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Interim Projects & Meetings

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1991 INTERIM PROJECTS AND MEETINGS

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July 25, 1991

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
Senator Barr, Chair

Bob Lee, Senior Analyst/Supervisor

1. Provide staffing support as required for Joint Select Committee on Flood Damage Reduction (SB 5411).
2. Review of Department of Wildlife cooperative habitat programs.
3. Review implementation of legislation affecting open field burning.
4. Review of the Federal Conservation Reserve Program and future program activities under the 1990 federal farm bill.
5. Provide staffing support for Joint Select Committee on Water Resource Policy (HB 2021).
6. Study on lease of property adjacent to abandoned railroads (SB 5768).
7. Assess potential impact of endangered fish species listings on agricultural and municipal water supplies.
8. Monitor negotiations regarding Hell Roaring Irrigation Company water diversion (SB 5389).
9. Monitor implementation of Agriculture Bargaining Act including developments regarding legal challenges.
10. Review Open Spaces Act modification (SSB 5481).
11. Review water well construction act amendments and study priority issues (SB 5306, SB 5400).
12. Develop alternative approaches to water fees and civil penalties legislation (HB 1851).
13. Monitor the availability and distribution of biological control agents, as well as need for state coordination of research.
14. Monitor the Yakima Water Enhancement Project and Yakima River adjudication.
15. Monitor wetland issues at state and federal level, such as mitigation banking and state assumption of Army Corps of Engineers 404 program.
16. Review adequacy of programs for control of exotic weeds and pests.

17. Review rules and regulations regarding issuance of commercial driver's license for temporary haulers of agricultural products.

John Stuhlmiller, Analyst

1. Monitor efforts by Department of Ecology to develop a strategy to protect ground water from pesticides and nutrients.
2. Study and hearing on agricultural impact assessment process for rules review by Department of Agriculture (E2SSB 5096).
3. Assist in the development of pesticide recordkeeping/posting legislation jointly with Commerce and Labor Committee (SB 5009).
4. Review studies on pesticide tolerance levels in foods, including detection capabilities, standards and related activities at all levels of government.
5. Review current state organically grown food certification statutes for conformance with federal definitions established in the 1990 federal farm bill.
6. Study of the relation of Washington State University, the Washington State Department of Agriculture, and the agricultural cooperatives of the state regarding agricultural policy (SCR 8404).
7. Monitor the Pesticide Incident Reporting and Tracking Review Panel.
8. Monitor integrated pest management developments.
9. Monitor chemical trespass/drift issues.
10. Monitor the progress of the industry committee to amend the Commission Merchants Statute.
11. Study central filing of farm product security interests and coordination with other agricultural liens (HB 2086).
12. Review application of concepts in right-to-farm legislation to privately cultured shellfish activities.

HEARINGS:

July 15 Ritzville
 Joint work session/hearing with Senate Environment
 and Natural Resources Committee

1. Briefing on open field agricultural burning program as modified by the 1991 Clean Air Legislation.
2. Review of the Department of Wildlife cooperative habitat programs.
3. Briefing by the Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Service on the Federal Conservation Reserve Program including a status report on implementation in Washington State, discussion of programs benefits to wildlife, and description of future program activities under the 1990 federal farm bill.

October 17 Spokane
Agenda to be announced.

December 5 Olympia
Agenda to be announced.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Senator Roach, Chair

Jan Sharar, Senior Research Analyst

1. Study and make recommendations around the issue of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

The committee staff will work with the Washington Council on Crime and Delinquency (WCCD) and the Developmentally Disabled Planning Council (DDPC) and other interested groups and individuals. This disability crosses into the areas of children's health, juvenile justice, education, out-of-home care, children's mental health, etc.

2. Develop plans for a committee sponsored "PARENT FAIR" for June 1992.

Patterned after the "Education Congress" of January 1988, the fair will offer a central location for dissemination of information on parenting and family centered recreation and entertainment, current social and educational issues, etc.; and provide a forum for expert presentation etc.

3. Study and make recommendations regarding policy changes to the current DSHS practice regarding assurance of a drug-free environment when children are placed in foster care.
4. Examine school nutrition programs and nutrition needs of special groups.

SB 5568 requires the Senate Children and Family Services and House Human Services Committee staff to investigate and report back to the committees on nutritional needs of specified populations.

5. Monitor the progress of the Division of Children and Family Services in improving services and accountability.

Richard Rodger, Staff Counsel

1. Divorce Law. Investigate and make recommendations regarding:
 - Restoration of "Fault Divorce" in Washington State
 - Written marriage contracts
 - Martial misconduct as grounds for dissolution.
2. Investigate and make recommendations regarding the uneven statewide implementation of guardian ad litem services for children in the area of dependency proceedings.

In addition to provision of guardian ad litem services, staff will also investigate the issues of accountability, training and funding.

3. Investigate and make recommendations regarding legal representation of children in the judicial system.

Staff will research other states' activities and policies in this area and seek input from a broad representation of interests within Washington State.

4. Review procedures and practices related to child dependency and termination of parental rights.

Mich'l Prentice Needham, Committee Intern

1. Finish a parenting/early childhood inventory and review.

In conjunction with the "PARENT FAIR," an inventory and review of parenting and early childhood education materials is being completed by the staff.

2. Monitor the Citizen Oversight Board created through an agreement with the Senate, House and DSHS.

It is hoped that the Board will assist the Legislature in addressing children's services through their examination of practices, issues, etc.

3. Monitor other jurisdiction's efforts such as the King County Executive's proposal on gang violence.

4. Continuum of care options for special needs children.

Staff will work with agency and provider staff and other interested persons to identify the need, the existing service options, funding sources, etc. This project will be coordinated with the Health and Long-Term Care Committee's efforts addressing the needs of children ages birth to six.

5. Information gathering on teenage pregnancy prevention.

Jan Sharar and Richard Rodger

1. Study and make recommendations regarding the area of emancipation of minors.

Staff will pursue this issue through research of other states' statutes and working with a broad range of individuals and organizations interested in the issue.

