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TO: Members, House of Representatives

The following pages outline the interim activities and studies scheduled by the committees of the Washington House of Representatives. Many of these studies are now underway, while others will begin later in the summer or fall.

Please note that dates listed in this document are subject to change. September Committee Assembly and December Committee Assembly refer to two-day periods during the months of September and December which are set aside for committee hearings and related activities.

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

Thank you.

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
 AGRICULTURE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE  
 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TYPE OF MEETING
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Water Rights: Municipal and family farm water rights and transfers, amendments, and changes to existing water rights.  2. Official positions of the associations of cities and counties regarding responding to requirements of the state and federal clean water acts and the federal Endangered Species Act.	1. Work Session/Public Hearing  2. Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Funding bigger clean-up projects under the Model Toxics Control Act.  2. Oil spill regulation by states after <i>United States v. Locke</i> .  3. Integrated pest management for counties.	1. Work Session/ Public Hearing  2. Work Session/Public Hearing  3. Work Session/Public Hearing





**PROJECT TITLE:** Funding Clean-up Projects under the Model Toxics Control Act.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Examine the capacity of current funding mechanisms under the Model Toxics Control Act to accommodate providing longer-term funding to large local clean-up projects.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** HB 2313

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Carole Richmond

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Rights.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** An examination of municipal and family farm water rights and of transfers, amendments, and changes to existing water rights.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** HB 2966 and SSB 6525

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Kenneth Hirst; and Bill Lynch

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Oil Spill Regulation by States after *United States v. Locke*.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Review of the impact of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on the state's ability to regulate oil tankers to provide protection from oil spill damages and other ships with regard to ballast water management.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Lynch

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Integrated Pest Management for Counties.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Examine extending the application of integrated pest management as that management is being developed by state agencies and institutions of higher education under Chapter 17.15 RCW to pest control activities conducted by counties, including activities for controlling weeds along roads.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Kenneth Hirst

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Positions of Cities and Counties regarding ESA and Clean Water Act Responses.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Receive and review the official positions developed by the Washington Association of Cities and the Washington State Association of Counties regarding responses to requirements of the federal Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

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

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2000.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Contaminated Sediments.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Examine a range of policy issues related to the use of state-owned aquatic lands for the remediation of contaminated sediments.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** HB 3041

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Carole Richmond

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Storage.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor the study of the Task Force on Water Storage.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** Section 301(25), 2SSB 6404 (as amended by the House, 2000).

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Kenneth Hirst.

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Agriculture, Fish, and Wildlife (AFW) Process.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor the development of proposals under an "AFW" process for irrigation districts and agricultural operations in response to listings of fish as endangered or threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Kenneth Hirst;  
Bill Lynch

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Stormwater Advisory Committee Recommendations.

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor the development of recommendations on storm water by an advisory committee to the Department of Ecology for updating the department's storm water management plan.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** Section 302(11), Chapter 309, Laws of 1999.

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Carole Richmond;  
Bill Lynch

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

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September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	TBA	TBA
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	TBA	TBA



**PROJECT TITLE:** State Expenditure Limit Committee

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Provide staff support to House members on the newly created State Expenditure Limit Committee. Develop training materials for Appropriations committee staff regarding adjustments to the state expenditure limit.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 3169 (Ch. 2, 2000 Laws,  
2nd Special Session)

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Beth Redfield; Senate Ways & Means Staff

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** FTE Reporting

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Work with LEAP and OFM to improve the scope and historical comparability of FTE reports.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** N/A

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Beth Redfield

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Fiscal Note Training

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Develop fiscal note analysis training materials for new or nearly new staff.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** N/A

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Beth Redfield; House Appropriations and  
Senate Ways & Means Analysts

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Health Benefit Premium Increases

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Health benefit premiums increased by over 12 percent for calendar year 2000, and the Health Care Authority is projecting another 12 percent increase for CY 2001. Increased costs for employee health benefits have the potential to have a big impact on the 2001-03 operating budget. In order to understand the potential magnitude of the impact as early as possible, early indicators of premium increases will be tracked, including premium increases in other states and for other Washington employers. In addition, fiscal information from the Health Care Authority on the financial status of the state's self-insured Uniform Medical Plan will be closely monitored.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Denise Graham

**COMPLETION DATE:** On-going

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Comparison of Employee Health Benefits

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Research will be conducted to determine how state employee health benefits compare with benefits provided by other states, local governments and private sector companies in Washington state. A report summarizing the findings will be produced.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Denise Graham

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Pension Contribution Rates

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Pension Funding Council is required by statute to adopt the pension contribution rates for the upcoming biennium by September 2000. In addition, the council is charged with overseeing an independent audit of the actuarial valuations of the pension systems conducted by the Office of the State Actuary. Along with other members of the pension funding work group, staff support will be provided to the council in the form of writing and administering the request for proposal for the independent actuarial audit at the direction of the council; reviewing the audit findings; and reviewing and analyzing the results of the actuarial valuations.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Denise Graham

