones and Yvonne Walker

Annexation

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

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

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

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cassie Jones and Yvonne Walker

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November	Olympia	Work Session	- Young Adults in the Criminal Justice System	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Diversion of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders From the Criminal Justice System - Reentry of Persons Released from Incarceration	Full Committee

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**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

Young Adults in the Criminal Justice System

GOAL: Highlight considerations for responding to young adults in the criminal justice system and examine potential policy approaches.

DESCRIPTION: Individuals between the ages of 18 and 25, generally referred to as "young adults," constitute a disproportionately large portion of the overall population of persons convicted of criminal offenses. In recent years national experts have examined the developmental features and other unique characteristics of young adults in order to understand how to reduce criminal behavior and encourage positive change. Research has shown that young adults are more prone to engage in risk-taking behavior; however, such individuals are also highly amenable to rehabilitation. Both features can be attributed to the young adult brain, which is still developing and can be influenced by positive and negative environmental factors. These research findings raise questions as to current state policies and practices as applied to young adults.

The Public Safety Committee (Committee) will review recent scientific literature and receive briefings from national and regional experts regarding best practices for young adults in the criminal justice system. The Committee will explore potential responsive policy options.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Omeara Harrington and Kelly Leonard

Diversion of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders From the Criminal Justice System

GOAL: Develop policy options for diverting persons with behavioral health disorders from the criminal justice system.

DESCRIPTION: Recent research and trends raise concerns as to the disproportionate number of persons with behavioral health disorders within the criminal justice system. Local jails and state correctional facilities are overburdened with individuals in need of behavioral health treatment, and many of these individuals may be more appropriately treated in the community outside of the criminal justice system.

A coordinated response is needed in order to achieve better outcomes for individuals with behavioral health issues who encounter the criminal justice system, while also maintaining public safety. The sequential intercept model, which identifies points of intervention to prevent individuals from entering or continuing into the criminal justice system, has emerged as a promising methodology for addressing this issue in a comprehensive manner.

The Public Safety Committee will receive briefings from a panel of stakeholders representing relevant points of intervention in the criminal justice system, as well as stakeholders with expertise in behavioral health and related fields, for the purpose of evaluating where the sequential intercept model may inform future public policy.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Omeara Harrington and Kelly Leonard

Reentry of Persons Released from Incarceration

GOAL: Receive an update from the Statewide Reentry Council.

DESCRIPTION: The Public Safety Committee (Committee) will receive an update and briefing from the Washington Statewide Reentry Council on its recent efforts to improve successful reentry of persons released from incarceration. The Committee will review the Council's legislative priorities and consider possible recommendations for policy changes.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Omeara Harrington and Kelly Leonard

**PUBLIC SAFETY
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

Joint Legislative Task Force on Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Best Practices: Make findings and recommendations to reduce the number of untested sexual assault kits in Washington and improve state and local practices for responding to sexual assault.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Omeara Harrington and Kelly Leonard

SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION BEST PRACTICES TASK FORCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October 3	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing Best Practices for Sexual Assault Response and Sexual Assault Kits - Unreported Sexual Assault Kits - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Services 	Full Committee
December 12	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementing Best Practices for Sexual Assault Response and Sexual Assault Kits - Unreported Sexual Assault Kits - Investigations and Prosecutions of Cold Cases Tied to Previously Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits 	Full Committee

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SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION BEST PRACTICES TASK FORCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Implementing Best Practices for Sexual Assault Response and Sexual Assault Kits

GOAL: Improve state and local practices for responding to sexual assault and ensure the testing of all sexual assault kits.

DESCRIPTION: The Task Force will review sexual assault kit-related legislation enacted to date and monitor implementation by receiving reports from participating agencies and organizations, including the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory, Washington State Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Justice Training Commission, and Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. The Task Force will monitor the status of testing previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) and efforts to reduce the new backlog, as well as the implementation of the statewide SAK tracking system.

