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2018 Interim Committee Work Plans and Meeting Schedules

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AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7411

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
June 13	Full Committee Joint with House Agriculture & Natural Resources Tour	Union Gap	- Rattlesnake Hills Landslide - Elk Damage
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
June	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined
TBD	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined
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TBD	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined
TBD	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined
May/June	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply Work Session	Location to be announced.	- To be determined
TBD	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply Work Session	Location to be announced.	- To be determined
TBD	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply Work Session	Location to be announced.	- To be determined
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AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Forest Health and Wildland Fire Management

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Curt Gavigan 786-7437/Angela Kleis 786-7469

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: In 2018, the Legislature passed several bills relating to forest health and wildland fire. This included ESB 6211, which established accounts to accept revenue from and pay expenses related to good neighbor agreements with the federal government for cooperative forest health projects. Additionally, SHB 2561 directed the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations on several issues including unprotected lands, community programs such as Firewise, and emergency planning efforts to protect non-English speaking residents. Committee staff will monitor these and emerging forest health and wildland fire issues, and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

Orca Protection

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Angela Kleis 786-7469/Curt Gavigan 786-7437

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: By statute, the orca is designated as the official marine mammal of Washington State. Southern resident killer whales, also known as southern resident orca whales, are classified as an endangered species under federal and state law. Current law prohibits several actions in the vicinity of a southern resident orca. In 2018, the Legislature considered a number of bills concerning orca protection including expanding enforcement patrols, requiring an orca-related study, and modifying existing vessel regulations. The Governor signed an executive order regarding southern resident killer whales on March 14, 2018. Under the executive order, the Governor asked state agencies, in consultation with the appropriate local governments, federal agencies, and tribal governments, to conduct certain immediate actions such as identifying needed policy and program adjustments and created a Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force. Committee staff will monitor the implementation of the Governor's Executive Order and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation

COMPLETION DATE: December 2019

STAFF: Karen Epps 786-7424

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has the authority to adopt rules establishing a minimum water flow for streams, lakes, or other public water bodies for the purposes of protecting fish, game, birds, and the recreational and aesthetic values of the waterways. Ecology may not allow any subsequent water withdrawals with a junior priority date to the instream flow that conflicts with the established flow level, unless the withdrawals clearly serve to satisfy an overriding consideration of the public interest (OCPI). In 2015, the state Supreme Court held that the OCPI exception does not authorize approval of a permanent water right that will impair established instream flows indefinitely and concluded that ecological improvements cannot mitigate the injury when a junior water right holder impairs a senior water right holder (*Foster v. Dep't of Ecology*, 184 Wn.2d 465; considering a water right permit issued by Ecology to the City of Yelm that relied on the OCPI exception and a regional mitigation plan developed by Yelm and the cities of Olympia and Lacey).

Legislation passed in 2018 established the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation (Task Force). The Task Force must review the treatment of surface water and groundwater appropriations as they relate to instream flows and fish habitat. The Task Force is required to develop and recommend a mitigation sequencing process and scoring system to address such appropriations. The Task Force must make recommendations to the Legislature by November 15, 2019. Committee staff will provide support to the Task Force and assist with the report as directed by members of the Task Force. Committee staff will also draft legislation as requested.

Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply

COMPLETION DATE: June 2019

STAFF: Karen Epps 786-7424

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopted rules related to instream flows and interruptible water withdrawals in the Skagit River basin in 2001. In response to a legal settlement in 2006, Ecology amended these rules to assure that certain future withdrawals were uninterrupted. Ecology's rule set aside a limited amount of surface water for future out-of-stream uses in the Skagit River basin; however, with some exceptions, the basin was to be closed to future appropriation once those set asides were allocated. In October 2013, the Washington Supreme Court invalidated a portion of the instream rules (*Swinomish Indian Tribal Cmty. v. Dep't of Ecology*, 115 Wn.2d 571). The Supreme Court held that the exception for withdrawals that effect an instream flow to address an overriding consideration of the public interest is narrow and requires extraordinary circumstances before the minimum flow water right can be impaired. The Supreme Court also found that Ecology could not set aside water reservations through water management rules where it had previously set aside water to support stream flows for fish.

In 2018, the Legislature passed ESSB 6095, establishing the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply (Water Supply Task Force). The Water Supply Task Force must review surface and groundwater needs and uses as they relate to agricultural uses, domestic potable water uses, and instream flows, and develop and recommend studies. The Water Supply Task Force must immediately focus on water resource inventory area (WRIA) 4 and must not meet regarding WRIA 3 before January 1, 2019. WRIA 4 is located in the eastern portions of Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish counties and WRIA 3 is located in the western portion of Skagit County. Committee staff will provide support to the Water Supply Task Force and assist the members of the Task Force as directed. Committee staff will also draft legislation as requested.

EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7420

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
September/October	Full Committee Site Visit	Bellevue School District	- Use of Broadband, E-Rate, and Technology in Schools
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Broadband, E-Rate and Technology in Schools staff report. - Modified School Year Calendar as a method to combat summer learning loss, address the opportunity gap, and provide extended learning time and expanded learning opportunities.