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A



**PROJECT TITLE:** Forest Fire Protection and Suppression Programs

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** In January 1997, the Legislature received a report from Tri-Data Corporation which analyzed the current state policies and practices regarding forest fire protection and suppression and provided a number of recommendations for improving these practices. To follow up on this effort, additional research will be conducted on the relationship between investments in forest fire protection and long-term expenditures on forest fire suppression.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Jeff Olsen & Bill Lynch

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Aquatic lease rates

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Aquatic lands in the state are held in trust for the public and managed by the Department of Natural Resources. The department is authorized by state law to allow a variety of uses on aquatic lands and to set the terms and conditions for those uses. There is concern that the formula used by the department to set lease rates does not fairly assess the value of such leases. A study of lease rates was completed by the department several years ago. This study and other resources will be analyzed, and additional research on lease rates will be completed.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Jeff Olsen, Carole Richmond & Josh Weiss

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** State Recreation Areas

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The state provides recreation areas through the State Parks Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, and various other agencies. Appropriations staff will assist the Capital Budget Committee in examining recreation areas to determine the amount of recreation opportunities and the current financial resources for acquisition, development, and stewardship of these areas.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Jeff Olsen, Bill Robinson, & Susan Howson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** K-12 Special Education Program Study

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** JLARC will conduct a study of the K-12 special education program focusing on the definition and implementation of excess cost and the ability to determine need for safety net funding. Appropriations committee staff will follow the study and assist in the study process.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487, Sec 103

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Julie Salvi

**COMPLETION DATE:** June 30, 2002. Interim findings November 20, 2000 and November 20, 2001.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Study of High School Programs

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) will conduct a study of certain public high school programs to examine what high school education opportunities are currently available to students. Appropriations committee staff will follow the study and assist in the study process.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487, Sec 607 (4)

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Julie Salvi

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 15, 2001. Interim findings January 1, 2001.

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Recommendations on K-12 Accountability Policies

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Appropriations staff will monitor the development of K-12 accountability policy recommendations by the Achievement and Accountability Commission.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** RCW 28A.655.035

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Julie Salvi

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 5, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Community College Funding Review

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Analyze the assumptions used over time which result in the current level of community college funding. Provide comparisons of funding in other states and other relevant fiscal analysis.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Beth Redfield; Erika Prager

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Higher Education Master Plan Monitoring

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The 2000 Legislature directed the Higher Education Coordinating Board to do further analysis on enrollment issues provided in its 2000 Master Plan for Higher Education and present those findings to the 2001 Legislature. Extensive staff level discussions and review of enrollment trends and policies are planned to complete the task.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Beth Redfield

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Technology Program Development by WSU in Spokane (SIRTI)  
Monitoring

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Due to detailed provisos in the 2000 Appropriations Act, the continuing issue of WSU program implementation in Spokane is now focused on efforts to establish a major effort in technology (bio-technology) in partnership with the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute during this summer and fall.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Mark Matteson

**COMPLETION DATE:** November 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Foster Care

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor the implementation of recommendations of the Foster Care Task Force. The committee will review a report on exceptional cost plans, review the use of respite for foster care parents as a retention tool, and review the progress of a Casey Foundation foster care recruitment project.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Heather Flodstrom

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Coordinated with Children and Family Services Committee

**PROJECT TITLE:** Child Care

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor the development of an OFM study of rate setting for subsidized child care and the review of state programs for low income families with children, including seasonal worker day care.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** ESSB 6404

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Heather Flodstrom

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Coordinated with Children and Family Services Committee

**PROJECT TITLE:** Study of Community Mental Health Funding

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor the study being conducted by JLARC on modifying the basis by which RSN's and community mental health providers are funded.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** ESSB 5180

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Amy Hanson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 1, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Medical Assistance Studies

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor various studies dealing with health and medical assistance, including: a) WSIPP study on the Ticket to Work program; b) pharmacy benefit study; c) WSIPP health cost containment study.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Amy Hanson

**COMPLETION DATE:** Various

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** MH/DD Collaborative Plan

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor the implementation of Phase II and the development of Phase III of the MH/DD Collaborative Plan.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Amy Hanson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 1, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sentencing Policy Study

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor Sentencing Guidelines Commission comprehensive review and evaluation of state sentencing policy. The review and evaluation will include an analysis of whether current sentencing ranges and standards, as well as existing mandatory minimum sentences, existing sentence enhancements, and special sentencing alternatives, are consistent with the purposes of the Sentencing Reform Act as set out in statute. The study must be completed no later than December 1, 2001.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487, Sec 221

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Dave Johnson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 1, 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Police Special Services Study

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs study of law enforcement services and expenditures for both counties and cities, but only in counties with populations over 150,000. The study will be completed by June 30, 2001. The study will focus on identifying ways of delivering service more efficiently and avoiding duplication.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487, Sec 216

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Dave Johnson

**COMPLETION DATE:** June 30, 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Local Government Funding Task Force

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A task force will develop and propose a methodology for the distribution of future state budgetary assistance to cities, counties, and public health districts.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487, Sec 731

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Mark Matteson; and Mike Groesch, Senate  
Ways & Means staff

**COMPLETION DATE:** November 1, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Indigent Representation in Dependency Hearings Pilot Program