The Task Force will pursue remaining work outlined in its legislative mandate by continuing to build a state and local coalition to address gaps in sexual assault investigations and SAK testing. The Task Force's efforts will include promoting centralized resources and services for victims, victim advocacy, victim notification protocols, and training for professionals involved in SAK testing and related investigations and prosecutions.

The Task Force will evaluate the need for legislation in 2019 and other actions in order to achieve its mandate.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Two work sessions

STAFF: Omeara Harrington, Kelly Leonard

Unreported Sexual Assault Kits

GOAL: Develop policy recommendations for collecting, processing, and storing unreported sexual assault kits.

DESCRIPTION: Sexual assault survivors may receive a medical forensic exam without reporting the crime to law enforcement. The associated unreported sexual assault kits (SAKs), also referred to as "unreported SAKs," allow important evidence to be collected without pressuring a survivor to immediately decide whether to file a report. Many jurisdictions, including law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and other medical care facilities, report challenges related to unreported SAKs. Challenges include storage, testing, destruction, and victim notification.

State law does not provide guidance on or otherwise mandate storage or testing of unreported SAKs. In 2016 the Task Force created an informal work group to address challenges with unreported SAKs while preserving the rights of survivors. The Task Force will continue to explore the issue and consult with experts.

The Task Force will develop policy recommendations to address challenges with unreported SAKs for the 2019 legislative session.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Two work sessions

STAFF: Omeara Harrington, Kelly Leonard

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Services

GOAL: Develop proposals for expansion of sexual assault nurse examiner services.

DESCRIPTION: A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse trained to provide evidentiary examinations of victims of sexual assault. Access to SANEs is critical for the collection of evidence in sexual assault criminal cases. SANEs can also enhance a survivor's capacity for recovery through providing victim-centered, trauma-informed care at an early point of contact.

The state has expanded access to SANE training and services in recent years through Substitute House Bill 2711 (2016) as well as appropriating funds specifically for training. However, a shortage of certified SANEs across the state remains an issue. The Task Force will receive briefings on efforts to increase training for and access to SANEs, and will consult with medical professionals and facilities on possible reforms.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Omeara Harrington, Kelly Leonard

Investigations and Prosecutions of Cold Cases Tied to Previously Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits

GOAL: Review approaches for investigating and prosecuting cold cases tied to previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits.

DESCRIPTION: Through federal Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) Initiative funding, the Washington State Office of the Attorney General is currently inventorying the number of previously unsubmitted SAKs in Washington. The Washington State Patrol, through the implementation of the statewide SAK tracking system, is also engaging in efforts to assess the number of previously unsubmitted SAKs. Preliminary data suggests the number is likely to exceed 8,000. Significant state resources have already been designated to test as many previously unsubmitted SAKs as possible, and testing is underway.

However, testing is only a first step in reevaluating these cases. Washington has yet to implement statewide best practices or provide resources for victim notification, and investigations and prosecutions of cold cases tied to previously unsubmitted SAKs.

The Task Force will assess what, if any, local efforts to conduct cold case investigations and prosecutions are occurring. The Task Force will consult with local prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement agencies to evaluate the best possible approaches for investigating and prosecuting cold cases tied to the large number of previously unsubmitted SAKs.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Omeara Harrington, Kelly Leonard

STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June 18	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Compliance with the National Voter Registration Act - Update on the Presidential Primary Process 	Full Committee - Joint with Senate State Government, Tribal Relations, and Elections Committee
June 28	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of State Information Technology Projects 	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agency Reports Ordered by the Legislature and Updates on State Government Related Policies Enacted in the 2018 Session - Update on the Presidential Primary Process 	Full Committee

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STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Update on Compliance with the National Voter Registration Act

GOAL: Examine the state's voter registration process and evaluate the system in accordance with federal and state standards.

DESCRIPTION: The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires states to increase opportunities for voter registration. The state Motor-Voter Act was enacted in response to the NVRA and provides voter registration opportunities for people who apply for services at certain state agencies, including driver's licenses through the Department of Licensing.

This year, the state expanded voter registration opportunities through passage of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2595, which created an automatic voter registration process for persons applying for enhanced driver's licenses. The bill also requires certain other state agencies to submit a plan to the Governor on providing similar automatic voter registration services.