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EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

K-12 School Safety

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Ailey Kato 786-7434

REFERENCE(S): [ESB 6620 \(2016\)](#); [EHB 1003 \(2016\)](#); [SHB 1279 \(2017\)](#); [2SHB 1377 \(2018\)](#); [2SSB 6410 \(2018\)](#); [SB 6620 \(2018\)](#); [ESSB 6032 Sec. 501, subsections \(14\), \(20\), \(59\), and \(69\) \(2018\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Interested Committee members and Committee staff will work with the Educational Service Districts to learn how schools and ESDs are addressing school safety issues. The work will focus, at a minimum, on comprehensive plans that connect first responders, mental health and family counselors, suicide prevention, safety drills, and community resources to create a roadmap for possible policy changes to improve public and private school safety.

The Committee will encourage the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to include information and presentations at the annual School Safety Summit on comprehensive safety planning, the regional safety programs funded in the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget, and how other school districts can increase capacity to implement a comprehensive plan. Committee staff will attend the safety summit and report to the Committee on the content of the summit.

Committee staff will also report to the Committee on the expenditure of the funding provided in the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget for comprehensive planning, regional programs, and suicide prevention activities. Staff will draft legislation as directed.

Career-Connected Learning

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Ben Omdal (360)-786-7442

REFERENCE(S): [ESSB 6032, sec. 501, subsections \(61\) and \(66\) \(2018\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will monitor and report to the Committee on the Future of Work Task Force and the Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee and Subcommittee. Committee staff will gather information from existing career-connected learning programs for the Committee to consider and identify policies that could be modified in order to remove perceived barriers and increase collaboration in the implementation of career-connected learning.

Committee staff will also monitor and report on the expenditure of the funding provided in the 2018 Supplemental Budget for the following:

- The Superintendent of Public Instruction's development of a strategic plan for work-integrated learning focused on youth apprenticeship.
- The SPI's review of career and technical education courses to ensure that the courses align with the high-demand, high wage jobs.
- The funding provided for grants to implement a program that provides hands-on education, including work readiness.

Committee staff will draft legislation as directed.

Early Learning and K-21 Education legislatively created Councils, Committee, Task Forces, Working Groups and Advisory Groups with Legislative Members

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Susan Mielke 786-7422/Ailey Kato
786-7434/Ben Omdal 786-7442

REFERENCE(S): [ESB 6620, sec. 3 \(2016\)](#); [SHB 2367 \(2018\)](#); [E2SHB 2779, sec. 2 \(2018\)](#); [2E2SHB 1491, sec. 20 \(2015\)](#); [E2SSB 5828, sec. 3 \(2007\)](#); [E2SSB 5329, sec. 13 \(2013\)](#); [2SSB 5973, sec. 2 \(2009\)](#); [SHB 2455, sec. 2 \(2004\)](#); [SSB 6544, sec. 2 \(2018\)](#); [SSB 5248 \(2009\)](#); [ESSB 6095, sec. 7009 \(2018\)](#); [HCR 4410 \(2012\)](#); [2E2SHB 1661, sec. 101 \(2017\)](#); [SSB 6428, secs. 15 and 17 \(1992\)](#); [E2SHB 1600, sec 3 \(2018\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature has created a number of task forces, working groups, councils, and committees with legislators as members. Committee staff will provide direct staff support to the groups as directed by the authorizing legislation and will provide research and support to the individual legislators serving on the legislatively created groups:

- Annual School Safety Summit
- Child Care Collaborative Task Force
- Children's Mental Health Work Group
- Early Achievers Program Joint Select Committee
- Early Learning Advisory Council
- Education Accountability System Oversight Committee
- Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee
- Financial Education Public-Private Partnership
- Future of Work Task Force
- Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Joint Legislative Task Force on Improving State Funding for School Construction
- Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation
- Oversight Board for Children, Youth, and Families
- State Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families
- Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee and Subcommittee

Use of Broadband, E-Rate, and Technology in Schools

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Ben Omdal 786-7442

REFERENCE(S): [ESSB 6032, sec. 501, subsections \(61\) and \(62\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Committee will build on efforts initiated during the 2018 legislative session to identify the status of technology in schools, gather information to inform a gap analysis, review the use of the federal E-rate and determine available funding resources for broadband access and other technology in K-12 classrooms, including compact schools.

a selected school district that is actively using technology to change the classroom experience to gather information on these issues for the Committee. The Committee may use this information to determine possible components to include in a strategic statewide plan for all schools to achieve the equivalent technology status with the selected school district.

Committee staff will monitor and report on the expenditure of the state funding and the federal funding leveraged by the state funding provided in the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget.

Committee staff will organize a Committee site visit in the selected school district to learn about the technology status of the district and the actions taken by the district to achieve this status.

Committee staff will present the information gathered by this project at the Committee meeting during the November Committee Assembly. Staff will draft legislation as directed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7440

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
June	Full Committee Tour/Briefing	Western Washington	- To be determined
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Manufacturing Innovation Institute and Future of Work Task Force Update
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Microenterprises, Cooperative Associations, Apprenticeships, and the Washington State Grange

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	TBD	- Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	TBD	- Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Local Economic Development Joint Tour

COMPLETION DATE: June 2018

STAFF: Alex Fairfortune 786-7416

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Economic Development and International Trade Committee, together with the Senate Local Government Committee, will tour various locations in western Washington that exemplify achievements of successful economic development or demonstrate challenges to economic development. Committee staff will coordinate the joint tour and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

Future of Work Task Force

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Greg Vogel 786-7413

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Future of Work Task Force (Task Force) was established in 2018 to assess factors that drive industry transformation, identify policies that will help communities respond to rapid change, recommend mechanisms for sustainable industry sector partnerships, and create a policy framework that supports a talent development pipeline. As directed by the Task Force, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board must conduct research, develop recommendations, and issue a report to the Legislature by December 2019. Committee staff will monitor and provide updates, and draft legislation as requested.