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Monitor the pilot program that will implement enhanced defense attorney practice standards to enhance the quality of legal representation in dependency hearings with the object of reducing the number of continuances and thus the amount of time children spend in foster care.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487, Sec 108

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Mark Matteson

**COMPLETION DATE:** Interim report due January 30,  
2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Improving State Agency Contracting Practices

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Office of Financial Management (OFM) will develop guidelines and will train agency staff on the effective management of personal service contracts. OFM will then conduct risk-based audits and submit the results to the Legislature.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** EHB 2487, Sec 117

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Mark Matteson

**COMPLETION DATE:** June 30, 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:**





**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
Mar 21	1:00 to 3:00	Olympia	Full Committee	Certificates of Participation	Public Hearing/Work Session
May 18	9:00 to 12:00	Olympia	Full Committee	Recreation Areas	Public Hearing/Work Session
June 15	9:00 to 12:00	Olympia	Full Committee	Certificates of Participation	Public Hearing/Work Session
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Higher Education Master Plan 2. School Construction 3. Trust Lands	Public Hearing
Nov 16	9:00 to 12:00	Olympia	Full Committee	DD housing	Public Hearing
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Higher Education Master Plan 2. Trust Lands 3. Salmon Recovery Funding Board	Public Hearing



**PROJECT TITLE:** Certificates of Participation

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** State agencies, primarily institutions of higher education, use Certificates of Participation (COPs) to finance new state facilities. The project will develop a policy for the use of COPs including the criteria and process for legislative approval of these financing contracts for state facilities.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**HB 2381

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Robinson/Susan Howson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Salmon Recovery

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The 1999-01 capital budget provided over \$137 million for salmon recovery efforts. The committee will monitor the distribution of the money appropriated to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and review the role of the Board and the Legislature in setting priorities for salmon recovery projects.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**SHB 1165, HB 2381

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Robinson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Higher Education Facilities

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The state master plan for higher education has a goal of increasing enrollments at the state's public institutions. The Legislature has the responsibility of balancing the need for maintaining the existing institutions with the need for new facilities to meet enrollment growth. The committee will monitor the recommendations the Higher Education Coordinating Board's master plan and evaluate the financial, policy, and facility implications of the plan.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**SCR 8425

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Robinson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** School Construction

**PRIORITY:** 4

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The State Board of Education is conducting an examination of several school construction issues including the area cost allowance, square foot eligibility and multiple release dates for state financial assistance to school districts. The committee will designate two members to represent the committee in working with the State Board during this examination and monitor the recommendations of the State Board.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Robinson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Residential housing for developmentally disabled persons

**PRIORITY:** 5

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** There is a variety of private and state-owned and operated living alternatives for developmentally disabled persons. The committee will study the various types of housing alternatives and identify cost and service level differences among the various alternatives.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Susan Howson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** State Recreation Areas

**PRIORITY:** 6

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The state provides recreation areas through the State Parks Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation, and various other agencies. The committee will examine recreation areas to determine the amount of recreation opportunities and the current financial resources for acquisition, development, and stewardship of these areas.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Robinson/Susan Howson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Diversification of state trust land assets

**PRIORITY:** 7

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The state owns and manages more than 5.6 million acres of land for the benefit of various beneficiaries. The largest trust is 1.8 million acres of timber land for the state's common school system. The Department of Natural Resources is conducting a pilot project with Washington State University on the potential of repositioning these assets to achieve a higher return to the beneficiaries. The committee will monitor the progress and results of the pilot project.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Robinson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Farmworker Housing

**PRIORITY:** 8

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The 1999-01 capital budget appropriated \$8 million for temporary and permanent housing for farmworkers. The committee will review the implementation of the appropriation.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** SHB 1165

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Susan Howson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

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

**PRIORITY:** 9

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

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Susan Howson

**COMPLETION DATE:** January, 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:**



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
June	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<b>Foster Care</b> 1. DSHS update on action plans from the recommendations of the foster care task force initiatives. 2. DSHS review of exceptional cost plans report. 3. DSHS discussion of the use of respite for foster care parents as a retention tool. 4. Casey Foundation progress report on foster care recruitment efforts.	Work Session
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. DSHS review of TANF changes and planned program changes 2. DSHS update of drug affected baby projects 3. CFCO review of 1999 report findings regarding neglect 4. JLARC update on status of Mental Health Study	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Discussion of residential school options for persons with disabilities a. National disability expert review of current thinking on the role of residential schools. b. Staff review of approaches taken in other states 2. JLARC presentation of final report on Mental Health Study	Work Session





**PROJECT TITLE:** Foster Care

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will monitor the implementation of recommendations of the Foster Care Task Force. The committee will review a report on exceptional cost plans, review the use of respite for foster care parents as a retention tool, and review the progress of a Casey Foundation foster care recruitment project.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Coordinated with  
Appropriations  
Committee

**PROJECT TITLE:** Residential Schools for Persons with Sensory Disabilities

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will explore expert opinion and approaches employed by other states in serving persons with visual and hearing disabilities. The committee will tour the Washington Schools for the Deaf and for the Blind.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**SSB 6361