The State Government, Elections and Information Technology Committee will join with the Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations and Elections to receive updates from the Department of Licensing, the Department of Social and Health Services, and the Health Benefit Exchange on how each agency is providing voter registration services.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One joint work session

STAFF: Travis Yonker and Sean Flynn

Update on the Presidential Primary Process

GOAL: Gain a broader understanding of the administration of the presidential primary in the state and its function within political parties.

DESCRIPTION: The presidential primary is held on the fourth Tuesday of May in the year of a presidential election. The date may be changed by agreement of a committee consisting of the Secretary of State, legislative members, and political party representatives. In addition to the primary, a political party may hold a caucus as a method for nominating a presidential candidate. The State Government, Elections and Information Technology Committee (Committee) considered legislation proposed in the last biennium to move up the presidential primary date earlier in the campaign season or in coordination with other western states.

The Committee will hold a joint hearing with the Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations and Elections to continue to consider the policy of amending the presidential primary process through the perspectives of the Secretary of State, election administrators, and stakeholders.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One joint work session

STAFF: Travis Yonker and Sean Flynn

Implementation of State Information Technology Projects

GOAL: Receive updates on the status of the implementation of five state information technology projects.

DESCRIPTION: The State Government, Elections and Information Technology Committee will hear status updates from various departments and entities on the implementation for the following five information technology (IT) projects:

(1) **Elections Modernization Project (EMP):** The Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) is developing a modern elections management system (EMS) that will support county and statewide voter registration and elections system management. The EMS will help in the implementation of polices enacted in the 2018 session, such as automatic voter registration, same-day registration, and pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds. The EMP was one of the three projects included in the IT Investment Pool, which received \$8.23 million in state general fund dollars in the 2017-2019 biennial budget. The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget increased the appropriation by \$6 million, and added eight new projects to the pool. No bidders met the minimum qualifications of the initial request for proposal (RFP) which concluded in the fall of 2017. A second RFP was issued and closed on March 12, 2018. Contract work is expected to begin on June 1, 2018. The OSOS, Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), and third party entity providing quality assurance guidance on the project will be invited to present on the status of the project.

(2) **DRIVES:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) is involved in a multi-phase project to implement a new driver and vehicle system to provide more accurate records to law enforcement, collect fees more quickly, increase system reliability, and improve data reporting. Rollout of phase one of the project occurred in December 2016, and replaced the DOL vehicle-related legacy applications. Phase two is scheduled for September 2018, which will replace the DOL driver-related legacy applications. The DOL, among other state agencies, will be invited to present on the status of the project.

(3) **ctcLink Project:** The State Board of Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) is coordinating the implementation of ctcLink to replace current administrative systems with a single, centralized system to help streamline and standardize processes across all 34 community and technical colleges. Three pilot colleges located in Spokane and Tacoma initially went live with ctcLink in August 2015, but the project was placed on hold following an independent assessment in 2016. The project has started back up with a new investment plan that includes a revised timeline for implementation of ctcLink to all colleges by 2021. The SBCTC, among other state agencies, will be invited to present on the status of the project.

(4) **One Washington:** The Office of Financial Management (OFM) is in the early stages of implementing a program to modernize aging administrative systems across state government related to finance, procurement, budget, and payroll. The project is in the design phase and is expected to be implemented by 2020. The OFM and the OCIO, among other state agencies, will be invited to present on the status of the project.

(5) **Study of WaTech Programs and Services:** The 2017-19 Biennial Operating Budget included a proviso directing the Consolidated Technology Services, also known as WaTech, and the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to study the performance and costs of each of WaTech's programs and services, including recommendations for continuing or changing WaTech's service delivery models. The study has been conducted by an outside research firm in collaboration with WaTech and OFM, which is expected to be completed in June 2018. WaTech and OFM will present the results of the study and discuss further plans for implementing any recommendations proposed by the study.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Sean Flynn, Desiree Omli, and Travis Yonker

Agency Reports Ordered by the Legislature and Updates on State Government Related Policies Enacted in the 2018 Session

GOAL: Review recently completed or on-going reports ordered by the Legislature regarding committee-related business, and receive updates on the implementation of committee-related policies enacted in the 2018 session.

