

**House of Representatives  
Standing Committees**

# **INTERIM PLANS**

**2023**

July 12, 2023

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## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	- Elk Management Update From the Department of Fish and Wildlife	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Ecosystem Services Update From the Department of Natural Resources - Voluntary Riparian Buffer Grant Program Update	Full Committee

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

### **Elk Management Update From the Department of Fish and Wildlife**

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The Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (Committee) will invite the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide an update on statewide elk management. (One work session)

### **Ecosystem Services Update From the Department of Natural Resources**

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In 2023 the Legislature considered House Bill 1789, which would authorize the sale of credits from ecosystem services projects on state lands. Although the bill did not pass in 2023, \$83 million was provided in the 2023-25 Capital Budget for certain types of carbon sequestration projects on state lands, a facilitated workgroup, and related research and analysis. The Committee will invite the Department of Natural Resources to provide an update on activities undertaken with this funding. (One work session)

### **Voluntary Riparian Buffer Grant Program Update**

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The Committee will invite the State Conservation Commission to provide an update on development and implementation of the voluntary riparian buffer program funded by the 2023-25 Capital Budget. (One work session)

## **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought

## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on the Working Families Tax Credit</li> <li>- Update on Transitioning Patients from Acute Care Hospitals to Community and Other Settings</li> <li>- Update on the Climate Commitment Act</li> <li>- 2024 Session Budget Preview</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Update on the Working Families Tax Credit**

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Individuals and families may receive refunds of up to \$1,200 if they meet certain eligibility requirements under the Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) program. The Department of Revenue (DOR) first began issuing refunds under this program in 2023. Both the payments and the administration of the WFTC are funded in the state operating budget.

The Appropriations Committee (Committee) will receive an update on how the WFTC is being implemented by the DOR. (One work session)

### **Update on Transitioning Patients from Acute Care Hospitals to Community and Other Settings**

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The state operating budget funds numerous efforts designed to facilitate the transition of ready-to-discharge patients from acute care hospitals to more appropriate care settings.

The Committee will receive an update on how additional funding contained in the operating budget for transitioning ready-to-discharge patients is being implemented. (One work session)

### **Update on the Climate Commitment Act**

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The Climate Commitment Act (CCA) was enacted in 2021. The CCA capped emissions from certain covered entities, created an auction process to allow for the purchase of emission allowances, and directed that auction proceeds be used for certain programs, projects, and activities. The CCA requires that at least 35 percent of funds be invested in projects that benefit overburdened communities, and a minimum of 10 percent go to projects with tribal support.

The first auction took place in 2023. The CCA funds were appropriated in operating, capital, and transportation budgets during the 2023 legislative session.

The Committee will be provided a summary of CCA funding appropriated in the 2023 legislative session along with an update on CCA implementation including auction proceeds and use of funds. (One work session)

### **2024 Session Budget Preview**

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The Committee will receive an update on the budget outlook after the September and November revenue forecasts and estimated maintenance level changes. The Committee will also receive a preview of budget related items that may come before the Legislature in the 2024 session. (One work session)

## **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Pension Funding Council
2. Joint Committee on Employment Relations
3. Joint Select Committee on Governance and Funding for Institutional Education
4. Joint Legislative and Executive Committee on Behavioral Health

## CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Career and Technical Education - Equity in Capital Programs	Full Committee

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## **CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Career and Technical Education**

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The Capital Budget Committee (Committee) will evaluate the regional coordination of the development of facilities for career and technical education (CTE), such as skills centers, CTE in high schools, centers of excellence, and community and technology colleges. (One work session)

### **Equity in Capital Programs**

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The Committee will receive information from the Department of Commerce on the department's funding and efforts to increase equity in competitive capital grant programs. (One work session)

## CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- 2024 Session Preview	Full Committee

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**CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

**2024 Session Preview**

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The Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee will have a work session to review significant legislative proposals and issues for the upcoming legislative session. (One work session)

## COMMUNITY SAFETY, JUSTICE, & REENTRY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	- Domestic Violence Prevention and Response - Office of Independent Investigations	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- State Correctional and Reentry Policies - Recent Crime Trends	Full Committee

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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY, JUSTICE, & REENTRY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Domestic Violence Prevention and Response**

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The Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry Committee (Committee) will examine policy topics relating to domestic violence, including gaps in the response to domestic violence and perpetrator treatment, lethality assessments, mandatory arrests, and coercive control. (One work session)