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** National specialist on  
disability

**PROJECT TITLE:** Chronic Child Neglect

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review the findings related to neglect in the Office of Child and Family Ombudsman 1999 report, review the success of DSHS strategies for addressing neglectful families and develop legislation.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Background checks for adoptive parents

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review current law related to background checks for adoptive parents and approaches employed in other states.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Tracey Taylor

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Eliminating Prosecution for Unharmed Abandoned Infants

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review approaches in other states and develop legislation removing prosecution for persons who leave an unharmed infant in an emergency room.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Tracey Taylor

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Coordinated with  
Criminal Justice and  
Corrections Committee

**PROJECT TITLE:** Child Care

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee staff will monitor the development of an OFM study of rate setting for subsidized child care and the review of state programs for low income families with children, including seasonal worker day care.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** ESSB 6404

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Coordinated with  
Appropriations  
Committee

**PROJECT TITLE:** Mental Health System Improvements

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review the study of the mental health system to be completed by the Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee by December 2000.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** SB 5180

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Coordinated with Health Care Committee

**PROJECT TITLE:** Drug Affected Baby Projects

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will monitor the implementation of projects related to drug affected babies.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** SB 5180

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Family Day Care

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will explore the impact of covenants on the operation of family day cares.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Tracey Taylor

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Department of Social and Health Services Reorganization **PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will monitor efforts to explore reorganizing the Department of Social and Health Services.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Family Preservation Services **PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will monitor the status of family preservation services.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** ESSB 6404

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Coordinated with Appropriations Committee

**PROJECT TITLE:** Family Policy Council Principles and Community Networks **PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will monitor the implementation of blended funding projects with regard to the application of the statutory principles of the Family Policy Council and the role of the community networks.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** HB 2807

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Debbie Frazier

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Coordinated with Appropriations Committee

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMERCE & LABOR COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	(1) Report by the Department of Labor and Industries: (a) Update on implementation of the JLARC Workers' Compensation Performance Audit recommendations. (b) Progress on meeting budget goals for reducing time-loss duration and claims manager case loads.	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Reports to the Committee on: (1) Findings and recommendations from the Task Force review of the UI system.	Work Session



**PROJECT TITLE:** Unemployment Insurance Task Force

**PRIORITY:** #1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The unemployment insurance package enacted in 2000 included a legislative task force to review the historical fundamentals of the unemployment insurance system and determine to what extent, if any, the system should be modified to address: maintaining low unemployment, establishing a skilled workforce, and ensuring a competitive business and employment climate in the technology-based twenty-first century. Included among the fifteen task force members are four House members, appointed by the co-speakers. The committee will participate in and monitor the activities of the task force and receive the task force's report in December, as directed by the legislation.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** SHB 3077

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** House Commerce & Labor Committee and Senate Labor and Workforce Development Committee/Chris Cordes, Pam Madson, Jill Reinmuth, and Joanne Conrad

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Performance Improvements in the Workers' Compensation System

**PRIORITY:** #2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Legislation adopted in 1997 required the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to contract for a workers' compensation performance audit. The audit report, submitted to the Legislature in 1998, made 32 recommendations for improving the workers' compensation system. The recommendations deal with such issues as reporting of injuries to employers, responsibilities of claims managers, vocational rehabilitation benefits, workplace safety improvements, and the retrospective rating program. The committee will continue to monitor and receive reports from the Department of Labor and Industries on its implementation of these recommendations.

In the 1999 budget, the Legislature increased the department's claims manager positions by 24 FTE's. Continuation of these additional positions was conditioned, however, on the department reducing time-loss duration and claims managers' case loads. The budget proviso requires the department to make substantial progress toward a 5 percent reduction in time-loss duration by June 30, 2000, and an additional 2.5 percent reduction by June 30, 2001. The committee will receive reports from the department on its progress toward meeting these goals.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** SSB 6030/1997

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Chris Cordes, House Commerce & Labor Committee

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A





**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TYPE OF MEETING
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**Ad Hoc Work Group on Correctional Industries**

June 7	9:30 a.m.	Olympia	Ad Hoc Work Group on Correctional Industries (includes Full Committee)	Prison Work Programs.	Work Session
August 23	9:30 a.m.	Olympia	Ad Hoc Work Group on Correctional Industries (includes Full Committee)	Prison Work Programs.	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Ad Hoc Work Group on Correctional Industries (includes Full Committee)	Prison Work Programs.	Work Session

**Ad Hoc Work Group on Local Supervision Services**

May 24	9:30 a.m.	Olympia	Ad Hoc Work Group on Local Supervision Services (includes Full Committee)	Liability for pre and post-conviction probation and supervision services.	Work Session
July 11	9:30 a.m.	Olympia	Ad Hoc Work Group on Local Supervision Services (includes Full Committee)	Liability for pre and post-conviction probation and supervision services.	Work Session
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Ad Hoc Work Group on Local Supervision Services (includes Full Committee)	Liability for pre and post-conviction probation and supervision services.	Work Session