2. Participate in the Juvenile Justice Issues Task Force created by SB 5167.
3. Establish procedures for medical care and evidence preservation for victims of sexual abuse.

All Committee Staff

Explore methods to create incentives for voluntary employer benefits dealing with health care, pro-family policies, etc.

Staff will coordinate with the Commerce and Labor and Health and Long-Term Care Committees on the project. Initially the staff will collect information on efforts in the area and eventually incorporate into an executive summary for the members.

Hearings

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| September 11 | Seattle
"Establish procedures for medical care and preservation of physical evidence in sexual assault cases." Joint with Senate Committee on Law and Justice - Harborview Medical Center |
| October 17 | Spokane
"Prevention and Treatment - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effect" (tentative) |
| December 5 | Olympia
Agenda to be announced. |

COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE
Senator Matson, Chair

Patrick Woods, Staff Coordinator

1. Timber assistance package
2. Service Delivery Task Force
3. Rural economic development
4. Private/public partnership in economic development
5. Labor/management cooperation
6. Economic development programs: review and evaluation
7. Effect of government regulation on small business
8. The Pacific Northwest economic region
9. Horse racing
10. Child care

Catherine Mele, Intern

1. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)
2. Rural economic development
3. Prompt payment in the construction industry; public and private works
4. Mobile home industry state regulation
5. Housing
6. Horse racing
7. Multi-unit Employer/Employee Bargaining Review Group

Lisa Hoffmann, Intern

1. Child care
2. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)
3. Police and firefighter occupational disease claims

4. Economic competitiveness

Jonathan Sieb, Staff Counsel

1. Washington Economic Development Finance Authority
2. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)
3. Delegation of State Legislative Authority
4. Contracting out
5. Child Labor Advisory Committee
6. Labor/management cooperation
7. Multi-unit Employer/Employee Bargaining Review Group
8. Family leave
9. Timber assistance package

Dave Cheal, Senior Staff Counsel

1. Police and firefighter occupational disease claims: Presumption of job relatedness
2. Prompt payment in the construction industry; public and private works
3. Mobile home industry state regulation
4. Mobile home park landlord tenant issues
5. Workmen compensation issues
6. Indian reservation gambling issues

Forrest Bathurst, Staff Analyst

1. Economic development programs: review and evaluation
2. Economic competitiveness
3. Timber assistance package/Export Assistance Center
4. Licensing issues
5. Employment Security issues

Traci Anderson, Staff Analyst

1. Effect of government regulation on small business
2. The Washington Technology Center
3. Pesticide record keeping and posting requirements
4. The Pacific Northwest Economic Region
5. Horse racing
6. Child care
7. Development of affordable housing
8. Child Labor Advisory Committee
9. Private/public partnership in economic development
10. Liquor Board issues
11. Lottery issues
12. Gambling Commission issues

Hearings

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| October 18 | Spokane
Agenda to be announced. |
| December 6 | Olympia
Agenda to be announced. |

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Senator Bailey, Chair

Larry Davis, Senior Analyst

1. Monitor Governor's Council on Education Reform and Funding. (joint with Leslie Goldstein)
2. Study teacher preparation/certification and related issues. (joint with Mich'l Prentice Needham and Leslie Goldstein)
3. Study vocational certification issues. (joint with Traci Anderson and Leslie Goldstein)
4. Monitor implementation of the Commission on Student Learning [assuming passage of ESHB 1023.] (joint with Leslie Goldstein)
5. Participate in State Board of Education ordered OSPI compliance visit to Central Washington University re: the school's educator preparation programs.
6. Attend various group meetings:
 - o State Board of Education
 - o Professional Education Advisory Committee
 - o Gifted Education Advisory Committee
 - o Education Vision Team

Leslie Goldstein, Counsel

1. Monitor State Board of Education review of its rules re: school construction square footage.
2. Study teacher preparation/certification and related issues. (joint with Larry Davis and Mich'l Prentice Needham)
3. Study vocational certification issues. (joint with Traci Anderson and Larry Davis)
4. Monitor OFM bilingual project.
5. Monitor implementation of special education services demonstration projects grant program.
6. Monitor Governor's Council on Education Reform and Funding. (joint with Larry Davis)
7. Review impact on "local control" of state and local rules and regulations. (joint with Mich'l Prentice Needham)

8. Monitor implementation of the Commission on Student Learning [assuming passage of ESHB 1023.] (joint with Larry Davis)
9. Monitor school funding lawsuit (Tronsen v. State)
10. Attend various group meetings:
 - o State Board of Education
 - o Special Education Advisory Council

Traci Anderson, Analyst

1. Monitor implementation of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.
2. Monitor ongoing establishment of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region, with particular attention to PNWER's activities focusing on: raising work-force skills and education standards to make PNWER competitive in world-wide markets; and creation of a telecommunications network to link the libraries in all the region's higher education institutions.
3. Public/private partnerships in economic development, with a focus on social interventions and educational programs. (joint with Patrick Woods and Mich'l Prentice Needham)
4. Study vocational certification issues. (joint with Larry Davis and Leslie Goldstein)

Mich'l Prentice Needham, Intern

1. Research the issue of independent staff for the State Board of Education.
2. Monitor implementation of the children's data collection study.
3. Review impact on "local control" of state and local rules and regulations (joint with Leslie Goldstein)
4. Study teacher preparation/certification and related issues. (joint with Larry Davis and Leslie Goldstein)

Hearings (tentative):

September 9-13 University of Washington

One or two day work session on teacher preparation (possibly joint with House Education Committee)

- September 23-27 Madrona Elementary School
Seattle School District
Agenda to be announced.
- October 16 Stevens Elementary School
Spokane School District
Agenda to be announced.
- October 18 Spokane Sheraton
Senate Committee Weekend
Agenda to be announced.
- November 11-15 Woodland School District
Agenda to be announced.
- December 6 Olympia
Legislative Committee Weekend
Status report by the Governor's Council on
Education Reform and Funding
- December 9-13 Port Angeles School District
Agenda to be announced.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE
Senator Thorsness, Chair