### **Office of Independent Investigations**

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The Committee will receive a report from the Director of the Office of Independent Investigations, recently established to investigate cases of police use of deadly force. (One work session)

### **State Correctional and Reentry Policies**

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The Committee will explore a range of issues pertaining to state correctional and reentry policies and practices. The Committee will receive a report from the Department of Corrections (Department) on the Department's priorities and challenges. The Committee will also receive a report from the Statewide Reentry Council on its legislative agenda. (One work session)

### **Recent Crime Trends**

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The Committee will receive briefings from entities that collect crime-related data and study discernable trends in the incidence and types of crime. (One work session)

## CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November	Virtual	Work Session	- Understanding the Role of Data Analytics and Consumer Information in Business	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Updates on Consumer Protection	Full Committee

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## **CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Understanding the Role of Data Analytics and Consumer Information in Business**

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The Consumer Protection and Business Committee (Committee) will discuss issues involving data analytics, including how businesses use data analytics to inform choices and optimize performance and what types of consumer data are used in creating data analytics. The Committee intends to invite subject matter experts and industry representatives to present on these topics. (One work session)

### **Updates on Consumer Protection**

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The Committee will receive an update on the Consumer Protection Act, which will include a report from the Attorney General's Office on the nature and number of complaints received by the Consumer Protection Division. The Committee will also invite agencies to discuss implementation of recently enacted legislation. (One work session)

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Legislative Reports	Full Committee

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## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Legislative Reports**

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The Education Committee will receive and review legislatively mandated reports from state agencies. (One work session)

### **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Joint Select Committee on Governance and Funding for Institutional Education

## ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Olympia	Work Session	- Community Solar and Net Metering - Water Quality	Full Committee
October 16	Richland	Work Session	- Hanford Site Cleanup Update	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Clean Energy - Waste Management and Product Stewardship	Full Committee

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## **ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Community Solar and Net Metering**

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The Environment and Energy Committee (Committee) will discuss efforts to reduce emissions and increase resiliency in the integration of renewable power into the state's electric grid through community solar and net metering policies. (One work session)

### **Water Quality**

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The Committee will hold a work session to receive an update on emerging issues in wastewater treatment and efforts to improve state water quality, including efforts to reduce nutrient discharges and discharges of toxic pollutants like polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and 6-PPD, and otherwise improve management of stormwater and wastewater. (One work session)

### **Hanford Site Cleanup Update**

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The committee will hear perspectives on the status of cleanup efforts at the Hanford site managed by the United States Department of Energy. (One work session)

### **Clean Energy**

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The Committee will hold a work session to receive an update on efforts to ensure improvements in environmental outcomes and equity during the clean energy transition, including by hearing about efforts to track air quality and health disparities in communities and utility ratepayer assistance programs. (One work session)

### **Waste Management and Product Stewardship**

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The Committee will receive updates on studies and other efforts to improve end-of-life waste management outcomes associated with lights, paper and packaging, appliances, electric vehicles, and organic materials. (One work session)

## **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Joint Committee on Energy Supply, Energy Conservation, and Energy Resilience

## FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 28	Vancouver	Work Session	- Local Tax Financing Tools That Encourage Economic Growth	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Compliance and Enforcement by the Department of Revenue - Update on Capital Gains - Working Families Tax Credit - Economic and Revenue Forecast	Full Committee

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Local Tax Financing Tools That Encourage Economic Growth**

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The Finance Committee (Committee) will receive a briefing on the various tax financing tools available to local governments, including tax increment financing (TIF), local infrastructure financing (LIFT), local revitalization financing (LRF), and local infrastructure project areas (LIPA). (One work session)

### **Compliance and Enforcement by the Department of Revenue**

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The Committee will receive a briefing from the Department of Revenue on their compliance and enforcement process. The overview will include the process for selecting audits, steps in the audit and appeal process, and methods of enforcement. (One work session)

### **Update on Capital Gains**

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After the Washington Supreme Court upheld the tax on the sale of long-term capital assets in *Quinn v. State*, the first returns and tax payments were due in April 2023. The Committee will receive a briefing from the Department of Revenue on the implementation and administration of the new tax program. (One work session)

### **Working Families Tax Credit**

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Beginning February 1, 2023, the Department of Revenue began accepting applications for the Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) for the first time. The Committee will receive a briefing about the implementation and administration of the new WFTC program. (One work session)