**PROJECT TITLE:** Correctional Industries

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Based upon concerns that some correctional industries may be in competition with local businesses, an ad hoc work group will be created to review correctional industries and prison work programs. The group will consider the importance of providing meaningful work opportunities for the rehabilitation of each offender as well as the possible effects that such programs have on the local labor industry.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2488

HB 2574

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Yvonne Walker

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Local Supervision Services

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** In the 1999 case of *Hertog v. City of Seattle & King County*, the Washington Supreme Court held that municipal probation counselors, county pretrial release counselors who have supervisory authority, and their employing agencies have a duty to protect others from reasonably foreseeable danger resulting from the dangerous propensities of probationers and pretrial releasees under their supervision. The court recognized that the Legislature has the authority to limit government liability in this area if it so chooses. An ad hoc work group will be created to consider these issues and determine the need for possible future legislation.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2715

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Jean Ann Quinn

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND TRADE COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	TBA	TBA
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	TBA	TBA



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly		Olympia	Full Committee	Accountability, hypertyping, and metrics	Work Session
December Committee Assembly		Olympia	Full Committee	Teacher quality and programs for struggling students	Work Session





**PROJECT TITLE:** Teacher Quality

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review state policies governing the preparation and continuing education of teachers. The review will include the roles of the State Board of Education and the new Professional Educator Standards Board in teacher preparation and certification, alternative certification policies, mentoring for new teachers, and the findings of the Partnership for Excellence in Teaching. The committee will also review recruitment, professional growth, and retirement policies for teacher and substitutes, including the role of incentives for teachers to successfully complete certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Finally the committee will study the role of lead teachers and mentor teachers in assisting other educators and will study teacher compensation policies in other states. A notebook with information on teacher quality will be prepared and distributed to each committee member. In addition, legislation will be prepared on lead teachers, alternative certification, bonuses for nationally certified teachers, and possibly other policies that enhance teacher quality.

**BILL/RESOLUTION REFERENCE:**  
HB 2748; HB 2666; HB 3046; HB 2581

**COMMITTEE/STAFF:** Morrissey

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** None

**PROJECT TITLE:** Student Safety

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review successful policies, including character education and small schools, that have proven effective in decreasing student discipline problems, including violence, bullying, and harassment. The committee will also look at the various funding sources used to support student safety programs, with a focus on possible program and funding consolidation. Finally the committee will review studies on school lunch food safety programs and programs designed to provide food safety training for school food handlers and their supervisors. A notebook with information on student safety will be prepared and distributed to each committee member. In addition, legislation on character education and funding realignment will be prepared.

**BILL/RESOLUTION REFERENCE:**  
HB 2763; HB 2409; HB 2694; ESSB 6478

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Gavigan; Morrissey

**COMPLETION DATE:** 11/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** None

**PROJECT TITLE:** Student Achievement and Assistance

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review policies that have proven successful in raising student achievement. The policies include extended learning programs for struggling students, all day kindergarten, early learning programs, and programs to increase parental involvement in schools. The committee will also review the use of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) and issues surrounding a return of the scored test to parents and teachers. Finally, the committee will review possible policies that would permit students in private schools to take the WASL at state expense. A notebook containing information on student achievement and assistance will be prepared and distributed to committee members, and legislation will be prepared on assistance for struggling students and distribution of the scored WASLs.

**BILL/RESOLUTION REFERENCE:**  
HB 2000; HB 2084; HB 2803; HB 2582

**COMMITTEE/STAFF:** Morrissey

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:** None

**PROJECT TITLE:** Accountability

**PRIORITY:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** In 1999, the Legislature created the Academic Achievement and Accountability (A+) Commission and directed the Commission to report in September 2000 on recommended policies to reward successful schools, help struggling schools, and intervene in schools in which a high percentage of the students persistently fail to meet the state's academic standards. In preparation for the Commission's report, the committee will review reward, assistance, and intervention policies in other states. The committee will also review the role of public school charters and other programs that permit parents and students to select from a broad array of public school educational options. A notebook containing information on educational accountability will be prepared and distributed to committee members, and legislation will be prepared on rewarding successful schools, assisting struggling schools, and taking additional actions in schools in which a large percentage of students persistently fail to meet state standards.

**BILL/RESOLUTION REFERENCE:**  
ESSB 5418; HB 2415

**COMMITTEE/STAFF:** Morrissey; Gavigan

**COMPLETION DATE:** 12/00

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Various - Committee Assembly	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Various - Committee Assembly	Full Committee



**PROJECT TITLE:** Sales Tax Avoidance

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Estimate losses in revenue from state sales and use tax avoidance and cheating. Include out-of-state use claims, cross border issues, and purchases made over the Internet.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Workgroup of two Finance Comm. members,  
one from each caucus/ Linda Brooks

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Senior Property Tax Deferral and Exemption Study

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Determine the amount of real property taxes being deferred or exempted under each of the various statutory provisions for low-income senior citizens and disabled homeowners. Tabulate the amount of tax exempted or deferred by county for the last 10 years.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Workgroup of two Finance Comm. members,  
one from each caucus/ Linda Brooks