Phil Moeller, Senior Analyst/Supervisor

1. Implementation of new statewide commercial energy code (C 122 L 91). Follow implementation of new code by the State Building Code Council including any contentious sections requiring 1992 Legislative approval.
2. Findings and recommendations of the inter-agency transmission line engineering task force (C 138 L 90). Continue participation in working group, coordinate hearing of the final report and possibly develop draft legislation based on recommendations.
3. Cogeneration potential and impediments. Assemble cogeneration project data and analyze impediments to resource development.
4. Monitor development of statewide energy strategy (C 201 L 91 section 1). Attend meetings of the advisory committee and coordinate hearing of the interim advisory committee report.
5. Monitor implementation of "Energy Partnership" legislation (C 201 L 91 sections 2-24). Monitor development of rules pertaining to program participation and monitor initial phase of capital expenditures.
6. Implementation of Northwest Power Planning Council's 20 year power plan. Coordinate hearing on the Council's plan and follow implementation.
7. Track individual state and federal policies pertaining to disposal of low-level radioactive waste. Continue to gather information on the status of the efforts of individual states in meeting federal requirements on disposal of low-level radioactive waste.
8. Monitor Bonneville Power Administration request for supply-side and demand-side electricity resources. Obtain resource proposal information and coordinate hearing on the final selections.
9. Enforcement of the 1990 state energy code for new residential construction. Monitor enforcement of the code that is effective for residences approved after July 1, 1991.
10. Consideration of energy usage in transportation policy development. Analyze the extent of energy consumption impact on transportation policy and coordinate hearing on the subject.

11. Energy usage rating systems for residential construction. Obtain information on proposed rating systems.
12. Least-cost plans of energy utilities. Continue monitoring plans by energy utilities on how to meet future resource needs through least-cost approaches.
13. Transmission line location policies. Survey other states regarding long-term transmission line policies and possibly develop legislation on this subject.
14. Policies related to removal of vegetation near utility lines. Analyze different jurisdictional policies for removal of vegetation near utility lines and possibly draft legislation on the topic.
15. Implementation of rules pertaining to restrictions on alternate operator services (C 247 L 90). Monitor implementation and enforcement of rules pertaining to alternate operator services.
16. Changes in federal law related to cable television regulation. Follow action in Congress pertaining to regulation of cable television systems and possibly draft legislation if federal law is changed.
17. Competition in providing enhanced telecommunications services. Continue monitoring Federal Communications Commission and state Utilities and Transportation Commission developments related to open network architecture.
18. Cellular regulation nationwide and status of cellular coverage throughout the state. Monitor status of state regulation of cellular industry and compile information on penetration of cellular coverage statewide.
19. Implementation of rules pertaining to Extended Area Service for telephone calling. Continue following implementation of Extended Area Service calling features throughout the state.
20. Status of Hanford health studies. Compile information related to Hanford health studies and coordinate hearing on the subject.

Dave Monthie, Staff Counsel

1. Formation of state plan for small hydropower development. Continue participation in state workgroup and develop legislation pertaining to recommendations on balancing resources in relation to small hydropower development.

2. Development of rules pertaining to leases of state lands for geothermal energy production (C 76 L 91). Monitor development of statutorily-mandated rules.
3. Study of insurance alternatives for users of radioactive materials (C 39 L 91). Participate in working group and develop legislation for the 1992 session.
4. Statewide usage of alternative fuels. Compile information on the market penetration of alternative fuels throughout the state.
5. Serve as staff to the Joint Select Committee on Water Resources. Continue to serve as water utility staff resource for the Committee.
6. Implementation of water utility legislation. Monitor implementation and enforcement of requirements in water utility legislation from 1990 and 1991.
7. Proposals to change regulatory authority for water utilities. Study options for placing regulatory authority for differing water utilities in specific state agencies.
8. Quality regulation of small water systems. Compile information on the effectiveness of local and state effectiveness in regulating quality of small water systems.
9. Financial assistance for improving small water systems. Study different sources of government funds for financing infrastructure improvements to small water systems.
10. State implementation of federal Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Continue monitoring the regulatory and financial requirements imposed on local water systems by the Safe Drinking Water Act.
11. Underground utility policies. Examine state law pertaining to provisions of underground utility liability.
12. Federal Communications Commission requirements relating to the statewide relay service for hearing-impaired and speech-impaired persons (C 121 L 91). Participate in advisory committee and develop legislation based on committee recommendations.
13. Policies related to telecommunications privacy. Monitor state and federal policy develop related specifically to privacy of telecommunications transmission.

14. Development of a statewide video telecommunications network. Continue monitoring state agency pilot projects related to developing a statewide video telecommunications network.

Phil Moeller/Dave Monthie

1. Proposals to avoid winter voltage collapse in the Puget Sound region. Participate in technical review panel, analyze draft environmental impact statement and coordinate committee hearings on draft proposals.
2. Power impacts from proposals to list specific anadromous fish runs as endangered species. Monitor developments related to federal actions to list fish runs as endangered or threatened species.
3. Low income weatherization programs. Compile information on the extent of utility programs to provide low-income weatherization and possible develop legislation for the 1992 session.
4. Washington 2000 Project. Develop topics and legislation related to long-term energy and utilities issues and coordinate hearings on long-range policy impacts.
5. Review implementation of energy and utilities enactments from 1988, 1989, and 1990. Study effectiveness of all enactments referred to the committee in the previous three sessions and coordinate hearings on specific measures.
6. Monitor implementation of 1991 energy and utilities enactments not specifically listed. Follow agency implementation and enforcement on all measures passing through the committee and enacted.

Drew Scott, Legal Intern

1. Nationwide survey of water utility regulation by states. Study the methods and extent of state regulation of small water utility regulation.
2. Costs of providing enhanced 9-1-1 throughout the state. Survey local jurisdictions throughout the state on costs and functions of offices providing enhanced 9-1-1 telephone emergency service.
3. Status of Hanford cleanup funding. Compile information on Congressional funding of efforts to restore Hanford facilities.

