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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Drought and Wildfires - Summary and Update Regarding the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver - Update on Implementation of E2SHB 2158 - Foster Care Placements 	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - K-12 Special Education Funding - K-12 Levy and Local Effort Assistance - School Employees Benefits Board Health Benefits Update - 2020 Operating Budget Preview 	Full Committee

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Update on Drought and Wildfires

The Appropriations Committee (Committee) will get an update on the drought and wildfire situations after what is predicted to be a warmer and drier summer in Washington State. The Governor declared a drought emergency in April for three eastern Washington basins and has since significantly expanded the declaration. There is funding in the operating budget for drought response and for wildfire prevention and response. (One work session)

Summary and Update Regarding the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver

The Committee will receive a summary and update regarding the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver. In 2017 Washington State and the federal government finalized an agreement for a five-year Medicaid transformation project to improve the state's health care systems and control costs. That agreement (1115 waiver) provided significant additional federal funding but required that the state demonstrate overall cost neutrality. This item will update the Committee on: (1) the status on implementing the three initiatives included as part of the 1115 waiver; and (2) conversations with the federal government about cost neutrality and potential fiscal impacts to the state if neutrality is not achieved. (One work session)

Update on Implementation of E2SHB 2158

The Committee will receive an update on the implementation of E2SHB 2158 (workforce education investment). The bill imposes a business and occupation surcharge on income from activities of select businesses. The additional revenue is deposited in the new Workforce Education Investment Account, and appropriations are made from this account for a variety of higher education purposes including: (1) the Washington College Grant (which replaced and expands the State Need Grant); (2) foundational support for public higher education students; (3) nurse educator salaries and high-demand program faculty salaries at community and technical colleges; (4) the Washington State University medical school; (5) guided pathways; and (6) career connected learning initiatives. (One work session)

Foster Care Placements

The Committee will receive an update on the Department of Children, Youth and Families' (DCYF) progress in placing children in appropriate in-state settings, rather than in hotels or out-of-state settings, and hear from the DCYF on where the DCYF still sees gaps in the foster care placement continuum. (One work session)

K-12 Special Education Funding

The Committee will receive an update on K-12 special education funding, particularly the increase in the special education multiplier under E2SSB 5091 (increased access to the special education safety net by lowering the threshold) and professional development for inclusionary purposes. (One work session)

K-12 Levy and Local Effort Assistance

The Committee will receive an update on levy changes and increased local effort assistance payments under SHB 2140 (K-12 education funding). (One work session)

School Employees Benefits Board Health Benefits Update

The Committee will receive an update on the implementation of the School Employee's Benefits Board program and related funding. The program provides health benefits to K-12 public school employees beginning on January 1, 2020. (One work session)

2020 Operating Budget Preview

The Committee will receive an update on the 2019-21 Biennial Operating Budget and a preview of some of the 2020 Supplemental Operating Budget considerations. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. Expenditure Limit Committee
2. Joint Select Committee on Employment Relations
3. Legislative Advisory Committee on Advanced Tuition Payment
4. Pension Funding Council

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Residential Habilitation Centers - Affordable Housing	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Residential Habilitation Centers - Affordable Housing - Community Behavioral Health	Full Committee

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CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Affordable Housing

The Committee will receive information on the affordable housing stock available, the programs that exist, and barriers to creating affordable housing. Additionally, the Committee will receive information about the most recent Housing Trust Fund round of funding. (Two work sessions)

Residential Habilitation Centers

The Capital Budget Committee (Committee) will receive information regarding the clients served at the Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) and the condition of facilities. (Two work sessions)

Community Behavioral Health

The Committee will receive information regarding the Department of Commerce's competitive process, the number of beds online through the Behavioral Health Capacity Grants, the number of beds underway, and data regarding the most recent round of funding. (One work session)

CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Real Property Laws and Homelessness - Specialty Courts 	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single Point of Contact Background Check System - Trueblood Update - Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act - Washington State Bar Association Bar Structure Workgroup Update 	Full Committee

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CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Real Property Laws and Homelessness