DESCRIPTION: The State Government, Elections and Information Technology Committee (Committee) will identify and select reports ordered by the Legislature that have been completed in the past year, as well as the progress of on-going reporting requirements. The Committee will seek input from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, the State Auditor, and the Office of the Secretary of State, among other agencies. The reports will be selected later in the interim, as the Committee coordinates with relevant agencies on which reports are prepared and ready for review.

The Committee will also examine the status of implementation of committee-related policies and programs enacted this biennium. The Committee will invite agencies to present on the progress towards implementation. The policies and programs will be selected later in the interim, as the Committee determines which policies and programs are ready for review.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Sean Flynn, Desiree Omli, and Travis Yonker

STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

Joint Legislative Task Force on Legislative Records: The 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget created the Legislative Task Force on Legislative Records (Task Force). The Task Force will convene to examine establishing standards for maintaining and disclosing public records for the legislative branch.

Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee: The Advisory 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: To be determined

STAFF: Sean Flynn, Desiree Omli, and Travis Yonker

TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September / October	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development Strategies in an Artificial Intelligence World - Update from the Joint Center for Deployment and Research in Earth Abundant Materials 	Full Committee
September / October	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic Development Strategies in an Artificial Intelligence World - Economic Development Task Forces and Work Groups - Economic Development of the Tourism Sector 	Full Committee

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TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Economic Development Strategies in an Artificial Intelligence World

GOAL: Review possible strategies for economic development in the state as artificial intelligence becomes commercially viable and commonplace.

DESCRIPTION: The Technology and Economic Development Committee (Committee) will hold two work sessions to study and review possible strategies for economic development in the state as artificial intelligence technologies become commercially viable and increasingly commonplace. The Committee will review and discuss the basics of currently available and anticipated technologies, their possible applications for economic development, and the role of state policy in shaping those applications.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Two work sessions

STAFF: Lily Smith and Kirsten Lee

Update from the Joint Center for Deployment and Research in Earth Abundant Materials

GOAL: Receive an update on the activities of the Joint Center for Deployment and Research in Earth Abundant Materials.

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Center for Deployment and Research in Earth Abundant Materials (JCDREAM) was established in 2015 for the purpose of establishing a transformative program in earth-abundant materials to accelerate the development of next generation clean energy and transportation technologies in Washington. The JCDREAM is operated and administered as a multi-institutional education and research center under the joint authority of the University of Washington and Washington State University. The JCDREAM competitively allocates capital seed funds, appropriated from the Capital Budget, among the JCDREAM partners for capital improvements, infrastructure, and equipment in support of the JCDREAM research infrastructure.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kirsten Lee and Nikkole Hughes

Economic Development Task Forces and Work Groups

GOAL: Review the overlap of jurisdictions and outcomes of economic development task forces and work groups.

DESCRIPTION: The Technology and Economic Development Committee will review the jurisdictions and outcomes of the following economic development task forces and work groups:

- the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations; and
- the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kirsten Lee

Economic Development of the Tourism Sector

GOAL: Receive a report on progress with state economic development of the tourism sector.

DESCRIPTION: In fiscal year 2018, \$500,000 was appropriated to the Department of Commerce for an initial statewide tourism marketing plan. Beginning July 1, 2018, 0.2 percent of taxes collected on retail sales of lodging, car rentals, and restaurants will provide funding for the implementation of the statewide tourism marketing program, up to \$1.5 million in fiscal year 2019, and up to \$3 million for each biennium thereafter.