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Evaluating the Warehouse Sales Tax Exemption

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Under legislation enacted in 1997, the legislative fiscal committees are required to analyze the economic impacts of the warehouse sales and use tax exemption and report to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2001. During the 2000 interim, work will be required to determine analytical techniques, data requirements, information resources, scope of analysis, resource commitment required, and a time table for completing this study. This work will be done in cooperation with the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and with the assistance of the Department of Revenue. (1997 C 450 sec 6)

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Rick Peterson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Monitoring and Evaluating the Property Tax System

**PRIORITY:** 4

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will produce reports related to the growth in property valuations and the accuracy of assessment procedures. The first report will document the growth in property valuation and will investigate the distribution of valuation changes by area and class of property. The second report will evaluate the performance of real property assessment system. This report will measure the accuracy of 1999 assessed values and their conformance with the International Association of Assessing Officers standards. The report will complement similar reports for 1997 and 1998 assessments.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Rick Peterson, Linda Brooks

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Tax Data and Modeling

**PRIORITY:** 5

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Each session the House of Representatives must deal with a variety of proposals related to the property and excise tax systems. In order to respond adequately to inquiries and bill and amendment drafting requests, data bases and models must be updated or developed. This project will incorporate the detailed 2000 property data into the property tax data base, update the homeowner property tax model using the 1998 Washington State Population Survey, and incorporate detailed excise tax data into a data base.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Linda Brooks, Rick Peterson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Monitor the Economic and Revenue Forecast Process

**PRIORITY:** 6

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Economic and Revenue Forecast Council revises the state's economic and revenue forecast four times a year. Staff will monitor the development of the economic and revenue forecast and participate in the economic and revenue forecast workgroup.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Rick Peterson

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Monitor Administrative Rules by Department of Revenue

**PRIORITY:** 7

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Revenue is responsible for the drafting and implementation of administrative rules dealing with excise and property taxes. This project will monitor the development of excise tax and property tax administrative rules.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

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

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Local Government Revenue and Expenditure Data Development

**PRIORITY:** 8

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The state Auditor's Office has developed an internet site (Local Government Finance Reporting System) for the dissemination of local government revenue and expenditure data. Staff will monitor the development of the internet site.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Linda Brooks

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 31, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**





**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
6/14/00	1:30pm	Courthouse Annex Chehalis, WA	Full Committee (Joint with Senate CTHFI)	Manufactured home sales and financing.	Public Hearing
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Deregulation of commercial insurance policies.  2. Update on implementation of Gramm- Leach-Bliley.	Public Hearing/Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Update on wrap-up insurance policies.  2. Update on privacy of financial/consumer information.	Work Session/Public Hearing



**PROJECT TITLE:** Privacy of financial/consumer information.

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will follow the activities of the Attorney General's Office and others in Washington during the interim regarding the privacy of information held by financial institutions and others. The sharing of information among affiliates and by government agencies and nonprofits will also be reviewed. The project will also monitor privacy proposals in other states, and monitor privacy issues that arise during the interim.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:**ESSB 6513, HB 2631

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Monitor implementation of Gramm-Leach-Bliley.

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Congress passed S. 900 that made significant changes to federal laws regarding financial services industries. This project will monitor the implementation of this complicated law, including: (1) the regulations being drafted by federal regulators on privacy and other provisions; (2) uniform licensing for insurance agents; and (3) the impact on state-chartered financial institutions.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:**ESSB 6513, HB 2631

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Manufactured home sales and financing.

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will review the way manufactured homes are sold and financed, review and analyze consumer complaints regarding use of power of attorneys, land-home packages, closing the sale, and other issues, and recommend possible alternatives to provide better protection for consumers.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:**ESHB 2872

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Low income persons and mandatory auto liability insurance.

**PRIORITY:** 4

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will review the impact of the state's mandatory automobile liability insurance requirement on low income persons, and will review alternatives to assist low income persons comply with the law.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2919, HB 3075

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Deregulation of commercial insurance policies.

**PRIORITY:** 5

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** There is discussion and debate nationally regarding to what extent the commercial insurance market should be deregulated (by limiting or not requiring the filing of rates and forms with the insurance regulator). This discussion generally focuses on whether small businesses should be included in deregulation to the same extent as large businesses and how deregulation should be structured. This project will review the national discussion and debate, and seek the perspectives of interested parties in Washington State, including insurance companies, agents and brokers, small and large businesses, and the OIC.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2767, SB 6591

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Wrap-up insurance policies for government construction projects.

**PRIORITY:** 6

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will review the potential benefits and policy issues of allowing one wrapped-up insurance policy (excluding workers' compensation) to be used on large government construction projects rather than having each contractor and subcontractor responsible for its own policy. Two proposals, one for the Port of Seattle and one for Sound Transit, authorized wrap-up policies for the Port of Seattle and Sound Transit. This project will follow the implementation of wrap-up insurance on these projects. In addition, the project will monitor potential issues with government wrap-ups, including the potential impact on Washington insurance agents and brokers.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2863, SB 6687

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Monitor interim activities of Congress and state agencies.