Over the last several years, the Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee (Committee) has considered myriad legislation related to residential tenancies and unlawful detainer actions, judicial and nonjudicial foreclosure processes, the rights of persons experiencing homelessness, and the obligations and limitations upon governments' responses with respect to the threatened loss of housing and homelessness. The Committee will receive a briefing and updates regarding the Foreclosure Fairness Act, recent changes made to landlord-tenant laws, the 9th Circuit's decision in *Martin v. Boise*, and the intersection of legal processes related to housing and homelessness. (One work session)

Specialty Courts

The Committee will learn about the various therapeutic courts operating in the Washington court system. In particular, the Committee will review and examine available research on the effectiveness of therapeutic court programs and the elements that are key to their effectiveness, including a review of studies of therapeutic court programs in Washington.

In addition, the Committee will receive a briefing on youth courts in general in order to better understand the lines between, and the intersection of, youth courts in courts of limited jurisdiction and the juvenile courts. (One work session)

Single Point of Contact Background Check System

Legislation enacted in 2019 requires the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to conduct a study on the feasibility of creating a single point of contact firearms background check system in Washington, with a final report due to the Legislature by December 1, 2019. The Committee will receive an update and preliminary report from the OFM on its findings and recommendations from the feasibility study. (One work session)

Trueblood Update

During the 2019 legislative session, the Legislature enacted E2SSB 5444 in response to the *Trueblood v. The Department of Social and Health Services* settlement that was reached in the fall of 2018 regarding competency to stand trial services. In order to remain in compliance with the settlement agreement, the state took numerous actions to meet the seven- and 14-day evaluation and restoration timeframes set forth by the court. In addition, the legislation addressed several strategies to reduce the number of people ordered to receive competency services through investments in additional diversion services for individuals with behavioral health issues who are involved in the criminal justice system. The Committee will receive updates from the Office of the Governor, Disability Rights Washington, and system stakeholders and partners on the implementation of the strategies. (One work session)

Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act

The Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act (Act), as adapted for Washington, passed the Legislature during the 2019 session. The Act covers guardianships, conservatorships, and protective arrangements for both minors and adults and repeals existing statutory provisions related to guardianship and third-party custody effective January 2021. The Committee will receive a briefing from the Administrative Office of the Courts and stakeholders to discuss the steps being taken to implement the Act, training needs, and related recommendations. (One work session)

Washington State Bar Association Bar Structure Workgroup Update

The Washington Supreme Court (Court) has convened a workgroup on the structure of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) in light of recent United States Supreme Court case law concerning the First Amendment and antitrust law, among other things. It is anticipated that the workgroup will complete its work in Fall 2019 and make recommendations to the Court regarding the future structure of the WSBA. The Committee will hear an update regarding the workgroup's process and recommendations. (One work session)

COLLEGE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Student Loan Debt Crisis	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Administrative Costs at Institutions of Higher Education	Full Committee

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COLLEGE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Student Loan Debt Crisis

Total student loan debt in the United States exceeds \$1.5 trillion, more than both auto-loan and credit-card debt. As the cost of higher education has increased, more students are using student loans to finance their education. Student loan debt can follow a person for decades, impacting decisions to purchase a home, get married, start a family, and work in lower paying career fields.

The College & Workforce Development Committee (Committee) will receive an overview of the student loan debt problem, including data on educational outcomes and how those outcomes interact with the student loan debt crisis. In addition, the Committee will learn about strategies other states and the federal government are pursuing to alleviate the burden of student loan debt, such as income-based repayment plans, income share agreements, and state student loan programs. The Committee will also receive an update from the Washington Student Achievement Council on the implementation of the Student Loan Advocate. (One work session)

Administrative Costs at Institutions of Higher Education

In recent years, several articles have been published focusing on the increase of administrative positions at institutions of higher education and whether such increase is a factor in the rising costs of college.