### **Economic and Revenue Forecast**

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The Committee will monitor the changes in the national and state economy with a specific focus on the impact of recent changes to revenue policy. The Committee will receive a briefing on the November economic and revenue forecast as adopted by the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council. (One work session)

## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
Fall	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Certificate of Need</li> <li>- Health Care Costs</li> <li>- Behavioral Health</li> </ul>	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Telemedicine and Health Care Technology</li> <li>- Public Health</li> <li>- Health Care Workforce</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Certificate of Need

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The Health Care and Wellness Committee (Committee) will hold a work session to better understand the Department of Health's certificate of need process and the types of facilities and services that it regulates. (One work session)

### Health Care Costs

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As health care costs have risen in Washington and across the country, the Legislature has considered and enacted a number of measures aimed at reducing health care costs while ensuring access to health care services. The Committee will hold a work session to receive updates on some of these measures and consider other possible initiatives. (One work session)

### Behavioral Health

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The Committee will hold a work session to consider topics affecting access to behavioral health services, including behavioral health workforce development and the expansion of the behavioral health crisis system. The Committee will also consider how the behavioral health system can support other health system efforts such as assisting hospitals with discharging patients who are unable to find behavioral health services in the community. (One work session)

### Telemedicine and Health Care Technology

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The Committee will explore topics related to telemedicine and health care technology, including the use of technology to modernize and expand access to medical records and health care services. (One work session)

### Public Health

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The Committee will hold a work session to learn about current and future public health concerns, such as the status of preventive health services coverage, maternal mortality rates and birth outcomes, the rate of sexually transmitted infections, and possible public health implications of high-potency tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) products. (One work session)

### Health Care Workforce

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The Committee will hold a work session to obtain a better understanding of the extent of health care workforce shortages in Washington and explore methods to address such shortages to preserve access to health care services. (One work session)

## RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

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1. Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Planning for Aging and Disability
2. Joint Select Committee on Health Care and Behavioral Health Oversight
3. Joint Legislative and Executive Committee on Behavioral Health

## HOUSING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Virtual	Work Session	- Common Interest Communities - Land Banking	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Affordable Housing Incentives - Permanent Supportive Housing	Full Committee

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## **HOUSING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Common Interest Communities**

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The Housing Committee (Committee) will consider issues, including barriers to homeownership, related to residential common interest communities, such as condominiums, cooperatives, and homeowners' associations. (One work session)

### **Land Banking**

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The Committee will hold a work session focused on land banking and how the state and local governments can purchase property for future affordable housing development. (One work session)

### **Affordable Housing Incentives**

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To help address the state's housing crisis, the Legislature has considered and enacted a number of affordable housing incentives, including tax exemptions, density bonuses, expedited project permitting, and fee waivers and reductions. For example, in 2023 the Committee heard House Bill 1350 (relating to expanding the multifamily tax exemption), House Bill 1167 (concerning housing development regulations), and House Bill 1611 (relating to local government permitting). The Committee will hold a work session to consider the effectiveness of such incentives in increasing affordable housing development. (One work session)

### **Permanent Supportive Housing**

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The Committee will explore the creation of a state insurance pool for non-profit organizations offering permanent supportive housing. (One work session)

## HUMAN SERVICES, YOUTH, & EARLY LEARNING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Social Workers in the Child Welfare System - Continuum of Services for Youth and Young Adults	Full Committee

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

### **Social Workers in the Child Welfare System**

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The Human Services, Youth, and Early Learning Committee (Committee) will hear presentations by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families and other interested stakeholders regarding the training and supervision of social workers working within the child welfare system, as well as current and prospective preventative and safety measures that are or could be put in place to protect social workers. (One work session)

### **Continuum of Services for Youth and Young Adults**

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The Committee will hear presentations from the Department of Children, Youth and Families, the Office of Homeless Youth, and other interested stakeholders regarding youth and young adult preventative services, including family reconciliation services. (One work session)

## INNOVATION, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & VETERANS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October 6	Virtual	Work Session	- Associate Development Organizations	Full Committee
October 20	Virtual	Work Session	- Emergency Preparedness and Resilience	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Broadband Infrastructure - Small Business Access to Capital - Manufacturing	Full Committee

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# INNOVATION, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & VETERANS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