State Economic Growth Strategy and Manufacturing Innovation Institute Plan

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Greg Vogel 786-7413

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature has directed the Department of Commerce to develop a state economic growth strategy related to accelerating technology innovation and devise a plan for establishing a manufacturing innovation institute. Committee staff will monitor and provide updates, and draft legislation as requested.

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Alex Fairfortune 786-7416

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy (JLOCTP) is an 11-member committee created in 2003 to monitor the impacts of trade agreements on Washington state laws. JLOCTP duties include hearing public testimony on trade agreement impacts, conducting an annual assessment and submitting a report to the legislature on trade agreement impacts, and maintaining communication with national trade offices regarding ongoing trade and policy developments. Committee staff will work with House staff to schedule meetings and provide research assistance as requested by JLOCTP members.

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7406

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	Seattle	- Update on climate change science and activities.
TBD	Full Committee Tour	Seattle	- Status of Technology in Washington state.
TBD	Full Committee Tour	Everett	- Holistic perspective on the impacts affecting the health and quality of Puget Sound.
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	Tacoma/Seattle	- Energy issues.
November	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

State Information Technology (IT)

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Angela Kleis 786-7469

REFERENCE(S)

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will research and analyze various aspects of the state's IT infrastructure including state government operations, enterprise IT governance, and data privacy. Additionally, staff will research the IT best practices of other states. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

Tracking Initiative Measure No. 1631

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2018

STAFF: Kim Cushing 786-7421

REFERENCE(S)

DESCRIPTION: Initiative Measure No. 1631 (I-1631), was filed with the Secretary of the State's office on March 2, 2018. The measure would impose pollution fees on certain sources of greenhouse gas pollutants based on rules determining carbon content, starting January 1, 2020, at \$15 per metric ton of carbon. The pollution fee would increase by \$2 plus inflation every year, until Washington's 2035 greenhouse gas reduction goal is met and the state is on track to meet its 2050 goal.

A public board would supervise spending the revenues on reducing pollution, renewable energy, and addressing climate change impacts to the environment and communities. Utilities could receive credits to avoid fees. Indian tribes would have rights to be consulted and object to decisions and projects. There would be periodic reporting on the measure's effectiveness.

The proponents of the initiative must collect 259,622 valid signatures by July 6 in order to get the measure on the November 2018 ballot.

Committee staff will track I-1631 through November 2018.

Waste

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Jan Odano 786-7486

REFERENCE(S)

DESCRIPTION: There is interest in finding ways to reduce amount of materials used for consumer goods, to ensure recycling of materials to the highest and best uses, and when recycling is not an option, to ensure proper disposal. Recently, China has decided to no longer accept certain recyclable materials from many countries, including the U.S. China has been the largest importer of recyclable materials. There is concern that reusable and recyclable materials will end up in the landfill. Staff will track actions of other states and nations affected by China's decision, as well as research and review best practices used in other nations and states aimed at reducing waste, ensuring its proper disposal, and promoting reuse and recycling of materials. Staff will draft legislation as requested by members.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7409

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- To be determined

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Financial Institutions and Insurance Emerging Issues

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Jeff Olsen 786-7428

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Senate Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee will monitor emerging financial services and insurance issues. During the November legislative assembly, the Committee will examine in more depth upcoming legislative issues. Committee staff will provide support and assistance as directed by the Committee members and draft legislation as requested.

HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7456

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	TBD	- Balance Billing Work Session
TBD	Full Committee Tour	TBD	- American Indian Health Care Tour

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
May	Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disabilities Work Session	TBD	- Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disabilities
November	Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disabilities Work Session	TBD	- Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disabilities

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HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Overtime Oversight Task Force

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: LeighBeth Merrick 786-7445

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Legislative-Executive Overtime Oversight Task Force (Task Force) was created to monitor spending and drivers of individual providers' overtime costs. The Task Force consists of Legislative members, representatives from the Department of Social and Health Services and the Office of Financial Management, representatives of individual providers and consumers.

Beginning September 1, 2018, the Department of Social and Health Services must submit annual expenditure reports on the number of individual providers receiving overtime pay, the number of hours paid in excess of forty hours in a work week and the reasons for payment of the overtime hours. Committee staff will monitor the Task Force on behalf of the Health and Long Term Care Committee.

Telemedicine Collaborative

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Evan Klein 786-7483

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Collaborative for the Advancement of Telemedicine (Collaborative) was created to enhance the understanding of health services through telemedicine. The Collaborative is convened by the University of Washington Telehealth Services and participants include four legislators, representatives of the academic community, hospitals, clinics, health care providers in primary care and specialty care, health insurance carriers, and other interested parties. Committee staff will monitor the Collaborative on behalf of the members of the Health & Long Term Care Committee.

The Collaborative must develop recommendations on improving reimbursement and access to services, identify telemedicine best practices, and make recommendations on whether to create a technical assistance center to support providers in implementing or expanding services delivered through telemedicine.