The Committee will hear an overview of the role of administrators at the public institutions of higher education, whether the number of administrators have increased, and other issues related to administrative costs. (One work session)

COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Status of the Marijuana Industry and Market - Marijuana-Related Research in Washington State	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Public Health, Safety, and Societal Impacts	Full Committee

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COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Status of the Marijuana Industry and Market

The Commerce & Gaming Committee (Committee) will examine the overall status of the regulated marijuana industry and market in Washington, including the implementation of recently enacted legislation, current regulatory issues, access to product within the regulated system for qualifying patients, and the effect of the previous merging of the recreational and medical marijuana systems. (One work session)

Marijuana-Related Research in Washington State

The Committee will study the status of marijuana-related scientific research in Washington, including an examination of: (1) funding resources and issues; (2) current research projects; (3) completed research projects and outcomes; (4) future research projects and follow up studies; and (5) legal and financial barriers faced by researchers. (One work session)

Public Health, Safety, and Societal Impacts

The Committee will examine public health, safety, and societal impacts associated with policies related to the manufacture and sale of liquor, marijuana, vapor products, and tobacco, and to legalized gambling. The Committee will examine how existing policies address limiting youth access to these substances and activities, account for people who develop related addictions or disorders, as well as what available data and information indicates about overall health, safety, and societal impacts associated with existing policies. (One work session)

CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Business and Occupational Licensing	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Property and Casualty Insurance Claims	Full Committee

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CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Business and Occupational Licensing

During the 2019 legislative session, the Committee considered proposals to modify licensing requirements for a variety of occupations. The Committee will hear from stakeholders and consider current state requirements for occupational licenses. (One work session)

Property and Casualty Insurance Claims

The Consumer Protection and Business Committee (Committee) will hear from stakeholders, review rules promulgated by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and review comparative laws in other states related to the insurance claims process for property and casualty insurance policies. (One work session)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Stehekin and Chelan	Work Session	- Education Issues from a Small, Rural School District Perspective	Full Committee
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Receiving Report Recommendations	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Receiving Report Recommendations	Full Committee

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Education Issues from a Small, Rural School District Perspective

The Committee will visit Stehekin School District, a rural district with the state's smallest student enrollment, and hold a forum in Lake Chelan School District with district and school administrators, educators, families of students, and community leaders from the surrounding school districts about the unique benefits and challenges of educating students in small, rural communities. (One work session)

Receiving Report Recommendations

The Education Committee (Committee) will receive findings and recommendations on education topics, including those in the report from the School Day Task Force. (Two work sessions)

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Air Quality Impacts from Wildfires - Health of Washington's Waterways	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Electricity Smart Grid and Grid Security - Reducing Emissions from the Transportation Sector - Policy-Neutral Reorganization of Title 70 RCW	Full Committee

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ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Air Quality Impacts from Wildfires

The Committee will explore and compare available data and trends on the impacts of wildfires, including controlled burns, on air quality. (One work session)

Health of Washington's Waterways

The Committee will explore recent and planned water pollution reduction efforts, including cleanup of contaminated sites, the implementation of low-impact development standards, and other methods to reduce impacts from storm water discharges. (One work session)

Electricity Smart Grid and Grid Security

The Committee will receive an update on the status of bringing the electrical grid into the future, including progress on and technologies for integrating renewable sources of electricity into the electric grid, and protecting the electric grid from physical and cyber vulnerabilities and other grid security issues. (One work session)

Reducing Emissions from the Transportation Sector

The Committee will receive an update on efforts to reduce the greenhouse gas and toxic pollutant emissions associated with transportation fuels and vehicles. (One work session)

Policy-Neutral Reorganization of Title 70 RCW

The Committee will receive an update from Committee staff on the preparation of policy-neutral legislation to reorganize the codification of chapters of law focused on environmental matters currently situated within Title 70 of the Revised Code of Washington (Public Health and Safety) by recodifying those chapters in a new title of the Revised Code of Washington. (One work session)

FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Tax Policy as a Local Economic Development Tool	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Economic and Revenue Forecast - Tax Structure Work Group - Implementation of Vapor Products Tax	Full Committee

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FINANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Tax Policy as a Local Economic Development Tool