**PRIORITY:** 7

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will monitor the activity of Congress in the areas of financial institutions and insurance. It will also monitor the interim activities of the state Department of Financial Institutions, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the State Investment Board, the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency, and other agency activities related to financial services.

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

**COMMITTEE/**  
**STAFF:** Charlie Gavigan

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TYPE OF MEETING
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Update on Implementation of Individual Market Legislation. a. WSHIP Board b. Carriers c. Health Care Authority 2. Update on JLARC Study of Regional Support Networks.	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Agency Overviews: a. Health Care Authority b. Medical Assistance Administration, DSHS c. Office of the Insurance Commissioner 2. Overview on Health Care Workforce Shortage.	Work Session





**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly		Olympia	Full Committee	The role of higher education in economic development; Accountability follow-up; WICHE update	Work Session/Public Hearing
December Committee Assembly		Olympia	Full Committee	Higher Education Coordinating Board master plan follow-up	Work Session/Public Hearing



**PROJECT TITLE:** Higher Education Coordinating Board Master Plan Follow-Up

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will monitor the activities of the Higher Education Coordinating Board as part of its follow-up to the master plan resolution adopted by the Legislature. Specifically, the committee will be informed of the board's review of assumptions related to projecting enrollment, the role of the community colleges in meeting expected enrollment, and capital needs to serve future enrollment. The committee will also monitor the activities of the Office of Financial Management as it reviews its FTE counting methodologies which is closely tied to enrollment forecasting. The committee will hear reports in December.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** ESSCR 8425

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Erika Prager and Tracey Taylor

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Higher Education Coordinating Board, Office of Financial Management

**PROJECT TITLE:** Accountability Follow-Up

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will monitor the activities of and materials distributed by the Council of Presidents, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, and Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding current and future accountability efforts. While all areas of accountability are important, the committee will place emphasis on following information technology.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2375

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Erika Prager

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** None



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	TBA	TBA
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Court Reform	Public Hearing/Work Session



**PROJECT TITLE:** Court Reform

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Examine issues relating to increasing efficiency and reducing delay and congestion in the state's trial court system. Monitor the work of the Board for Judicial Administration's "Project 2001" Committee.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Perry

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 1, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Property Seizure and Forfeiture

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Examine issues relating to the various state laws that provide for seizure and forfeiture of property associated with illegal activity.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Trudes Hutcheson

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 1, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Personal Privacy

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Examination of issues relating to personal privacy including governmental and private entity surveillance, but not including issues related to the acquisition or use of financial or other personal information.

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

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Edie Adams

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 1, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A





**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
Week of June 19	TBA	Spokane County <i>(Association of WA Cities conference)</i>	Full Committee	Shoreline Laws and Regulations  Growth Management Act and Rural Economic Development	Work Session/Public Hearing
Week of June 26	TBA	Grays Harbor County <i>(Washington State Association of Counties conference)</i>	Full Committee	Shoreline Laws and Regulations  Growth Management Act and Rural Economic Development	Work Session/Public Hearing
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Endangered Species Act -- Federal Rules for Listed Species  Shoreline Laws and Regulations	Work Session/Public Hearing
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Growth Management Act and Urban Housing  Annexations, Incorporations and Assumptions	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Annexations, Incorporations and Assumptions  Growth Management Act and Rural Economic Development  Growth Management Act and Urban Housing	Work Session



**PROJECT TITLE:** Local Government Finances

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will monitor the activities of the Joint Task Force on Local Governments, consider the discussion and recommendations of the Joint Task Force, and evaluate whether any statutory changes are necessary.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** SHB 2392 and Initiative 695 (Chapter 1, Laws of 2000)

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Scott MacColl and Caroleen Dineen

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** Joint Task Force

**PROJECT TITLE:** Shoreline Laws and Regulations

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review statutes and regulations related to shoreline governance in Washington, including the Shoreline Management Act, the Growth Management Act, hydraulic project statutes, critical areas regulations, shoreline master program regulations and various permitting requirements related to shorelines. The committee also will examine the relationship of various land use statutes and regulations affecting shoreline uses and activities and consider whether any statutory changes are necessary.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** 1999 and 2000 sessions: HB 1591; SHB 2391; HB 2393; HB 2394; SHB 2806; and HB 3031.

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Caroleen Dineen and Scott MacColl

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Endangered Species Act — Federal Rules for Listed Species

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will examine rules adopted under the federal Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1533 (d), for listed species in Washington. The committee also will consider the impact of the implementation of these rules on local governments and the public.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:**

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Caroleen Dineen and Scott MacColl

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Growth Management Act and Rural Economic Development

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review the Growth Management Act's (GMA's) economic development planning goal and consider how this goal has been addressed in implementing the GMA.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2467 and HB 3021

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Caroleen Dineen and Scott MacColl

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Growth Management Act and Urban Housing

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review the Growth Management act's (GMA's) housing planning goal and consider whether this goal has been achieved through implementation of the GMA. The committee also will: (1) review the GMA's buildable land requirements; (2) examine issues related to density determinations in urban areas, development incentives, infrastructure funding, affordable housing, and impact fees; and (3) determine whether any statutory changes are necessary.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** 1999 and 2000 sessions: HB 3019 and  
ESSB 5914