## Associate Development Organizations

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The Innovation, Community and Economic Development, and Veterans Committee (Committee) will evaluate and receive updates on issues relating to associate development organizations, including funding opportunities, accountability, and reporting requirements. (One work session)

## Emergency Preparedness and Resilience

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The Committee will engage with stakeholders to consider topics related to natural disaster preparedness and response, including building codes, pathways to rebuilding after an earthquake, earthquake insurance, and relevant grant programs. (One work session)

## Broadband Infrastructure

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The Committee will receive updates on topics relating to broadband infrastructure, including the status of the stakeholder process for federal broadband funding opportunities. (One work session)

## Small Business Access to Capital

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The Committee will consider opportunities for increasing small businesses' access to capital, including strategies for conducting outreach and providing resources in languages other than English. (One work session)

## Manufacturing

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The Committee will consider opportunities to support and expand manufacturing across various sectors of the economy, including federal funding opportunities and site readiness grants. (One work session)

## RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

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1. Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs
2. Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations

## LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employer-Sponsored Apprenticeship Programs</li> <li>- Underground Economy in the Construction Industry</li> <li>- Prevailing Wages on Public Works</li> <li>- Workers' Compensation Return-to-Work Policies and Practices</li> <li>- Unemployment Insurance Benefits for Apprentices</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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

### **Employer-Sponsored Apprenticeship Programs**

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The Labor and Workplace Standards Committee (Committee) will review the current process for employers to sponsor apprenticeship programs approved by the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC), including developing program standards and addressing competitor objections. The Committee will receive briefings from the WSATC and other relevant stakeholders. Interested members of the Postsecondary Education and Workforce Committee will be invited to the work session. (One work session)

### **Underground Economy in the Construction Industry**

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The Committee will receive a briefing from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy on the findings from its study on the nature and scope of the underground economy in the construction industry. (One work session)

### **Prevailing Wages on Public Works**

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The Washington State Prevailing Wages on Public Works Act, also known as the "Prevailing Wage Law," requires workers to be paid prevailing wages when employed on public works projects. The Committee will evaluate the method by which the Department of Labor and Industries determines prevailing wages and review any applicable emerging case law. (One work session)

### **Workers' Compensation Return-to-Work Policies and Practices**

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The Committee recently considered legislation to expand the Stay at Work Program (Program), which provides financial incentives to employers for providing temporary, light duty work to injured workers. The Committee will evaluate the Program and other return-to-work policies and practices, including the advantages and disadvantages to employers and injured workers. (One work session)

### **Unemployment Insurance Benefits for Apprentices**

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The Legislature directed the Employment Security Department (Department) to convene a work group for the purpose of identifying and addressing legal and procedural barriers faced by eligible claimants participating in apprenticeship programs when those claimants seek timely access to unemployment insurance benefits. The Committee will receive a briefing from the Department on its finding and recommendations. (One work session)

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July	Olympia	Work Session	- Growth Management Act Planning From the Local Government Perspective	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Local Government Legislative Priorities - Local Government Update on Implementation of 2023 Growth Management Act and State Environmental Policy Act Legislation - State Building Code Council Code Development Review	Full Committee

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## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Growth Management Act Planning From the Local Government Perspective**

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The Local Government Committee (Committee) will review the Growth Management Act (GMA) and other planning requirements from the local government level. This will include hearing from stakeholders about the process of preparing a comprehensive plan under the GMA, how residential zoning and land use planning are conducted, how the State and National Environmental Policy Acts are complied with, the incorporation of climate change and resiliency planning pursuant to House Bill 1181 (2023), and planning requirements under the Shoreline Management Act. (One work session)

### **Local Government Legislative Priorities**

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The Committee will hear from a panel of local government stakeholders about their priorities and suggestions for legislation during the 2024 session, including suggestions about local government taxation authority and other funding sources, and local government hiring and work force shortage issues. (One work session)

### **Local Government Update on Implementation of 2023 Growth Management Act and State Environmental Policy Act Legislation**

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The Committee will hear from a panel of local governments about the implementation of legislation related to the Growth Management Act and the State Environmental Policy Act passed by the Committee and enacted during the 2023 legislative session, including Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1181, Substitute Senate Bill 5374, Senate Bill 5457, and Second Substitute Senate Bill 5412. (One work session)

### **State Building Code Council Code Development Review**

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The Committee will hear a presentation from the State Building Code Council about the process that the Council uses to amend the building and energy codes, including the role that the public and the Legislature play in the code development process, and how future legislation can fit into the process. (One work session)

## POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION & WORKFORCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June	Virtual	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Automation and the Future of the Workforce</li> <li>- Vocational Education and Apprenticeships Versus College</li> </ul>	Full Committee
October	Spokane	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student Basic Needs</li> <li>- High School to Postsecondary Pipeline</li> <li>- Credential Transparency</li> <li>- Mentoring and Wraparound Services</li> <li>- Community and Technical College Apprenticeship Programs</li> </ul>	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community and Technical Colleges Adjunct Wage Equity</li> <li>- Attainment and Completion Rates</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION & WORKFORCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Automation and the Future of the Workforce**

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The Postsecondary Education and Workforce Committee (Committee) will explore how technological innovation is altering and disrupting the workforce and assess how, or whether, the postsecondary education system is adapting. The Committee will receive a briefing from the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board detailing what occupations will be most impacted by artificial intelligence (AI), how policy can shape the scope of AI, and how the postsecondary education system can prepare the workforce for advancements in AI. (One work session)

### **Vocational Education and Apprenticeships Versus College**

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The Committee will examine emerging structural and societal trends of educational attainment via trade school versus college, such as shifts in focus from degrees to skills. The Committee will receive a briefing from the Department of Labor and Industries, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, and other stakeholders. (One work session)

### **Student Basic Needs**

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The Committee will examine access to resources and support services for postsecondary student basic needs such as food, water, shelter, clothing, physical health, mental health, childcare, and similar needs. (One work session)

### **High School to Postsecondary Pipeline**

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A recent report by the Washington Student Achievement Council details the decrease in high school to postsecondary enrollment rates since the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee will analyze educational attainment outcomes for public high school graduates with a focus on students who graduated during the pandemic and the demographics most impacted. (One work session)

### **Credential Transparency**

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The Committee will evaluate credential transparency data integration across the education and workforce data systems. The Committee will also explore how credential transparency impacts the educational, career, and economic momentum of Washingtonians. (One work session)

### **Mentoring and Wraparound Services**

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The Committee will explore holistic, tailored wraparound services that support access to post-high school education such as financial aid assistance, community mentorship, transportation, selecting courses, and others. The Committee will receive a briefing from LaunchNW, an organization that works with community partners to provide wraparound support for students in Spokane. (One work session)

### **Community and Technical College Apprenticeship Programs**

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The Committee will learn about community and technical college apprenticeship programs, including attainment and completion rates, barriers to access, and programs offered. (One work session)

## **Community and Technical Colleges Adjunct Wage Equity**

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The Committee will explore the discrepancy between adjunct professor wages and tenure-track faculty professor wages, including examining per-course wages for adjunct faculty across various community and technical colleges. The Committee will discuss potential solutions to make wages more equitable for adjunct professors at community and technical colleges. (One work session)

## **Attainment and Completion Rates**

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The Committee will review trends in postsecondary education attainment and completion rates among various demographics including race and gender. The Committee will discuss ways to increase the number of students completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in Washington to encourage more students to pursue postsecondary education. The Committee will also examine barriers to degree completion faced by students across various demographics and discuss solutions to reducing those barriers to help students complete postsecondary education. (One work session)

### **RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

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1. Joint Higher Education Committee

## REGULATED SUBSTANCES & GAMING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Olympia	Work Session	- Tobacco and Vapor Product Prevention and Cessation Programs and Funding	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Cannabis Laboratory Testing and Pesticides - Cannabis Social Equity Program - Alcohol Delivery Report	Full Committee

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## **REGULATED SUBSTANCES & GAMING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Tobacco and Vapor Product Prevention and Cessation Programs and Funding**

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The Regulated Substances and Gaming Committee (Committee) will examine policies, programs, and funding related to preventing and reducing youth access to and use of cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products, and assisting with cessation. The Committee will also examine trends from the Healthy Youth Survey regarding youth access, use, and perceptions of cigarettes, tobacco products, and vapor products. (One work session)

### **Cannabis Laboratory Testing and Pesticides**

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The Committee will receive updates from the Liquor and Cannabis Board, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health, and the Department of Ecology, on cannabis laboratory testing, laboratory quality standards, laboratory accreditation, and pesticide issues impacting the cannabis industry and consumers. (One work session)