The state has created numerous taxing mechanisms for local governments to utilize to promote economic growth and development. These tools include the local infrastructure financing tool, local revitalization financing, health sciences and services authorities, hospital benefit zones, and public facilities districts. In addition, the federal government has created programs to encourage private investment to promote community and economic development, including community empowerment zones and opportunity zones. The Finance Committee (Committee) will examine the programs available, as well as how and when Washington communities use these tools. The Committee will also review legislative history since 2000 to examine the state's response to different economic conditions. Finally, the Committee will determine if legislative updates are required to ensure the effective use of tax policy to promote economic development. The Committee will hold a work session that includes a briefing from the relevant agencies and legislative staff. (One work session)

Economic and Revenue Forecast

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

Implementation of Vapor Products Tax

The 2019 Legislature passed E2SHB 1873, which established a wholesale tax on vapor products by taxing accessible containers of liquid solution larger than five milliliters at 9 cents per milliliter of solution. In addition, the bill established a wholesale tax on all other vapor products at a rate of 27 cents per milliliter of solution. The proceeds of these taxes are intended to fund foundational public health services and the Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment. The legislation also authorized the Governor to enter into vapor products tax compacts with federally recognized Indian Tribes. The Committee will monitor the implementation of the vapor products taxes, examine the taxation of these products by other states, and recommend any technical changes to ensure effective distribution of the tax revenues. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Tax Structure Work Group

Section 137(2)(c) of ESHB 1109 expanded the Tax Structure Work Group from 2017-18 to include additional members from the House of Representatives and the Senate plus a representative of the Governor, the Department of Revenue, the Washington Association of Cities, and the Washington Association of Counties. The duties of the Work Group over the next few years are enumerated in the proviso, and there are several milestones to be met. The Work Group is tasked with at least having at least one meeting by December 1, 2019. The Committee will receive a briefing on the status of the Work Group's efforts.

HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Health Benefit Managers - Patient Discharging Practices	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Rural Health Financing - Health Professions Workforce	Full Committee

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HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Health Benefit Managers

A health benefit manager is an entity that a health carrier contracts with to provide a specific benefit to the carrier's enrollees. For example, health carriers commonly contract with pharmacy benefit managers to administer prescription drug programs for the carrier's health plan. The Health Care & Wellness Committee (Committee) will hold a work session to learn about the role and impact of health benefit managers on health care costs. (One work session)

Patient Discharging Practices

The Committee will hold a work session to learn about the challenge of finding appropriate and available care settings to discharge patients to when the patients no longer need inpatient levels of care. The work session will consider the types of patients most frequently affected, including those who have acute behavioral needs or who are homeless, and policy options for increasing the availability of appropriate care settings. (One work session)

Health Professions Workforce

The Committee will hold a work session to obtain a better understanding of the health professions licensing process, the extent of workforce shortages in Washington, and the training capacity at certain schools for various professions. The work session will include a discussion of reciprocity standards and competency-based licensing for behavioral health professionals. (One work session)

Rural Health Financing

The Committee will hold a work session to explore models for financing health care delivery in rural areas, including global budgeting options. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Planning for Aging and Disability Issues
2. Behavioral Health Recovery System Transformation Task Force
3. Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight

HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & VETERANS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Community Development Programs	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Housing Affordability and Homelessness	Full Committee

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HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & VETERANS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Community Development Programs

Washington supports a number of programs that promote community development in urban and rural areas. During the 2019 legislative session, the Housing, Community Development & Veterans Committee (Committee) considered legislation to expand existing programs or create new programs. The Committee will examine various types of community development programs such as Main Street Programs, Creative Districts, Business Improvement Areas, Community Development and Preservation Authorities, Public Development Authorities, or Local Improvements Districts. The Committee will invite program representatives to brief the Committee on various programs in Washington. (One work session)

Housing Affordability and Homelessness

Homelessness and affordable housing continue to be critical issues throughout Washington. During the 2019 legislative session, the Committee considered legislation to expand current housing programs and create new affordable housing options. The Committee will continue to explore options to increase the availability of affordable housing. Topics may include homeless and supportive housing programs, the limitations of federal housing voucher programs, affordable homeownership, opportunities to decrease housing development costs, the use of community land trusts, maintaining the viability of manufactured housing communities, and resources available through 2-1-1. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