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Scott MacColl and Caroleen Dineen

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Annexations, Incorporations and Assumptions

**PRIORITY:** 4

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The committee will review various land use and fiscal issues relating to annexations and incorporations, examine the land use and fiscal impacts of annexations and incorporations, and evaluate whether any statutory changes related to annexations and incorporations are necessary. The committee also will consider issues related to annexations by special purpose districts and assumption of special purpose districts and evaluate the need for statutory changes related to these annexations or assumptions.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** 1999 and 2000 sessions: HB 1102; HB  
1171; HB 1527; HB 1584; (Chapter 105,  
Laws of 1999); HB 1607; HB 1738; HB  
2450; and SHB 3032

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Scott MacColl and Caroleen Dineen

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	- Aquatic Lease Rates	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	- Carbon Sequestration - Forest Fire Protection & Suppression Programs	Work Session



**PROJECT TITLE:** Aquatic lease rates.

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Aquatic lands in the state are held in trust for the public and managed by the Department of Natural Resources. The Department is authorized by state law to allow a variety of uses on aquatic lands and to set the terms and conditions for those uses. There is concern that the formula used by the Department to set lease rates does not fairly assess the value of such leases. A study of lease rates was completed by the Department several years ago. This study and other resources will be analyzed, and additional research on lease rates will be completed.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** None.

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Carole Richmond & Josh Weiss

**COMPLETION DATE:** September, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** None

**PROJECT TITLE:** Carbon Sequestration.

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** During the 1998 and 1999 legislative sessions, bills were introduced that would have required a study of the feasibility of implementing a carbon credit market in Washington. There is a need for general information on carbon sequestration and the potential operation of carbon markets. Background information will be completed on carbon sequestration in general, the operation and existence of carbon credit markets in other states and countries, and the operation of other pollution credit markets.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** HB 1229; SB 5121

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Josh Weiss

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** None

**PROJECT TITLE:** Forest Fire Protection and Suppression Programs.

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** In January 1997, the Legislature received a report from Tri-Data Corporation which analyzed the current state policies and practices regarding forest fire protection and suppression and provided a number of recommendations for improving these practices. To follow up on this effort, additional research will be conducted on the relationship between investments in forest fire protection and long-term expenditures on forest fire suppression.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:** None.

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Bill Lynch

**COMPLETION DATE:** December, 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:** None





**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	- Absentee and Mail Ballots - Moving the Date of the Primary	Work Session/Public Hearing
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	- State Agency Contract Supervision - Performance Audits - Public Records and Privacy	Work Session/Public Hearing



**PROJECT TITLE:** State Agency Contract Supervision

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Examine methods to improve oversight over state agency contracts, including the possibility of one agency having supervisory authority over all state agency contracting.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2729, HB 2738

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Jim Morishima and Steve Lundin

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Absentee and Mail Ballots

**PRIORITY:** 2

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Review absentee and mail ballot procedures, including the variance in procedures from county to county in the presidential primary.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** ESSB 6363

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Jim Morishima and Steve Lundin

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Public Records and Privacy

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Examine current practices and possible methods to improve privacy protections in the context of public records disclosure.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** HB 2228, HB 2458, SHB 2792, HB  
2810, HB 3054, SB 5862, SSB 6686

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Jim Morishima and Steve Lundin

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Performance Audits

**PRIORITY:** 4

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Review the laws and procedures pertaining to performance audits, including possible methods to improve the performance audit process.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**HB 3009

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Jim Morishima and Steve Lundin

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE:** Moving the Date of the Primary

**PRIORITY:** 5

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Review the issues associated with moving the date of the primary.

**BILL/RESOLUTION  
REFERENCE:**2SHB 1636, HB 2828

**COMMITTEE/  
STAFF:** Jim Morishima and Steve Lundin

**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2001

**OTHER RESOURCES:** N/A

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TECHNOLOGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ENERGY COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - INTERIM 2000**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Telecommunications: Truth in advertising update/railroad right-of-way update.	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Telecommunications: Interconnection and carrier-to-carrier service quality.	Work Session



**PROJECT TITLE:** Telecommunications: Truth in Advertising

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will review the current federal movement towards requirements for the advertising of telecom services (long distance plans specifically) and possible state legislation.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** Related Legislation HB 2914; SSB 6367

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Harmatz

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

WUTC, Attorney General

**PROJECT TITLE:** Telecommunications: Interconnection and carrier to carrier service quality.

**PRIORITY:** 1

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will determine level of quality of interconnection under the 1996 Federal Act and review possible state legislation.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** Related Legislation HB 2881

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Harmatz

**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Telecommunications: Implementation Update: Telecommunications and Railroad Rights of Way

**PRIORITY:** 3

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This project will review legislation that passed this session on rights of way. It will consider possible follow up or clarification legislation.

**BILL/RESOLUTION**

**REFERENCE:** Related Legislation HB 2591

**COMMITTEE/**

**STAFF:** Harmatz

**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2000

**OTHER RESOURCES:**





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