### **Cannabis Social Equity Program**

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The Committee will monitor the implementation and progress of the Cannabis Social Equity Program (Program). The Committee will receive an update from the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) on the issuance of cannabis licenses in the Program, rules adopted under Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5080 (2023), and current issues impacting the Program. The Committee will also receive an update from the Department of Commerce on the Cannabis Social Equity Technical Assistance Grant Program and the roster of mentors. (One work session)

### **Alcohol Delivery Report**

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The Committee will receive an update from the LCB regarding compliance with alcohol delivery laws and regulations, and will consider the LCB's recommendations in the alcohol delivery report required by Substitute Senate Bill 5448 (2023). (One work session)

## STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	- Emerging Issues in Elections	Full Committee
November	Olympia	Work Session	- Overview of Tribal Law and Tribal Relations	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Overview of Special Purpose District Elections - Emerging Issues for the 2024 Legislative Session	Full Committee

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## **STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Emerging Issues in Elections**

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The State Government and Tribal Relations Committee (Committee) will invite speakers to discuss various topics related to elections and election reform such as ranked choice voting, democracy vouchers, approval voting, compulsory voting, and securing the integrity of elections. (One work session)

### **Overview of Tribal Law and Tribal Relations**

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The Committee will invite tribal representatives to provide an overview of the Centennial Accord, the history of tribal relations in Washington, and upcoming tribal-related issues. The Committee will also invite experts in the field of tribal law to provide an overview of tribal law including information related to treaty tribes, reservation tribes, tribal ceded areas, and tribal sovereignty. (One work session)

### **Overview of Special Purpose District Elections**

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The Committee will invite experts to discuss the elections processes for special purpose districts. (One work session)

### **Emerging Issues for the 2024 Legislative Session**

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The Committee will explore issues anticipated for the 2024 legislative session. (One work session)

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	- Climate Commitment Act—Transportation Funding Implementation	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Washington State Ferries Workforce Development and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts</li> <li>- Washington State Patrol Workforce Development and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts</li> <li>- Efforts at the Washington State Department of Transportation and Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises to Improve Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Highway Construction Industry</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Climate Commitment Act—Transportation Funding Implementation**

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The Transportation Committee (Committee) will be updated on transportation programs, projects, and other agency activities funded with Climate Commitment Act revenue through the 2022 Move Ahead WA transportation package and the 2023-25 Transportation Budget, as well as on related zero-emission vehicle transportation activities. Updates to the Committee will cover existing and newly established programs and projects in the areas of active transportation, alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure, ferries, rail, ports, and transit. The Committee will receive briefings from a range of state government entities, including the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Ecology. The Committee will also be updated on Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) and the Healthy Environment for All Act (HEAL Act) implementation. (One work session)

### **Washington State Ferries Workforce Development and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts**

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The Committee will monitor the progress within the Washington State Ferries (WSF) at the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to address its workforce shortage. The Legislature passed Senate Bill 5550 (SB 5550) in 2023 to implement the WSF workforce plan developed in partnership with the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC). The 2023-25 Transportation Budget also included additional funding for the Career Opportunities Maritime Support Services (COMPASS) program at the WSDOT to support increasing diversity in the maritime industry. The Committee will receive a presentation on the status of filling the staffing gaps which have led to service reductions and unreliable service; diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts to transform the WSF workforce; and progress on other recommendations of the JTC workforce plan and the other requirements of SB 5550. (One work session)

### **Washington State Patrol Workforce Development and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts**

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The Committee will monitor the progress made by the Washington State Patrol (WSP) in addressing its shortages of both commissioned and non-commissioned staff. Recent legislative actions have included investing in trooper bonuses, establishing lateral hire bonuses and expedited training programs, and directing the Governor's Office of Equity to oversee and support the WSP's efforts to diversify its workforce. The Committee will receive presentations from the WSP and the Office of Equity on the status of hiring and training both commissioned and non-commissioned staff and the incorporation of DEI into the recruiting process and the culture of the organization. (One work session)



## **Efforts at the Washington State Department of Transportation and Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises to Improve Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Highway Construction Industry**

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The Committee will monitor the progress of the implementation of additional funding provided in the 2023-25 Transportation Budget for the Preapprenticeship Support Services (PASS) program at the WSDOT and for the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) to increase diversity in the highway construction and commercial trucking industries. The Committee will receive presentations from the WSDOT and OMWBE on the status of increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion of minorities and women and their businesses in the highway construction and commercial trucking industries. (One work session)