The Technology and Economic Development Committee will review progress toward implementing the statewide tourism marketing program and discuss the implications for economic development in the state.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kirsten Lee

TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Related Task Forces

GOAL: As specified below

DESCRIPTION:

Joint Committee on Energy Supply and Energy Conservation: Study pathways for achieving a zero-carbon electric sector by 2045.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: To be determined

STAFF: Nikkole Hughes

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY SUPPLY & ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Olympia	Work Session	- Pathways to a Zero-Carbon Electric Sector by 2045	Full Committee
November	Olympia	Work Session	- Pathways to a Zero-Carbon Electric Sector by 2045	Full Committee

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**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY SUPPLY & ENERGY CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

Pathways to a Zero-Carbon Electric Sector by 2045

GOAL: Discuss various pathways to achieving a zero-carbon electric sector in the state by 2045.

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Select Committee on Energy Supply and Energy Conservation (Committee) is directed by statute to meet and function at the following times:

- at least once per year or at anytime upon the call of the Chair of the Committee (Chair) to receive information related to the state or regional energy supply situation;
- during a condition of energy supply alert or energy emergency; and
- upon the call of the Chair, in response to gubernatorial action to terminate such a condition.

Over the course of two work sessions, the Committee will discuss various pathways to achieving a zero-carbon electric sector in the state by 2045.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: Two work sessions

STAFF: Nikkole Hughes

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - REAL ID: Implementation, Outreach, and Related Issues - Fish Barrier Correction: Update on the Injunction Status - Connecting Washington Transportation Package: Update - SR 99 Tunnel and Tolling Update - Department of Licensing Data Privacy Update - Transportation Budget and Revenue Outlook 	Full Committee

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

REAL ID: Implementation, Outreach, and Related Issues

GOAL: Receive an update from the Department of Licensing on the progress made becoming compliant with federal REAL ID legislation and conducting public outreach related to this effort.

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

A number of states, including Washington, have received ongoing compliance extensions since the first compliance deadlines were set. Washington received an extension until October 2018 and plans to request an enforcement date of October 2020 once it has met all REAL ID compliance requirements. Once the enforcement of REAL ID legislation begins, Washington driver's licenses and identicards that are REAL-ID compliant will be recognized for entry into most federal facilities and to board a domestic airline flight. Washington forms of identification that will be compliant include enhanced driver's licenses (EDLs) or enhanced identicards (EIDs) but not standard driver's licenses and identicards.

Engrossed Senate Bill 5008, enacted in 2017 (Chapter 310, Laws of 2017), required the Department of Licensing (DOL) to mark standard driver's licenses and identicards in accordance with federal REAL ID Act regulations and to adopt rules necessary to implement this change after soliciting comments from the public and conducting a public hearing on these proposed rules. The DOL is planning to conduct this rulemaking and to begin marking standard driver's licenses and identicards over the course of 2018.

In 2018 the DOL will conduct additional outreach related to REAL ID implementation. The Legislature authorized \$350,000 in funding for outreach in the 2017-19 Biennial Transportation Budget (Engrossed Senate Bill 5096) and an additional \$200,000 in funding in the 2018 Supplemental Transportation Budget (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6106). The outreach targets predominantly communities that are not served by traditional media outlets and communities that have cultural or language barriers to traditional outreach methods. The DOL has contracted with public relations firms to create and implement the outreach campaign.

The Transportation Committee will be provided with an overview of the DOL's REAL ID implementation efforts and progress obtaining compliance status with the federal government, including information on the DOL's related outreach efforts to the public.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jennifer Harris and Tricia Hasan

Fish Barrier Correction: Update on the Injunction Status

GOAL: Receive an update from the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Attorney General's Office regarding the effect of the U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding fish passage barriers.

DESCRIPTION: The State of Washington, the federal government, and 21 tribes are involved in litigation related to the 1974 Boldt Decision and the tribes' right to a portion of the anadromous fish harvest. In 2007 the U.S. District Court found in favor of the tribes and declared that the right secured to the tribes in the Stevens Treaties imposes a duty upon the state to refrain from building or operating culverts under state-maintained roads, in an area of western Washington located mainly around the Puget Sound, that hinder fish passage and thereby diminish the number of fish that would otherwise be available for tribal harvest.