An initial progress report was due December 1, 2016 with follow-up reports due December 1, 2017, December 1, 2018, and December 1, 2021. The Collaborative terminates December 31, 2021.

Task Force on Behavioral Health & Suicide Prevention in the Agricultural Industry

COMPLETION DATE: July 2019

STAFF: Greg Attanasio 786-7410

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Task Force on Behavioral Health & Suicide Prevention in the Agricultural Industry (Task Force) is created to review data on the behavioral health status of agricultural workers in the state, including suicide rates, substance abuse rates, and the utilization of behavioral health services. The Task Force will be comprised of representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of Social and Health Services, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, and representatives from relevant agricultural, mental health, and behavioral health associations and commissions.

The Task Force must develop options to improve the behavioral health status and reduce the risk of suicide among agricultural workers and their families, and report its recommendations to the Governor and relevant legislative committees by December 1, 2018. The Department of Health will consider the recommendations when establishing a behavioral health improvement and suicide prevention pilot program that must be implemented by March 1, 2019. Committee staff will monitor the Task Force on behalf of the Health and Long Term Care Committee.

Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Evan Klein 786-7483

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Several agencies and entities have a role in implementing health care policy in Washington, including the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the Department of Health, the Department of Social and Health Services, the Health Care Authority, and the Health Benefit Exchange. The Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight will provide oversight between these agencies and organizations. This oversight will include monitoring of each entity's activities to ensure they are not duplicating their efforts and are working towards a goal of increased quality of service.

Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disabilities

COMPLETION DATE: June 30, 2019

STAFF: LeighBeth Merrick 786-7445

REFERENCE(S):

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

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

Balance Billing Work Session

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Evan Klein 786-7483

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Balance billing occurs when a health care provider bills a patient for amounts not covered by insurance. Balance billing most often occurs when a patient receives services from a provider who does not contract with the patient's insurer.

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

American Indian Health Care Tour

COMPLETION DATE: TBD

STAFF: Greg Attanasio 786-7410

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Health and Long Term Care Committee (Committee) will tour a tribal health care facility in western Washington to review the facility's resources and services, and to discuss health care funding and access issues faced by tribal populations in the state.

The Committee extends an invitation to other senators with interest in this topic to participate in all or part of the tour. As requested by senators, legislation may be developed based on lessons learned from the tour.

HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7415

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined
July 10, 2018	Full Committee Tour	Everett	- To be determined
October	Full Committee Tour	Various locations	- To be determined
September	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Adjunct Faculty Issues

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Kellee Gunn 786-7429

REFERENCE(S): [ESSB 6032 \(2018\)](#)
[ESB 5087 \(2005\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: The legislature, in 2005, directed the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (CTCs) to convene a best practices task force to review and update the best practices audit of compensation packages and conditions of employment for part-time faculty. The task force came up with ten principles identified as best practices regarding part-time faculty working conditions and student success. In 2015, that document was updated following a survey of the college districts.

The 2018 supplemental operating budget provided funds for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to study CTCs and compensation policies. Specifically, WSIPP will look at academic, classified, and professional employee compensation data, source of funding, and the duties or categories for which that compensation is paid; identify comparable market rate salaries; incorporate data from OFM compensation studies from 2017-19; and provide analysis on whether a local labor market adjustment formula should be implemented.

SCS staff will monitor the WSIPP study, review current policies at CTCs and the public baccalaureates regarding part-time faculty, and reach out to pertinent stakeholders to develop a better understanding of adjunct faculty issues in Washington State.

Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships in Washington State

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Kellee Gunn 786-7429

REFERENCE(S): [E2SHB 1600](#)
[SHB 2685](#)
[2SSB 6274](#)
[ESSB 6032](#)

DESCRIPTION: During the 2018 legislative session, the Legislature passed several bills relating to the establishment of, access to, and the continuing state support of apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. The 2018 supplemental operating budget also provided funding for several additional programs related to apprenticeships. Additionally, \$6.4 million in federal funds have been allocated towards grants to 11 communities, consisting of local workforce development councils and STEM networks, throughout the state as part of the Governor's Career Connect Washington Initiative. The Initiative includes partnerships with certain industries to provide job shadowing, internships and apprenticeships to students.

SCS staff will monitor the implementation of relevant legislation concerning apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships and the development of the Career Connect Washington initiative, and will attend any meetings on the topic. SCS staff will also explore state-directed apprenticeship programs in other states and policy options available in Washington State.

College Promise Programs and College Affordability

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Alicia Kinne-Clawson 786-7407

REFERENCE(S): [SSB 6101](#)

DESCRIPTION: During the 2018 legislative session, the legislature considered several bills related to college affordability and college promise programs. Several states, including New York and Tennessee, have enacted free college programs. States and localities implementing college promise coalitions have made various choices related to the size and length of the benefit, income eligibility, age eligibility, and the phase-in of programs.

SCS staff will examine best practices from other states and localities in the development and implementation of free college programs, policy options to leverage existing state financial aid programs, and implementation strategies for a free college program in WA.