HUMAN SERVICES & EARLY LEARNING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Foster and Biological Parents - Disability Services for Youth	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Disproportionality in State Programs - Family First Prevention Services Act	Full Committee

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HUMAN SERVICES & EARLY LEARNING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Foster and Biological Parents

The Human Services & Early Learning Committee (Committee) will evaluate the current issues facing foster and biological parents in the child welfare system, how foster and biological parents can work together in the best interests of the child, and consider recommendations for improving outcomes for children and families. (One work session)

Disability Services for Youth

The Committee will evaluate the intersection and overlap of disability related services for foster children and youth that are provided by the Department of Social and Health Services Developmental Disability Administration and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. (One work session)

Disproportionality in State Programs

The Committee will evaluate the prevalence of racial disproportionality in Washington human services programs including public assistance, child welfare, and juvenile justice through data provided by the Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and advocacy groups. (One work session)

Family First Prevention Services Act

The Committee will monitor and evaluate the state plan to use Title IV-E funds for prevention services for eligible children and any responses received by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. (One work session)

INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Economic Development and the Creative Sector - Data Privacy	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Update on Expanding Broadband Service - Update on Significant State Information Technology Projects - Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Annual Report	Full Committee

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INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Economic Development and the Creative Sector

The creative sector is one part of a region's overall economic development. The Arts Commission offers the Creative Vitality Index, an informational tool to assist with local economic development. The Arts Commission also assists with the certification process for Creative Districts, which are geographically grouped areas for economic development within the creative sector. The Committee will hear from the Arts Commission on the creative sector and economic development. (One work session)

Data Privacy

The Committee has heard a number of bills in recent sessions related to data privacy. Similar legislation has also been considered in other states. The Office of Data Privacy and Protection was created in 2016 as a central point of contact for state agencies on policy matters involving data privacy and data protection.

The Committee will receive a staff briefing on data privacy efforts in other states. (One work session)

Update on Expanding Broadband Service

In the 2019 legislative session the Legislature passed ESSB 5511, which creates a new broadband office, provides for a new competitive grants and loan program, and extends the Universal Communications Services Program, among other changes related to broadband service. The Department of Commerce, the Utilities and Transportation Commission, and the Public Works Board each have obligations under ESSB 5511.

The Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) submitted a report to the Legislature in 2018 on the Rural Broadband Program, which was created in the 2018 supplemental capital budget. The 2019-2020 capital budget as passed the House of Representatives and the Senate reappropriates funds for the CERB to continue to make grants and loans through the program through the end of the biennium.

The Committee will hear updates from the above agencies on ESSB 5511 and the expansion of broadband service, including a briefing on the 2018 report on the Rural Broadband Program. (One work session)

Update on Significant State Information Technology Projects

The Committee will hear from agencies regarding progress on the following significant state information technology projects.

One Washington is a modernization effort for the state's core administrative functions through innovation and technology improvements. New integrated technology systems will support redesigned business processes and planning in finance, procurement, budget, and human resources.

VoteWA is a project to modernize, centralize, and integrate the current separate state and county elections systems for both voter registration and elections management. VoteWA is scheduled to go live at the beginning of Summer 2019.

The 2019-2020 operating budget as passed the House of Representatives and the Senate provided \$37,000 for the Public Disclosure Commission to modernize and migrate its business applications from an agency-based data center to the state data center or a cloud environment.