In 2013 the court issued an injunction that requires state agencies to correct barrier culverts and to take steps to maintain culverts to prevent the development of new fish barriers. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), in order to satisfy the injunction, is required to correct 825 barriers that hold significant habitat, which is defined as opening greater than 200 meters of fish habitat, at a total cost of approximately \$2.4 billion. The State of Washington has appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, and a decision is expected to be issued by the end of the Court's current term.

The Transportation Committee will be provided with a summary of the Court's decision, an update on any next steps in the litigation, and the WSDOT's status and future plans regarding fish passage barrier remediation.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: David Munnecke and Jessica Harrell

Connecting Washington Transportation Package: Update

GOAL: Provide the Committee with an update on the Connecting Washington Transportation Package projects, including the Puget Sound Gateway Project and the related local memoranda of understanding.

DESCRIPTION: Connecting Washington is a 16-year transportation program enacted in 2015. The \$16 billion program is primarily funded by an 11.9-cent gas tax increase beginning July 1, 2016. The Connecting Washington program includes \$9.4 billion for state highways and local roads, \$1.4 billion for state highway maintenance and preservation, \$2.3 billion for non-highway projects such as rail, bikepaths, ferries and terminals, and fish barriers, and \$2.9 billion for various other purposes.

Included in the Connecting Washington Plan is the SR 167/SR 508 Gateway Program which comprises two projects: SR 509 and SR 167. The goals of the gateway project are to relieve traffic congestion and improve freight mobility. The \$1.9 billion project will be completed in multiple phases, integrating and coordinating the widening of SR 167 and SR 509 with improvements to I-5 between SR 16 and I-90. The funding plan for the Gateway Program includes \$1.6 million from Connecting Washington, \$180 million from toll revenue, \$111 million from a federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant and \$130 million from local contributions. Local contributions will be finalized through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) process that is currently in progress. The development of the MOUs began in 2017, and they are anticipated to be ratified by June 2018.

The Transportation Committee will be provided with a presentation outlining an update of the Connecting Washington projects in the 2018 Supplemental Transportation Budget as compared with the package as originally enacted in 2015, including a comparison of estimated Connecting Washington revenues and planned project expenditures. The presentation will also include a more detailed review of the Puget Sound Gateway project, including an update on the local MOUs.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jessica Harrell

SR 99 Tunnel and Tolling Update

GOAL: Receive an update from the Department of Transportation on the progress made toward opening the SR 99 tunnel for traffic and tolling operations.

DESCRIPTION: The Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program is a joint project by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King County, the City of Seattle, and the Port of Seattle to replace the 1950's built viaduct with a two-mile-long tunnel beneath downtown Seattle. In addition to demolition of the existing viaduct, construction of the SR 99 tunnel, and related highway revisions, the program also includes street, transit, and waterfront improvements. The total estimated cost of the project is \$3.3 billion.

Construction on the tunnel began in 2011, experiencing numerous delays, and is now nearing completion. The tunnel is expected to open to traffic in late 2018 or early 2019, but could be as early as October 2018. Early operations of the tunnel, designed as a tolled facility, will enable testing of the tolling system, with tolling expected to begin approximately one month after opening. The Legislature approved \$200 million of the total cost of the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement project to be funded from tolling revenue.

Toll rates on the SR 99 tunnel have not yet been determined. The Washington State Transportation Commission (Commission) is responsible for setting toll rates on all tolled facilities. State law provides that the costs that need to be covered by toll revenue include tolling equipment operations and maintenance, tolling equipment repair and replacement, tunnel facility operations and maintenance, and the debt service on the tunnel project construction. In the 2018 Supplemental Transportation Budget (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6106), the Legislature authorized the Commission to exclude the tunnel facility repair and replacement costs when determining the toll rates as part of the initial toll rate setting process on the tunnel.

The Transportation Committee will receive an overview from the WSDOT of the SR 99 tunnel project and tolling implementation statuses including projected toll rates and toll vendor timelines.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Tricia Hasan and Jessica Harrell

Department of Licensing Data Privacy Update

GOAL: Receive an update from the Department of Licensing on personal identification information and data that is collected by the agency, how it is used, how it is stored, and whether it is shared.