Creating a State Student Loan Partnership

COMPLETION DATE: September 2018

STAFF: Alicia Kinne-Clawson 786-7407

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The state has authority to provide student loans. The Student Achievement Council administers the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program, which provides student loans to students enrolled in a program in the aerospace industry offered by the Washington Aerospace Training and Research Center, the Spokane Aerospace Technology Center, Renton Technical College, or Everett Community College. In addition, the Washington Higher Education Loan Program exists in statute to provide low-interest student loans, but has never been funded. In 2018, the legislature created the medical student loan program, for students interested in pursuing select degrees in medical fields with the intent to work in rural or underserved communities.

SCS staff will explore state-directed student loan programs in other states, policy options for state partnerships with local credit unions, and alternative options to offer low-interest student loans for Washington residents.

Washington GET & 529 College Savings Plan

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Alicia Kinne-Clawson 786-7407

REFERENCE(S): [ESSB 6087](#)

DESCRIPTION: During the 2016 legislative session, the Legislature established the Washington College Savings Plan (WCSP) to complement the existing Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Program. The Washington Student Achievement Council originally planned to have the new WCSP open to new accounts by the end of 2016 with the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB) as the investment manager. WSAC has issued an RFP to manage the WCSP. The program is expected to open in spring 2018.

In 2018 the legislature passed ESSB 6087, establishing a 90 day period for GET account withdrawals at the unit cash value price if that money is invested in the new college savings plan. In addition, the GET committee will be required to consider GET account rebasing after the withdrawal option closes.

SCS staff will monitor the implementation of the Washington College Savings plan and the implementation of 6087, and will attend GET Committee Hearings on the topic.

HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7414

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
May	Full Committee Tour	Snoqualmie, WA	- Tour of Echo Glen Children's Center
July	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Foster care - To be determined
September	Full Committee Tour	Spokane, WA	- Tour of various committee related sites
October	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Status offenders - To be determined
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- To be determined

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
TBD	Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
TBD	Children's Mental Health Work Group Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
TBD	Legislative- Executive WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force Work Session	TBD	- To be determined

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HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018, December 2019

STAFF: Brandon Popovac 786-7465

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Several pieces of legislation require the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs (OHY) to conduct studies and be part of a work group in several areas. Specifically, ESSB 6032 requires OHY and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to conduct a study on the public response system to families and youth in crisis and to develop recommendations to improve delivery of services to such families and youth, including potential changes to family reconciliation services and revisions to the at-risk youth and child in need of services petition processes. ESSB 6032 also requires OHY and DCYF, along with other state agencies, to form a work group with aligned nongovernmental agencies to create a plan for children and youth in foster care and those experiencing homelessness to facilitate educational equity with their peers and to close racial and ethnic disparities by 2027. SSB 6560 requires OHY and DCYF to jointly develop a plan, including legislative recommendations, to ensure that by the end of 2020 no unaccompanied youth is discharged from a publicly funded system of care into homelessness. Staff will monitor OHY efforts and attend meetings as necessary in these three areas and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals

COMPLETION DATE: July 2019

STAFF: Keri Waterland 786-7490

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Select Committee must receive updates, monitor, and make recommendations related to state hospital planning and administration. Specified areas of intervention include reviewing the recommendations of consultants and reviewing recommendations for use of monies in the Governor's Behavioral Health Innovation Fund. The Select Committee must also review a detailed transition plan to be created by the Department of Social and Health Services to change the financing structure for the state hospital to incentivize diversion and community treatment. Eight Legislative members must be appointed to the Select Committee, which must meet at least quarterly until July 1, 2019.

Children's Mental Health Work Group

COMPLETION DATE: December 2020

STAFF: Keri Waterland 786-7490

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Children's Mental Health Work Group shall meet at least two, but not more than four, times per year to identify barriers and opportunities to accessing mental health services for children and families, to advise the Legislature on statewide mental health services for this population, and to implement additional recommendations from the work group. The work group shall monitor the implementation of enacted legislation, programs, and policies related to children's mental health, including but not limited to provider payment for depression screenings for youth and new mothers, and home visiting services, and shall consider system strategies to improve coordination and remove barriers between the early learning, K-12 education, and health care systems. The work group shall update the findings and recommendations that were reported to the Legislature in December 2016 pursuant to chapter 96, Laws of 2016. Four legislators must be appointed to the work group, and a final report is due on December 1, 2020.

Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Kevin Black 786-7747

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: E3SHB 1482 establishes this task force to replace the Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Oversight Task Force. The task force must oversee the TANF and WorkFirst programs and collaborate with a newly created Intergenerational Advisory Committee to develop and monitor strategies to prevent and address adverse childhood experiences and reduce intergenerational poverty. The task force must also direct the Department of Social and Health Services to develop a five-year plan to address intergenerational poverty and promote self-sufficiency, with the plan due to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2019. Eight legislative members are appointed to the task force along with eight members from state agencies. Staff will provide support to the legislative membership of the task force.

LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7426

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
May	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by the Department of Labor & Industries on current apprenticeship opportunities. - Presentation on Career Connect. - Presentation by Department of Revenue, Employment Security Department, and Department of Labor & Industries re: laws and regulations on employee and independent contractors.
TBD	Full Committee Roundtable discussion	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundtable discussions regarding Liquor and Cannabis Board's rule-making authority related to liquor.
September	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work session on expanding apprenticeship opportunities, including apprenticeships in non-traditional fields and with presentations of models from other countries.
TBD	Full Committee Work Session/Tour	Puget Sound Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 days of tours of apprenticeship locations. Day 1 - Traditional apprenticeships. Day 2 - Non-traditional apprenticeships.
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on independent contractor employment in Washington State pursuant to ESHB 2299. - Agency presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Update b. Increase in H2-A visas (agricultural workers) and H2-B visas (non-agricultural workers) and workplace safety.
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundtable discussions regarding domestic violence in the workplace.