HEARINGS

July or August

Seattle

1. Northwest Power Planning Council's adopted power plan.
2. Status of efforts to avoid Puget Sound region voltage collapse.
3. Cogeneration potential within the state.

August or Sept.

Tri-Cities

1. Transmission line siting policies.
2. Status of Hanford cleanup funding.
3. Bonneville Power Administration request for electricity resources.

September

Olympia

1. Implementation of water utility legislation.
2. Survey of water utility regulation by other states.
3. Status of progress by states and regions in developing additional disposal sites for low-level radioactive waste.
4. FCC requirements for statewide telecommunications relay centers serving the hearing-impaired and speech-impaired.
5. Implementation of rules expanding the use of Extended Area Service telephone calling.
6. Implementation of rules regulating alternate operator services.

October

Spokane

1. Development of a statewide video telecommunications network.
2. Status of developing an updated energy code for new commercial construction.
3. Status of rules for leasing state lands used for geothermal energy production.
4. Update on Hanford health effect studies.

November

Olympia or SeaTac

1. Statewide usage of alternative fuels.
2. Consideration of energy usage in transportation policy development.
3. Energy usage rating systems for residential construction.
4. Underground utility policies.
5. Policies related to vegetation near utility lines.
6. Low-income weatherization programs.

December

Olympia

1. Status on the development of a statewide energy policy.
2. Implementation of Senate Bill 5245, energy efficiency projects in state facilities and school districts.
3. Implementation of updated energy code for new commercial construction.
4. Report from the inter-agency transmission line engineering task force.
5. Report on the study of insurance alternatives for users of radioactive materials.
6. Status of federal legislation pertaining to the regulation of cable television systems.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Senator Metcalf, Chair

Ross Antipa, Staff Coordinator

1. Department of Wildlife and Department of Fisheries combined fishing license feasibility study.
2. Wildlife code rewrite - Enforcement Division.
3. Control of predatory birds.
4. Endangered species act listing fish species (with Patrick Davidson).
5. Pheasant farm program review (with Vic Moon).
6. Cooperative projects for wildlife enhancement.
7. Legislation to increase recreational fishing opportunity.
8. Salmon enhancement and management of salmon hatcheries.
9. Toutle River fisheries restoration.
10. Commercial salmon fishing license transfer requirements (SB 5501).

Vic Moon, Staff Analyst

1. The effect of county and state road culverts on fish passage.
2. Land survey programs of the Department of Natural Resources and their long term affect.
3. Columbia river boat access needs and possible funding mechanism.
4. Boat statutes are out of date and are being re-written with the Parks and Recreation Commission staff.
5. Forest Rangers liability needs to be reviewed with respect to law enforcement in the field.
6. Sustainable forestry and forest practices are being reviewed to revise clear cut and reforestation programs.
7. Administrative hearings may be needed for geoduck license appeals.

8. Substitution rules for timber harvest on state and federal lands is being studied.
9. DNR agriculture leases.
10. Forest fire liability legislation is being revised for the 1992 session (HB 1205).
11. The Washington upland bird farm program is being studied to insure its continuation.
12. Reforestation requirements for state and private lands are being studied.
13. Wildlife hunting outfitters licensing proposal was drafted but not introduced in 1991 and will be worked on again for 1992.
14. Cedar River fishing and the salmon spawning channel are being reviewed.
15. Search and Rescue funding methods and the state-local programs will be reviewed to further develop the services.

Gary Wilburn, Staff Counsel

1. Monitor State Parks development of strategic plan.
2. Review of State Parks mission and management statutes and develop proposed legislation.
3. Monitor hazardous waste cleanup, management and disposal programs.
4. Staff the Recycling Funding Task Force created by SB 5591 (with Ats Kiuchi).
5. Monitor implementation of Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan.
6. Assist in staffing of Joint Select Committee on Water Resource Policy.
7. Monitor implementation of environment quality elements of growth management programs.
8. Staff the Winter Recreation Commission.
9. Staff legislative oversight of 1991 air quality legislation (with Ats Kiuchi).

10. Design and conduct policy studies regarding protection strategies.
11. Staff legislative oversight of 1991 oil spill prevention legislation.
12. Conduct oil spill liability study jointly with House Environmental Affairs Committee.
13. Monitor biological diversity protection programs.

Ats Kiuchi, Staff Analyst

1. Staff committee's participation in development of the Western States Recycling Coalition.
2. Staff the Recycling Funding Task Force created by SB 5591 (with Gary Wilburn).
3. Monitor implementation of 1991 recycling legislation.
4. Monitor environmental health programs.
5. Monitor sewage sludge management programs.
6. Monitor herbicides and pesticides programs.
7. Study of environmental product labeling and develop legislation as appropriate.
8. Monitor transportation programs regarding environmental issues and staff committee chair's participation in October transportation/environment symposium.
9. Staff legislative oversight of 1991 air quality legislation (with Gary Wilburn).
10. Review nonpoint source pollution controls and shellfish bed closures and develop methods for additional funding to address problems.
11. Monitor solid waste management and disposal programs.

Patrick Davidson, Legal Intern

1. Review of State Parks mission/management statutes (with Gary Wilburn).
2. Study of alternative environmental strategies (with Gary Wilburn).

3. Monitor environmental quality elements of growth management programs (with Gary Wilburn).
4. Review state preemption of local government's clean air ordinances.
5. Review wetlands loss prevention mechanisms.
6. Study Endangered Species Protection Act listing for northwest salmon species (with Ross Antipa).