In the 2019 legislative session, the Committee heard ESSB 5741, which will transfer authority and oversight of the statewide All-Payer Health Care Claims Database from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to the Health Care Authority (HCA) beginning January 1, 2020. The OFM and HCA are required to develop a transition plan by July 1, 2019, that sustains operations. (One work session)

Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Annual Report

The Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises submits an annual report to the Legislature on its activities. The Committee will be briefed on the May 2019 report covering the 2018 fiscal year. (One work session)

LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interest Arbitration in Public Sector Collective Bargaining - Mandatory Employment Arbitration Agreements - Automation in the Workplace 	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Workers' Compensation Issues - Preparation of the Workforce for Retirement - Department of Commerce's Independent Contractor Study - Changes to the Department of Labor and Industries' Overtime Rules 	Full Committee

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LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Interest Arbitration in Public Sector Collective Bargaining

In the 2019 legislative session there were a number of bills granting interest arbitration to certain categories of public employees, such as county correctional officers and police officers at the public four-year institutions of higher education.

The Committee will hear an overview of interest arbitration procedures, including how and when an impasse is declared to trigger interest arbitration, the role of the Public Employment Relations Commission, and the role of the Legislature in the process. (One work session)

Mandatory Employment Arbitration Agreements

Arbitration agreements are sometimes used as a condition of employment or for the receipt of certain employment benefits. Under such an arbitration agreement, an employee may waive their right to submit future disputes to a court.

The Committee will be briefed on the background of mandatory arbitration agreements, including their history and recent legal developments. The Committee will also explore the impacts of those agreements on the workforce. (One work session)

Automation in the Workplace

Automation trends in the workplace are anticipated to change the nature of work in certain areas, with potential impacts to the market demand for particular skills, changes to the way some tasks are performed, and shifting business models.

The Committee will examine workplace transitions and issues related to automation, such as business adaptations and partnerships to support a skilled workforce. (One work session)

Update on Workers' Compensation Issues

As part of the 2011 workers' compensation reform, injured workers are required to seek care from a provider who is part of a medical provider network. The Department of Labor and Industries (Department) launched its statewide network of providers in January 2013. In addition, the Department's Office of the Medical Director, in collaboration with physicians and medical advisors, create medical treatment guidelines (also called Medical Practice Guidelines or Review Criteria), which are used in workers' compensation claim management. The Department generally evaluates the medical treatment guidelines and criteria at least every three years.

The Committee will hear an update from the Department on medical treatment guidelines and criteria, the process for determining and prioritizing guidelines, and the process for appealing the guidelines and criteria. The Committee will also get an update on the medical provider network, the process for selecting providers, and potential gaps in the network.

In addition, the Committee will examine issues related to: (1) the disclosure of an injured worker's mental health records in claims related to post traumatic stress disorder; (2) the death of injured workers whose claims have been denied or whose claims were being investigated or appealed at the time of death; and (3) the services the Department provides to injured workers living outside the country and issues related to out-of-country claimants. (One work session)

Preparation of the Workforce for Retirement

In 2017 the Department of Commerce (Commerce) provided a report to the Legislature regarding the retirement preparedness of Washington residents. In 2018 Commerce launched the Small Business Retirement Marketplace, an online tool that provides information and plan offerings to assist in comparing retirement savings options. The Committee will hear an update from Commerce on the Small Business Retirement Marketplace. (One work session)

Department of Commerce's Independent Contractor Study

In 2018 the Legislature appropriated money to Commerce to produce a study and report on independent contractor employment in the state. The report, due June 1, 2019, must include information on the needs of workers earning income as independent contractors, including sources of income, the amount of their income derived from independent work, and benefits provided to such workers. Commerce was also required to convene an advisory committee to provide assistance with the development of the study. The Committee will hear an overview of the study and report. (One work session)

Changes to the Department of Labor and Industries' Overtime Rules

Most employees covered by the Minimum Wage Act (Act) must be provided overtime for working above 40 hours per week. The Act exempts persons employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity (EAP employee). The Department is amending its overtime rules, including rules regarding exemptions for EAP employees. The Department is considering increasing the salary threshold that makes EAP employees exempt, and the rule would take effect January 1, 2020. The Committee will receive an update on the Department's changes to the overtime rules. (One work session)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July	TBD	Public Hearing/ Work Session	- Local Permitting Procedures - Mobile Food Units	Full Committee
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Public Works Contracts	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Local Mandates and Revenue Funding - Interlocal Agreements	Full Committee