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**LABOR & COMMERCE
STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Independent Contractors and Misclassification

COMPLETION DATE: January 2019

STAFF: Susan Jones 786-7404/Jarrett Sacks 786-7448

REFERENCE(S): [SB 5527](#)

[SHB 1300](#)

[ESHB 2299 Sec. 127\(49\)\(a\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: State laws, including those related to the Department of Revenue, the Employment Security Department, and the Department of Labor and Industries (state agencies), have various tests or factors to determine whether an individual is an employee or an independent contractor. The consequences of the determination or a failure to properly classify an individual may be significant to the individual, the business, and the state. During the last few sessions, various bills were introduced regarding the employee/independent contractor issue. The Committee will hold a work session with the state agencies to discuss the laws and rules. The Committee will hold a roundtable discussion with agencies and stakeholder groups to discuss these issues. During Assembly Days, a work session will be held regarding the contractor report provided to Department of Commerce pursuant to ESHB 2299 on independent contractor employment in Washington State. Staff will prepare a summary of Washington laws and agency rules regarding the employees and independent contractor tests for employees and independent contractor and exceptions to the tests; and gather information regarding number of the independent contractors. Staff will draft bills as directed.

Liquor and Cannabis Board's Rule-Making Authority Related to Liquor

COMPLETION DATE: January 2019

STAFF: Richard Rodger 786-7461

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The liquor industry is continually evolving and each year, bills are introduced to modify the laws related to liquor. Many of the modifications are viewed as minor or technical in nature. The Committee will hold roundtable discussions with the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) and stakeholders regarding possible options to broaden the LCB's rulemaking authority. Committee staff will arrange the roundtable, provide technical assistance, and draft legislation as directed.

Traditional and Non-Traditional Apprenticeships

COMPLETION DATE: November 2019

STAFF: Jarrett Sacks 786-7448

REFERENCE(S): [EHB 1849](#)
[3SSB 5576](#)
[SHB 2685](#)

DESCRIPTION: Approved apprenticeship programs offer classroom and on-the-job training with pay and benefits under the supervision of journey-level workers and require a certain number of instructional hours. The Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (Council) establishes standards for apprenticeship programs and approves training programs. Standards set by the Council address the allowable ratios of apprentices to journey-level workers, the type of work apprentices may do, and the required supervision of apprentices. An employer may partner with an approved apprenticeship program or develop its own, subject to approval of the Council. The Committee will hold a work session with a presentation by the Department of Labor and Industries on current apprenticeship approaches. The Committee will tour apprenticeship-training locations. The Committee will hold a second work session on establishing non-traditional apprenticeship opportunities, with presentations of models from other countries. Committee staff will arrange the work sessions and tours, provide technical assistance, and draft legislation as directed.

Domestic Violence in the Workplace

COMPLETION DATE: November 2019

STAFF: Richard Rodger 786-7461

REFERENCE(S): [HB 2661](#)

DESCRIPTION: Under the Domestic Violence Leave Act (DV Leave Act), all employees in the state have the right to take reasonable leave from work, intermittent leave, or leave on a reduced leave schedule to obtain assistance with respect to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. HB 2661 makes it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against an applicant or employee because the individual is an actual or perceived victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and makes it unlawful for an employer to refuse to make a reasonable safety accommodation requested by a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship. Testimony in Committee expressed concern that the language in the bill would prevent an employer from taking actions to protect other employees and customers. The Committee will hold a work session to discuss these concerns. Committee staff will arrange the work session, provide technical assistance, and draft legislation as directed.

Child Care Collaborative Task Force

COMPLETION DATE: November 2019

STAFF: Richard Rodger 786-7461/Susan Jones
786-7404

REFERENCE(S): [HB 2367](#)

DESCRIPTION: A task force is created with 12 voting members, 23 nonvoting members (including 4 legislators), and others, as invited by the Department of Commerce. The task force must develop policies and recommendations covering: (a) options to incentivize employer-supported child care; (b) opportunities for streamlining permitting and licensing; (c) potential tax incentives for private businesses; (d) develop a model policy for the "bring your infant to work" program; and (e) address racial, ethnic, and geographic disparity, and disproportionality in service delivery and accessibility. The task force must convene its first meeting by September 1, 2018 and issue its findings and recommendations by November 1, 2019. Committee staff will attend task force meetings, provide updates to the committee, and draft legislation as directed.

Pesticide Application Safety Work Group

COMPLETION DATE: November 2018

STAFF: Susan Jones 786-7404

REFERENCE(S): [E2SSB 6529](#)

DESCRIPTION: A work group is created with members of the legislature, agencies, and stakeholders, and invited advisors, to develop recommendations for improving the safety of pesticide applications. The work group must: (a) review existing state and federal laws regulating pesticide safety and application; (b) arrange for a presentation on new pesticide application technology and review other technologies used throughout the nation to increase pesticide application safety; (c) review the structure of the former pesticide incident reporting and tracking review panel to determine whether a similar group should be created; and (d) review current data and reports from Washington State agencies and relevant agencies in other states that may be helpful in developing strategies to improve pesticide application safety. The Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture provide staff support for the work group. The work group must provide a report that includes any findings, recommendations, and draft legislation by November 1, 2018. The Committee will hold a work session in January 2019 for a presentation of the report. Committee staff will attend work group meetings, provide updates to the committee, and draft legislation as directed.