Hearings

July 15	Ritzville Joint with Senate Agriculture Committee.
Sept./Oct.	Location to be announced. Water quality issues pertaining to Puget Sound.
September 13	Seattle Surface mining.
September 20	Vancouver Surface mining.
Sept. 23-26	Location to be announced. Statewide timber hearings.
October 15	Location to be announced. Land surveys.
October 16	Spokane Surface mining.
Nov./Dec.	Location to be announced. Hazardous waste management regulatory programs.
December 4	Olympia Surface mining.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
Senator von Reichbauer, Chair

Meg Jones, Staff Counsel

1. Insurance company solvency regulation.
2. Automobile insurance: its cost and coverage, and the impact of mandatory automobile insurance.
3. Health care insurance.
4. Property/casualty and life/health underwriting criteria.
5. B&O tax - insurance agents and stockbrokers.
6. Consumer protection laws.
7. Extension of lemon laws to used and leased vehicles.
8. Living trust regulation.
9. State Investment Board operations and oversight.
10. Earthquake insurance.
11. Long-term care insurance.
12. Insurance fraud.
13. Municipal insurance programs.
14. Underinsured motorist coverage.

Martin Lovinger, Staff Counsel

1. Bank sale of insurance products (with Meg Jones).
2. Securities fraud regulation - manager liability.
3. Consolidation of the state financial institution regulators.
4. Creation of money laundering as a state crime.
5. Solvency and regulation of state chartered financial institutions, including credit unions, banks, and savings and loan associations (with Meg Jones).
6. Mortgage reserve and mortgage insurance requirements.

7. Regulation of "going out of business" sales.
8. Monitor interstate branching and other federal financial institution and depository insurance proposals.
9. Financial institution liability for hazardous waste exposures.
10. Limitations on financial institution and retailer requirements for identification.
11. Reverse mortgages.
12. Regulation of charity organizations.

Mark McLaughlin, Intern

1. Consumer credit reporting bureaus.
2. Review other state laws requiring public hearings in conjunction with new bank/branch applications.
3. Consideration of other state statutes governing bank holding companies.
4. Review of permissible interest rates chargeable to the consumer.

Hearings

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| August | Seattle
(1) Consideration of state regulation of credit reporting agencies.
(2) Review of current state lemon laws and the potential extension of such laws to used and leased vehicles. |
| September | Yakima
(1) Consideration of a proposal to create a state crime of money laundering.
(2) Review the impact of the mandatory automobile insurance law.
(3) Municipal insurance programs. |
| Oct. 17-18 | Committee Weekend, Spokane
Agenda to be announced. |
| Dec. 5-6 | Committee Weekend, Olympia
Agenda to be announced. |

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Senator McCaslin, Chair

Eugene Green, Staff Supervisor/Senior Analyst

1. Implementation of Growth Management Act of 1990 (HB 2929).
2. City council member/reserve police officer (SB 6786/'90).
3. Cities/annexations/referendum.
4. Governmental regulations/efficiency (Lead) (SB 5786).
5. Private enterprise/governmental competition (Lead) (SB 5507).
6. Gubernatorial appointments (SB 5132, 5924, SJR 8227).
7. Port district resolutions (SB 5258, 5826).
8. Code cities/contested elections (HB 1570/'89).
9. Interlocal cooperation agreements/filings (HB 1223/'89).

Barbara Howard, Senior Analyst

1. Candidates' pamphlet/charges (HB 1747/'89).
2. Gubernatorial appointments (Lead) (SB 5132, 5924, SJR 8227).
3. Private enterprise/governmental competition (SB 5507).
4. Governmental regulations/efficiency (SB 5786).
5. Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (SB 5243).
6. Facility land bank (Lead) (SB 5163).
7. Campaign finance proposals (state, federal, local) (SB 5864, SHB 1434).
8. Personal service contracts (SHB 1133).

Rod McAulay, Counsel

1. Facility land bank (SB 5163).
2. Cities/annexation/lateral transfer of county sheriff's employees (SB 5876/'89).

3. Governmental regulations/efficiency (SB 5786).
4. Private enterprise/governmental competition (SB 5507).
5. Campaign finance proposals (state federal, local) (Lead) (SB 5864, SHB 1434).
6. Voter qualifications/constitutional amendment (SJR 8222).
7. Compensable takings (SB 5122, 5419, 5539, 5797, plus growth).
8. Public record privacy/WACs (SB 5906).
9. Consolidating city/county dispatch centers.
10. Regulating adult entertainment (SHB 1275).
11. Public hospital district elections (HB 1794/original).

Hearings

October 18 Spokane
 Agenda to be announced.

December 5 Olympia
 Agenda to be announced.

HEALTH AND LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE
Senator West, Chair

Don Sloma, Analyst/Supervisor

1. Health Care Commission.
2. Basic Health Plan Sunset Review.
3. Oversight of reforms in mental health and determination of need for adjustments to ITA to strengthen reform efforts.
4. Oversight of DD downsizing.
5. Assaults of employees at Eastern and Western State Hospitals.
6. Mental Disorders Support Alternatives Task Force.
7. Long term plan for Developmental Disabilities Services.
8. Western State Hospital personnel policies and organization.
9. Non-financial barriers to health care access.
10. Determination and financing of essential public health activities.

Scott Plack, Analyst

1. Evaluate effectiveness of the Uniform Disciplinary Act and examine possible changes to enhance quality assurance among regulated providers (including SB 5859).
2. Medical laboratory licensure problems related to regulation of small laboratories and high fees (HB 1070).
3. Residential care licensure options to adult family homes allowing for large numbers of residents and multiple home ownership by providers.
4. Immunizations enhancements for children (SB 5540).
5. Acupuncturists sunset (HB 1392).
6. ARNP prescriptive authority (SB 5635).
7. Regulation of tattoo businesses.
8. Infants exposed to drugs (SB 5193).

9. Rural health system arrangements (SB 5782).
10. Vital statistics statute revisions by Department of Health (HB 2056).
11. Physical therapy interim practice permit pending passage of licensing examination.
12. Consolidation of Poison Control Centers and expansion to include adults.
13. Medical laboratory personnel regulation "sunrise" review by Department of Health (SB 5907).
14. Department of Health request legislation (monitoring activity).

Lisa Hoffman, Policy Intern

1. Providing coordinated services for children with disabilities (SB 5538 and/or possible interim research/analysis project).
2. Making major changes to tobacco laws (SB 5567).
3. Children's long-term care policy (SB 5820).
4. Socio-economic description of those without access to health services.
5. Uniform Controlled Substances statute revisions (HB 2028).
6. Tax exemptions for persons providing long-term care services to family members.
7. Community outreach workers and health prevention and access issues.