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Local Permitting Procedures

All cities and counties are required to develop a project permit review process. The Local Government Committee (Committee) will review state and local regulations relating to permitting practices and processes. (One work session)

Public Works Contracts

During the 2019 session, the Legislature enacted ESSB 5418 relating to local government procurement modernization and efficiency. Along with other provisions, the bill required the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) of the Department of Enterprise Services to study local government public works contracting processes for local governments. The Committee will invite the CPARB and the Municipal Research and Services Center to provide an educational work session on the public works contracting processes for local governments, including the small works roster and limited public works processes, and bid limit procurement procedures. (One work session)

Local Mandates and Revenue Funding

The Committee has heard several bills requiring the study of the comparative constitutional and statutory obligations and revenue capacity of local governments. The Committee will work in conjunction with the Washington State Association of Counties and the Association of Washington Cities to review and identify the top priorities and funding needs of local governments. The discussion will center on: (1) how mandated state services provided by local governments compares with the various revenue sources of local government; and (2) how to reduce various mandates on local governments. (One work session)

Interlocal Agreements

The Interlocal Cooperation Act authorizes public agencies to contract with other public agencies via interlocal agreements (ILAs), which enables cooperation among governments to perform governmental activities and deliver public services. However, intergovernmental cooperation among Washington's cities, towns, and fire districts can often take many forms. The Committee will discuss and learn more about: (1) ILAs for public works; (2) making purchases using another agency's purchasing contract (piggybacking); (3) limits for ILAs; (4) how the ILA process can be improved on the local level; (5) how the state can help local watershed jurisdictions, tribes, and private entities form ILAs to address storm water permitting and storm water infrastructure; and (6) the impact to small businesses in lost business revenue as a result of ILAs. (One work session)

Mobile Food Units

The Committee will review and discuss various ways to standardize the fire safety codes for mobile food establishments. The Committee will consider if the approach utilized for a single health permit, as provided for in SSB 5218 in 2019, would work for fire permits. (One work session)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July	Burien	Work Session	- Sentencing Policies	Full Committee
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Among Criminal Justice System- Involved Persons - Department of Corrections Classification and Transfer Policies	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Trends in Crime and Victimization - Initiative No. 940 Rulemaking and Implementation	Full Committee

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Sentencing Policies

Adults who are convicted of felonies are sentenced under the Sentencing Reform Act (SRA), which was originally enacted in 1981. The Legislature recently directed the Sentencing Guidelines Commission (SGC) to conduct a comprehensive review of the SRA and make recommendations regarding possible revisions. The Public Safety Committee (Committee) will receive a briefing from the SGC on its review and recommendations. Further, the Committee will receive a briefing on the newly established Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force within the William D. Ruckelshaus Center. (One work session)

Prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Among Criminal Justice System-Involved Persons

Research has shown a correlation between disorders related to prenatal exposure to alcohol, referred to as “fetal alcohol spectrum disorders,” and involvement in the criminal justice system. The Committee will hear from experts on this topic and examine appropriate responses. (One work session)

Department of Corrections Classification and Transfer Policies

The Committee will receive a briefing from the Department of Corrections and relevant stakeholders on the policies governing inmate classification and transfers, with a particular focus on gender considerations and implications, and how such policies affect recidivism and long-term prison readmission. (One work session)

Trends in Crime and Victimization

The Committee will receive briefings from entities that collect crime-related data, such as the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and study discernable trends in the incidence and types of crime, as well as trends related to victimization. (One work session)

Initiative No. 940 Rulemaking and Implementation

Initiative No. 940 concerning law enforcement training and use of deadly force, was approved by the voters in November 2018, and was subsequently amended by SHB 1064. Among other policies, these measures require the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to consult with stakeholders in adopting rules for officer training and investigations of deadly force incidents, as well as guidelines for rendering first aid. The Committee will receive an update from the CJTC and stakeholders regarding the rulemaking process and other implementation efforts. (One work session)

RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specialty Crop Research - Wildlife Damage in the Skagit Valley - Update on Water Resources in the Skagit Basin 	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fish Hatchery Management 	Full Committee