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7455

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
May 4, 2018	Full Committee Work Session	Seattle, WA	- Statute of limitations for sex offenses
June 2018	Full Committee Work Session	Vancouver, WA	- Condo act liability - Application of Child Relocation Act to shared parenting plans
September 2018	Full Committee Work Session	Bellingham, WA	- To be determined
October 2018	Full Committee Work Session	Yakima, WA	- Update on 24/7 program and 10 year lookback - Sentencing Guidelines Commission — evaluation of sentencing laws
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Firearm background check system - Strategies for preventing mass shootings

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
TBD	Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Best Practices Task Force Work Session	Olympia, WA	- To be determined

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LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Family Law Legal Services for Indigent Foreign Nationals

COMPLETION DATE: June 30, 2019

STAFF: Shani Bauer 786-7468

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature appropriated \$125,000 for fiscal year 2019 to the Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) to contract with the International Families Justice Coalition to expand private capacity to provide legal services for indigent foreign nationals in contested domestic relations and family law cases. Staff will monitor and report on the use of funding through OCLA.

Sentencing Guidelines Commission - Evaluation of State Sentencing Laws & Practices

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Shani Bauer 786-7468

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature provided funding to the Sentencing Guidelines Commission (SGC) in order to conduct a comprehensive review of the sentencing reform act. Among other requirements, the SGC must review the current sentencing grid and recommend changes to simplify the grid and increase judicial discretion and review mitigating and aggravating factors and sentence enhancements. Stated goals of the review include ensuring Washington's sentencing policies and practices are evidence based and promote public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions while also facilitating their successful reintegration into the community. Staff will monitor and report on the work of the SGC.

Strategies Against Potential Perpetrators of Mass Shootings

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2018

STAFF: Shani Bauer 786-7468

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Funds were appropriated for fiscal year 2019 for the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to convene a work group to develop strategies for identification and intervention against potential perpetrators of mass shootings, with an emphasis on school safety. The workgroup has a significant focus on school related safety issues, but also is directed to address issues relating to firearm restrictions and extreme risk protection orders. Staff will monitor and report on the workgroup to the extent its work touches on issues within the purview of the Law & Justice Committee.

Washington Impaired Driving Advisory Council (WIDAC)

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Tim Ford 786-7423

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: WIDAC provides a comprehensive strategy for preventing and reducing impaired driving behaviors. WIDAC serves as an advisory body to the Washington Traffic Safety Commissioners. The WIDAC seeks to enhance traffic safety through coordinated planning, training, programs, and research to reduce the incidence of impaired driving in line with the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan: Target Zero. WIDAC is composed of non-legislative members including state and local agency representatives with traffic safety responsibilities. Staff will attend meetings, update members on issues related to impaired driving, and draft legislation as requested.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Statewide Coordinating Committee

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Melissa Burke-Cain 786-7755

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The CSEC Statewide Coordinating Committee addresses protections for exploited youth by examining local and regional practices and incidence data, and making recommendations for statewide laws and best practices. Committee members include representatives from the Attorney General's Office, the Legislature, state and local agencies, criminal justice entities and advocacy organizations. In 2017, HB 1832 extended the committee through June 30, 2023. As requested, staff will support legislators by identifying issues and developing options to address them, and drafting legislation.

Washington State Task Force Against the Trafficking of Persons

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Melissa Burke-Cain 786-7755

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: According to a June 2017 report to the Legislature, the trafficking of persons is a growing local and global human rights problem. Washington uses a multifaceted policy response to prevent and reduce human trafficking. Washington's state and local agencies and service providers help trafficking victims escape from their traffickers, educate the public about trafficking, investigate traffickers and prosecute them. The human trafficking task force measures and evaluates these efforts. In 2016 the task force formed six standing subcommittees—business outreach, survivor voices, victims' services, systems coordination, housing, and public outreach. The subcommittees study trafficking survivors' needs for health care, human services, legal assistance, job training, education, and victim compensation. The task force makes recommendations for legislation and resources to improve the state's anti-trafficking efforts. As requested, staff supports legislators by developing options and drafting legislation as requested.

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Best Practices Task Force

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Melissa Burke-Cain 786-7755

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: A sexual assault victim seeking medical care may receive a medical forensic exam preserving physical evidence in a sexual assault kit (SAK) for later testing. Like other states, Washington faces a backlog of untested SAKs although the evidence in them might be useful to law enforcement and prosecutors. The SAFE task force's duties include reviewing best practice models for managing all aspects of sexual assault examinations and reducing the number of untested sexual assault kits in Washington. SHB 1068 authorizes the task force through June 2018. The task force must report annually to the legislature and the governor. As requested, staff will support legislators and task force members by identifying issues and options to address them; assisting with preparation of an annual report to the legislature and governor; and drafting legislation.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7467

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
June	Full Committee Tour/Briefing	Western Washington	- To be determined

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Point Ruston Development

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Greg Vogel 786-7413

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: In 2018, the Senate Local Government Committee considered legislation related to the redevelopment of an area overlapping the boundary between the cities of Ruston and Tacoma. Following the hearing, the cities formed an agreement that provides Tacoma with sole authority to permit the Point Ruston development project, including the parts of the project inside Ruston city limits.