Hearings

July 29 Spokane - Public Health Bldg. Auditorium - Room 140
 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

1. Update on national and other state's health care reform activities.
2. Non-financial barriers to health care access.

October 18 Spokane - Sheraton Hotel
 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

1. Assaults of employees at Eastern and Western State Hospitals.
2. Poison Control Centers

December 6

Olympia - Senate Hearing Room 2
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Preliminary report on determination and financing of essential public health activities.

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Senator Saling, Chair

Jean Six, Senior Analyst/Supervisor

1. Teacher preparation/restructure/vision: This will be a joint effort of the Higher Education and Education Committees of the House and Senate, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Council of Presidents, Washington Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, and the State Board of Education. Among the issues to be addressed are SBE approval standards, HEC Board degree program approval standards, incentives or disincentives for collaboration between K-12 and preparation programs, master's degree access etc., internships, teacher preparation reform models.
2. High school graduation requirements/undergraduate admissions: HB 1936 requires a task force to study undergraduate admissions requirements in the face of curriculum reform in K-12--integration of vocational and academic course work.
3. Technical college conversion (includes court challenge): Monitor the process by which the vocational-technical institutes become technical colleges offering non-baccalaureate technical degrees.
4. Assessment: Monitor the development and implementation of the performance evaluation programs of the public higher education institutions.
5. Contemporary contracting: Monitor the implementation of SB 5824. Is the problem solved? Emphasis on determining if the new enrollments provide increased access in sufficient numbers?
6. Community college summer school self-support option: How many community colleges choose the option? Does it work? Is access expanded? Do students benefit? What problems are encountered?
7. Planning for new community college east of Lake Washington: Monitor the development of the planning process for the new community college district east of Lake Washington.
8. Enrollment opportunities for timber workers/other retraining issues: Monitor the implementation of SB 5555, specifically the new community college enrollments and the new upper-division enrollments.
9. Monitor Master Plan update: This will not merely be a progress report - major revision may be the result.

10. Access/enrollments: Study the feasibility of an application procedure or other mechanism for determining the number of students actually turned away from the community colleges.
11. Gubernatorial confirmation process: Due to a greatly increased number of appointees, staff will investigate streamlining the hearing and confirmation process.
12. Student housing: Work with the Council of Presidents to determine the institutions' responsibilities for providing family housing.
13. Financial aid: Investigate how the federal government can be of additional help to provide student loans.
14. Attend various meetings:
 - Higher Education Coordinating Board
 - Workforce Training and Education Training Board
 - Education Commission of the States
 - State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Scott Huntley, Staff Analyst

1. Community college local levy authority: Examine the issues in SB 5937 which would allow college districts to ask voters for additional funding through property taxes, for possible legislative action in the 1992 session. Special emphasis is to be given to jurisdictional questions and overlapping district boundaries.
2. Faculty salary equity/increments: Examine the issue of funding community college faculty increments and salary equity between faculty at the comprehensive institutions.
3. Planning for new community college east of Lake Washington: Monitor the development of the planning process for the new community college district east of Lake Washington.
4. New higher education budget process: Review the issues in SB 5709 which would establish a single budget request process for the operating and capital support of the public institutions of higher education. Possible reconsideration of the subject during the next legislative session.
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the new community college enrollments and the new upper-division enrollments.

7. Tuition waivers: Monitor the HEC Board study of tuition waivers and other student aid programs in preparation for possible legislation in the 1992 session.
8. Monitor HEC Board as process is developed for capital construction prioritization.
9. Monitor enrollment increases: As the result of lifting the enrollment lids, where did students choose to enroll? What courses did they sign up for?
10. Campus security: Monitor the implementation of federal reporting statutes. Monitor the TESC security issue.

Leslie Goldstein, Staff Counsel

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Hearings

September	Location to be announced Possible work session/seminar on teacher preparation. (Joint with K-12, House, COP, SPI, etc.)
October 18	Spokane Agenda to be announced.
November	Site visits to the technical colleges: Bates, Clover Park, Renton, Lake Washington and Bellingham
December 5	Olympia Agenda to be announced.

LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Senator Nelson, Chair

Dick Armstrong, Staff Coordinator

1. Sentencing of adult criminal offenders - Joint Task Force established by SSB 5418.
2. Juvenile Issues Task Force.
3. Collection of public debts.
4. Computers in prison.
5. Developmentally disabled - wrongful death.
6. District Court judges
 - Weighted caseload analysis
 - Sick leave policy

Jon Carlson, Counsel

1. Access to government records - HCR 4418.
2. Adult entertainment.
3. Firearms - requiring transfer documents.
4. Firearms - school and home safe zones.
5. Dangerous dogs.
6. Death penalty - drug kingpins.
7. Charitable solicitations.
8. Judges - leaves of absence.

Jack Brummel, Counsel

1. Juvenile Issues Task Force - Joint Task Force established by 2SSB 5167.
2. Serious habitual offender.
3. Dispute Resolution Office.
4. Immunity for mediators.

5. Award cap on mandatory arbitration.
6. Mediation of consumer complaints - Attorney General's proposal.
7. Anti-trust actions.
8. Recreational liability.

Ben Barnes, Counsel

1. Access to government records - HCR 4418.
2. Condominium Task Force.
3. Prison siting - monitor capacity study by the Department of Corrections.
4. Regulation of sports memorabilia.
5. Interstate forest fire protection.
6. Utility service liens.
7. Review of Residential Landlord Tenant Act (abandonment).
8. Juvenile gangs.
9. Registration of Indian artifacts.

Susan Carlson, Counsel

1. Sentencing of adult criminal offenders - Joint Task Force established by SSB 5418.
2. Child support.
3. Domestic violence.
4. Support enforcement.
5. Prosecuting attorney standards in Sentencing Reform Act.
6. Jurors Just Verdict Bill (comparison of other states).
7. Prejudgment interest.
8. Contingent attorney fees.