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Specialty Crop Research

The Committee will receive information on specialty crop research and cultivation in Washington. (One work session)

Wildlife Damage in the Skagit Valley

The Committee will receive updates on the problem of wildlife damage in the Skagit Valley and state and local efforts to mitigate and compensate for such damage. (One work session)

Update on Water Resources in the Skagit Basin

The Committee will receive updates on the progress of the Joint Task Force on Water Supply, along with other updates that may be available related to water resources in the Skagit Basin. (One work session)

Fish Hatchery Management

The Committee will invite various state, federal, and tribal experts to provide information to present on modern hatchery management including: the future of hatcheries; barriers to increasing hatchery production and wild fish recovery; and how hatchery production ties into southern resident orca recovery. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought
2. Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation
3. Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply
4. Legislative Task Force on Hatchery Budget Requests

STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June	TBD	Work Session	- Issues in State/Tribal Relations	Full Committee, Joint with Senate State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections Committee
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Process, Functions, and Effects of the 2020 Census	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Reports to the Legislature and Implementation of Election Policies	Full Committee

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STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Issues in State/Tribal Relations

The State Government & Tribal Relations Committee (Committee) will hold a joint work session with the Senate State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections Committee. The Committee will invite speakers, including stakeholders from several tribes, to discuss issues related to state/tribal relations such as best practices for consulting tribes when developing legislation or other policies affecting tribes. (One work session)

Process, Functions, and Effects of the 2020 Census

The Committee will follow up on its earlier discussions regarding the 2020 Census to better understand the process by which the Census will be undertaken in Washington, in addition to the functions and effects that Census data will have on state government policy. (One work session)

Reports to the Legislature and Implementation of Election Policies

The Committee will invite the Office of the Secretary of State to provide an update on the Election Reconciliation Report, including an analysis of rejected ballot rates and recommendations to reduce rejected ballot rates. The Committee will also invite agencies and election officials to provide updates on the implementation of election policies, including post-election audits, ballot boxes, the future voter program, and efforts to engage 17-year-olds in the voter process. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Point Defiance Bypass Derailment Safety Assessment - Autonomous Vehicle Work Group Update and Vehicle Data Privacy and Use 	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Washington State Ferries - Tolling Program Update 	Full Committee

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Point Defiance Bypass Derailment Safety Assessment

The Transportation Committee (Committee) will receive an update on the Point Defiance Bypass Derailment that includes information on the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB's) findings on the causes of the derailment and the fatalities and injuries that occurred as a result, as well as on the NTSB's recommendations for improving rail passenger safety. The Committee will be briefed on the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) plan to address the NTSB's recommendation that use of the Talgo Series VI trainsets be discontinued as soon as possible, and on plans to address other NTSB rail safety recommendations. (One work session)

Autonomous Vehicle Work Group Update and Vehicle Data Privacy and Use

The Committee will consider the ongoing work of the Autonomous Vehicle Work Group established in law and convened by the Washington State Transportation Commission to address the operation of autonomous vehicles on public roadways in the state. The Committee will also assess vehicle data collection and use and vehicle data privacy protections, with a focus on the anticipated impact of autonomous and connected vehicles on vehicle data practices. (One work session)

Washington State Ferries

The Committee will monitor and receive updates on the progress of major Washington State Ferry (WSF) capital projects: the Mukilteo and Colman Dock terminal projects; the design and construction of a new hybrid-electric ferry vessel; and the conversion of two existing vessels to hybrid-electric propulsion. The Committee will also monitor the status of staff shortages and the WSF's workforce development plan to address crewing issues. (One work session)

Tolling Program Update

The Committee will monitor the progress of the WSDOT Tolling Program on several fronts. Tolling of the new SR 99 tunnel in Seattle is expected to begin by the end of October. The new back office system vendor for the entire tolling system is expected to begin operations in late August. The WSDOT will be working to implement the newly-enacted tolling authorization for express toll lanes on the south portion of I-405 and SR 167 and for the Puget Sound Gateway facility. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. Joint Legislative Action Committee