DESCRIPTION: Personal privacy is protected from unreasonable state intrusion under Article I, section 7 of the state Constitution. The Public Records Act (PRA) also protects a person's right to privacy under certain circumstances if disclosure would be highly offensive to the reasonable person and is not of legitimate public concern. The PRA exempts personal information of public employees and officials maintained in public agency files from disclosure to the extent necessary to protect such person's right to privacy. Certain personal information related to investigative law enforcement records also is exempt from disclosure in order to protect a person's privacy.

State law allows the Department of Licensing (DOL) to collect and store certain data related to driver's license and identicard applicants, including name, date of birth, Washington residence address, telephone number, physical description, place of birth, driving license history, photograph, signature, social security number, and mother's maiden name. The DOL currently does not store any source documents that are used to prove any of the above data for applicants for a standard driver's license or identicard, but source documents will be imaged and stored within the new DRIVES application.

Social security numbers are protected under federal and state law. Additionally, state law restricts disclosure of driver record abstracts and expressly prohibits disclosure of any record that would reveal identity, age, residential address, social security number, or other personal information that is collected during the driver's license or identicard application process. State law allows the DOL to share data with other state agencies, including the Washington State Patrol, the Department of Social and Health Services, and the Secretary of State's Office. State law allows the DOL to share records that contain personal information restricted from disclosure by law with other third parties subject to a data sharing agreement or through granted access to one or more of the following applications: Driver Plate Search System, Internet Hosted Plate Search System, and OMNIXX.

In 2017 several media outlets reported on the DOL data collection, storage, and sharing practices after the DOL practice of providing personal information to the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency was publicly identified. The DOL has since ceased this practice and has changed rules so that a person's place of birth is no longer a requirement for applying for a standard driver's license or identicard. Additionally, the DOL has recently changed a rule so that law enforcement can no longer obtain social security numbers through A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System (ACCESS), which is used by law enforcement to obtain information.

The Transportation Committee will be provided with an overview of the DOL's data collection, storage, and sharing processes along with an update on what measures the DOL is taking to protect personal identification information, especially within their new DRIVES IT system. This will include types of data that are collected and stored and why, types of data that are allowed to be shared and why, and what steps the DOL is taking to ensure protection of personal data within its storage system and once it is shared.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jennifer Harris and Tricia Hasan

Transportation Budget and Revenue Outlook

GOAL: Provide an overview of expected transportation revenue for the 2017-19 and 2019-21 fiscal biennia, based on the November 2018 revenue forecast and changes since the February 2018 forecast. Provide an updated budget outlook based on the transportation agencies' budget requests for the 2019 Supplemental Transportation Budget and the 2019-21 Biennial Transportation Budget.

DESCRIPTION: The Office of Financial Management (OFM) is responsible for preparing and adopting revenue forecasts other than those made by the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council. The OFM carries out the responsibilities for transportation revenues through the Transportation Revenue Forecast Council (Council). Each quarter, the forecasting staff of the Department of Licensing, Department of Transportation, Washington State Patrol, and the OFM produce the transportation forecasts. Members of the Council first meet to review and update the assumptions to be used for each of the transportation revenue sources and then meet again to adopt the official transportation revenue forecast.

Transportation budgets are biennial laws. The 2017-19 Biennial Transportation Budget was enacted during the 2017 session and amended by the 2018 Supplemental Transportation Budget during the 2018 session. The opportunity for agencies to request funding for emerging issues or technical corrections to the biennial budget is through the supplemental budget process. A second supplemental budget to the 2017-19 Biennial Transportation Budget will be developed in 2019 along with the 2019-21 Biennial Transportation Budget.

The Transportation Committee will receive a briefing on the November 2018 transportation revenue forecast. In addition there will be an overview of the agencies' 2019 Supplemental Transportation Budget requests and 2019-21 Biennial Transportation Budget requests along with a comparison of the prior biennia actuals to the appropriations for the biennium.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Amy Skei and Jessica Harrell