Lidia Mori, Counsel

1. Juvenile Justice Task Force - At-Risk Youth.
2. Driving or DWI issues:
 - Administrative revocation of driver's licenses.
 - Alcohol civil infractions.
 - Juvenile intoxication standards.
 - Vehicular crimes/drug evaluation.
 - Urine/blood test at traffic stops.
 - Changing intoxication standards.
 - Sobriety checkpoint programs.
 - Negligent/inattentive driving.
3. Used motor vehicle law.
4. Indigent defense.
5. Gifts/public office funds.
6. Boating - propeller guards.
7. Comprehensive no-fault automobile insurance.
8. Campaign finance reporting.
9. Sexually transmitted disease.
10. Administrative search warrants.

Hearings

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| Oct. 17-18 | Spokane
Report from Sentencing Guidelines Commission on
sentencing of adult offenders. |
| Dec. 5-6 | Olympia
Juvenile justice issues - report from the Joint
Task Force on juvenile issues. |

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Senator Patterson, Chair

Interim projects and hearing dates are unavailable at time of publication.

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
Senator Dan McDonald, Chair

STAN PYNCH, Senior Staff Coordinator
RANDY HODGINS, Budget Coordinator

1. Develop and publish the 1991-93 Biennium Legislative Budget Notes.
2. Review all dedicated and non-appropriated state treasury funds for possible elimination, consolidation, or change in appropriation status.
3. Work with LEAP, OFM, and the House to improve the budget process, policy and database practices.
4. Coordinate the development of the 1992 Supplemental Budget, beginning in November 1991.
5. Develop a new Lotus-based capital budget development and reporting system for use by all analysts.
6. Reassign analysts to new or expanded functional areas assignments; learn new program areas.

MICHAEL GROESCH, Capital Coordinator/Natural Resources Analyst

1. Monitor OFM's development of the legislatively mandated restructuring of the capital project monitoring system.
2. Tour and review proposed projects likely to be included in the 1992 Supplemental Capital Budget.
3. Monitor federal timber regulation impacts on trust revenues with Department of Natural Resources.
4. Participate in OFM/Legislative staff study of Department of Wildlife funding and expenditures.
5. Monitor progress of trust land transfers to State Parks, as well as acquisitions, through the Wildlife and Recreation Program.

STEVE JONES, Counsel

1. Review capital needs and long-range plans for the Archives and Records Management program administered by the Secretary of State.

2. Serve on legislative staff committee to develop new computerized search programs for the LSC computer system.
3. Review and refine Ways and Means Committee bill tracking system for the 1992 session.
4. Provide legal research and analysis as requested.

TERRY WILSON, Revenue Counsel

1. Convert revenue models to Lotus 3.1, update for latest revenue forecast, and make more user friendly.
2. Monitor the Department of Revenue's study of the administration of the property tax system under SHB 1301 (1991 c 218).
3. Monitor the comprehensive study of the efficiency, effectiveness, and funding of public transportation in Washington under the 1990 transportation budget (ESSB 6408 - 1990 c 298).
4. Monitor the study of city/county finances by the Task Force on City and County Finances under the 1990 criminal justice funding bill (SB 6913 - 1990 2nd ex. sess. c 1).
5. Monitor pending litigation against the state property tax valuation methodologies and personal property exemptions with respect to railroads and other utilities.
6. Provide legal research and analysis as requested.

BILL FREUND, Analyst

1. Participate in advisory committee to upgrade the data capability of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
2. Monitor development of new K-12 capital funding system by the State Board of Education.
3. Examine long-term funding alternatives for common school construction.
4. Upgrade and document K-12 computer funding models. Attempt to integrate with LEAP budget system.
5. Monitor evaluations of the Bilingual program by LBC and OFM. Also visit various school district bilingual programs.
6. Monitor Governor's council on education reform.

7. Visit various school districts and ESD's to review their budgeting systems and determine the type of data available.
8. Track implementation of new Institutional Education funding formula for adherence with legislative intent.
9. Study school district use of FAIR START funds.

LINDA BROWNELL, Analyst

1. Work with OFM, House and higher education institutional staff to develop new tuition and fee revenue model, incorporating both the financial aid calculations and general fund-state revenue calculations.
2. Work with the OFM, House and higher education institutional staff to update higher education personnel board salary allocation model.
3. Work with LEAP and House staff to incorporate student enrollment data, funding, tuition and fee revenue, and salary model data into the computerized analyst working papers for the 1992 Supplemental Budget process.
4. Work with the House and higher education institutional staff on the student housing study.
5. Monitor the transition of the technical colleges (VTI's) into the community college system.
6. Assist the staff of the Higher Education Coordinating Board to complete the next phase of the Washington State Master Plan for Higher Education, and attend board meetings.
7. Monitor and review the Higher Education Coordinating Board's progress on the next phase of the tuition waiver study.
8. Monitor and review the Higher Education Coordinating Board's progress on the faculty salary study.
9. Review, monitor and participate in the development of the strategic plan for the Washington State Library.

MARY POOLE, Analyst

1. Monitor the implementation of the 1991 timber relief legislation through the impacted state agencies.

2. Undertake a review of state, local and federal housing assistance available in the state, including the provision of shelter services and the availability of affordable housing stock. Monitor the Department of Community Development's expenditure of the 1991-93 capital appropriation to the housing trust fund.
3. Monitor the feasibility study review process to be conducted by the Department of Information Services, and the related review of the department's overall management structure.
4. Monitor the implementation of the 1991 growth management legislation.

DENISE GRAHAM, Analyst

1. Review and recommend changes to the state salary model.
2. Monitor studies on the state revenue impacts of proposed federal spotted owl regulations.
3. Monitor changes in state cash flow created by gross receipts accrual.
4. Monitor fiscal impacts of proposed changes in state pension policies.

KAREN HAYES, Analyst

1. Review dedicated funds and general budgeting practices of the Department of Health.
2. Attend work sessions of the state's Health Care Access and Cost Control Commission.
3. Review state Title XIX-Medicaid finance and reimbursement policies. Monitor ongoing public debate and proposed changes to health care purchasing and benefits at the federal and state level.
4. Attend management steering committee meetings for the Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES) project.
5. Examine the capacity of the mental health and vocational rehabilitation systems to serve marginally-disabled general assistance-unemployable recipients.
6. Examine how other states are reforming welfare programs to bring more AFDC recipients to economic self-sufficiency.

Monitor implementation of the federal Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) program as well as independent program evaluations being completed on the Family Independence (FIP) program.

CINDI HOLMSTROM, Analyst

1. Research and analyze low cost-alternatives to incarceration implemented in other states.
2. Monitor and participate in the Juvenile Justice Task Force.
3. Monitor and participate on the Independent Oversight Committee for the general contractor/construction manager (GC/CM) prison construction method.
4. Monitor and participate in the Criminal Justice Capacity Study.
5. Monitor and participate in the Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity Study.
6. Research and analyze the cost/benefit of adult sex offender treatment programs and sentencing alternatives.
7. Research and prepare a summary of the total state criminal justice assistance provided to local governments in the 1991-1993 biennium.
8. Review the child support enforcement process to determine whether DSHS has reached stated revenue collection goals.
9. Analyze and prepare a summary of the employment programs available through the Employment Security Department.

JUDY FITZGERALD, Analyst

1. Follow-up on the implementation of the Developmental Disabilities Comprehensive Plan: staffing levels and deployment, certification status, downsizing, and the quality of care at Interlake School.

Work with other legislative committee staff, DSHS, and interest groups to examine alternatives to the Developmental Disabilities Comprehensive Plan.

2. Develop a Lotus spreadsheet for budgets at the subprogram/institution level that shows past, current, and ensuing biennia expenditures/appropriations and caseloads/populations.

3. Study the various programs within the Long-Term Care program (such as Nursing Homes, Title XIX Personal Care, Adult Residential Care) together with the community and institutional care provided through Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health in terms of a long-term care system.
4. Analyze the process and accuracy of the population estimates of nursing homes and mental health facilities generated by DSHS and OFM.
5. Study the link between vocational rehabilitation and Labor and Industries regarding possible changes to improve the responsiveness to injured workers.

HEARINGS:

The Committee will meet on designated legislative interim meeting days (to be announced).

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCE POLICY
Senator Barr and Representative Fraser, Co-Chairs

Background

House Bill 2021 extended the Joint Select Committee through June 1993. The bill directs the committee to work with state, tribal, and local governments and interested parties to identify significant water resource issues and to develop recommendations to the Legislature to address water resource needs. The committee is also to monitor implementation of comprehensive regional water resource planning and date management required by legislation passed last year. The bill requires annual reports to the Legislature, and in the 1991 report, the committee is to provide information and recommendations concerning the regulatory role of the UTC, with emphasis on the problems of small water systems.

Interim Workplan - Full Committee

To meet its legislative directive, the full committee will continue to work with the three governments and the interest groups to develop legislative recommendations as appropriate. A meeting is being arranged for the Joint Select Committee to meet with the Water Resources Forum, a recently formed advisory body to state resource agencies on water resource issues. The forum consists of 24 representatives of state (executive), local, and tribal governments, and agriculture, business, environmental groups, recreation interests, and commercial and recreational fishing.

The co-chairs have identified several important issues they want the committee to study in 1991. A major focus will be water resource planning. The co-chairs believe some background briefings are needed to inform members of significant water resource planning being done at the federal, state and local levels. A June 21 meeting is being developed to begin to study planning issues.

The committee will also focus on water conservation and efficiency, and on compliance/enforcement issues. A meeting in early August is being developed to study conservation practices and potential conservation programs for both municipal and agricultural water use. Committee meetings will be scheduled monthly during most of the interim.

Interim Workplan - Subcommittee

The committee will continue its Subcommittee on Public Water Supply which was very active last interim. The subcommittee will study the regulatory role of the UTC as required by HB 2021. The other

primary focus of the subcommittee will be on funding programs for public water supply projects.

WASHINGTON 2000 COMMITTEE
Senator Bluechel, Chair

1. Council of State Governments Long-Range Planning Subcommittee

(a) Continue to work with this subcommittee, including sharing of ideas with counterparts in other states. (June - December)

(b) Participates in at least one of the remaining subcommittee meetings. (July, September and/or December)

2. Environmental Scanning Project

Environmental scanning is the term used to describe an organized effort to review relevant literature, identify trends or policy implications, and report them to colleagues in a systematic way.

(a) Using techniques learned at the World Future Society course, institute an "environmental scanning" project in the Senate. Goal: participation by 25 percent of Senate standing committee permanent staff during first year. (September)

(b) Develop plans to extend the scanning project to the House of Representatives during 1992. (December)

(c) Build support mechanism with State Library Research. (December)

3. Facing the Future Symposium

The idea behind the Facing the Future symposium is to provide an additional forum for legislators and staff to explore policy alternatives and to begin the process of creating long-range solutions to problems.

(a) Identify symposium topic. (June)

(b) Work with last year's co-sponsors to develop agenda and to identify funding. (July)

(c) Set date and place for symposium. (July)

(d) Invite speakers and attendees. (August)

(e) Carry out symposium. (November)

(f) Prepare summary of discussion and distribute. (November)

4. Fiscal Impact Analysis Computer Model

In 1990, the committee conducted two studies on the current fiscal note process, and how it might be improved. Of particular interest was identifying ways to evaluate the potential impacts of futures bills written as part of the Washington 2000 Project. Study teams identified a PC-based fiscal impact model as something which could help properly assess futures bills.

(a) Identify resources available to fund and/or develop computerized fiscal impact model. (July)

(b) Develop pilot test of model. (August)

(c) Report to committee for decision on final development, changes, etc. (September)

(d) Test model on several bills passed (1990-1991) and futures bills in Washington 2000 system. (October)

(e) Evaluate and report results to committee prior to 1992 session. (December)

5. **Speakers Series**

Arrange for regular presentations by outside and in-house experts on specific topics or policymaking in general.