Over the interim, Senate committee staff will monitor progress on the Point Ruston development project and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

Review of Unpaid Services and Benefits

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Bonnie Kim 786-7316/Greg Vogel 786-7413

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: In 2018, the Senate Local Government Committee and the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee considered legislation related to the provision of unpaid services and benefits in unincorporated territories and unannexed lands.

Over the interim, Senate committee staff will review statewide data to identify the types of lands at issue and, if possible, the types of local jurisdictions most affected. Committee staff will also provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7473

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
May/June	Joint with House State Government, Elections & Information Technology Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Compliance with the National Voter Registration Act; Updates to Presidential Primary Election Law
September	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Discussion of Indian Law Current Issues
November	Full Committee Tour/possible Work Session	Tacoma/Renton, WA	- Tour of Pierce or King County Elections Division ballot processing operations and Tour of nearby Indian Reservation
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Update from Legislative Public Records Task Force, Update on Campaign Finance Laws, Update on Implementation of New Election Laws

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
TBD	Veterans and Military Affairs, Joint Committee Tour/Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
TBD	Veterans and Military Affairs, Joint Committee Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
TBD	Veterans and Military Affairs, Joint Committee Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
TBD	Veterans and Military Affairs, Joint Committee Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
TBD	Legislative Oral Advisory Committee Work Session	TBD	- Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee
TBD	Legislative Oral Advisory Committee Work Session	TBD	- Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee
TBD - At Least 1 Meeting	Legislative Public Records Task Force Work Session	TBD	- To be determined

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STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Review of and Updates to Campaign Finance Laws

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Sam Brown 786-7470

REFERENCE(S): [ESHB 2938 \(2018\)](#), [chapter 42.17A RCW](#)

DESCRIPTION: During the 2018 session, legislation was passed modifying procedures for filing citizen's action complaints with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging violations of campaign finance laws. As part of this process, the PDC identified the need to clarify existing processes and requirements through an update of campaign finance law more broadly.

Committee staff will work with representatives of the PDC and other stakeholders, including Attorney General, the regulated community, and campaign finance watchdogs, to identify opportunities to update, streamline, or otherwise modify campaign finance laws. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

Monitoring Implementation of Election Law Changes

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Sam Brown 786-7470

REFERENCE(S): [ESHB 1513 \(2018\)](#)
[E2SHB 2595 \(2018\)](#)
[ESSB 6002 \(2018\)](#)
[SSB 6021 \(2018\)](#)

DESCRIPTION: In the 2018 session, legislation was passed making significant modifications to Washington's election laws. Such legislation includes:

- ESHB 1513, allowing 16- and 17-year olds to sign up to register to vote;
- E2SHB 2595, allowing for the automatic registration to vote of certain state agency clients;
- ESSB 6002, creating a Washington Voting Rights Act for instances where local electoral schemes are alleged to dilute the votes of protected classes; and
- SSB 6021, allowing for Election Day voter registration at county elections offices.

The operative provisions of these bills do not take effect until 2019. The Secretary of State is currently conducting a request for proposals (RFP) for updates to the statewide voter registration database.

Committee staff will monitor the progress of the RFP and other developments at the state and county levels pertaining to the implementation of the four identified pieces of legislation. Research support will be provided and legislation will be drafted as requested.

State Agency Procurement Processes

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Melissa Van Gorkom 786-7491

REFERENCE(S): [SHB 1787/SSB 5572 \(2017\)](#)
[EHB 1828/SB 5089 \(2018\)](#)
[E2SHB 1851 \(2018\)](#)
[One Washington overview](#)

DESCRIPTION: There are multiple agencies involved in state procurement and multiple procurement methods available in Washington State depending on the product or service and amount of the contract. The Department of Enterprise Services is responsible for the development and oversight of policy for procurement of goods and services by all state agencies, but there are disparate procurement functions and systems across the state. One Washington is a comprehensive business transformation program to modernize and improve aging administrative systems and related business processes that are common across state government. In the 2018 Supplemental Budget the Office of Financial Management received additional funding to continue preparation for the One Washington project to support the finance, procurement, human resources and budget functions of the state.

Committee staff will monitor the progress of the One Washington project, and meetings of the Technology Services Board, a 13-member board which advises the Chief Information Officer on major IT-related matters. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Melissa Van Gorkom 786-7491

REFERENCE(S): [HB 2042 \(2017\)](#)
[SB 5936/HB 2214 \(2017\)](#)
[HB 2263 \(2018\)](#)
[SB 6006 \(2018\)](#)
[SB 6011 \(2018\)](#)
[SB 6056 \(2018\)](#)
[HCR 4400 \(2018\)](#)
[SCR 8403 \(2018\)](#)
<https://mil.wa.gov/uploads/pdf/training/cr16-state-aar-final.pdf>
<https://www.mil.wa.gov/uploads/pdf/resilient-wa-subcabinet/rw-subcabinet-draft-reprt-with-http://www.onenet.wa.gov/washingtonoptsin/>

DESCRIPTION: The Military Department administers the state's comprehensive emergency management plan and engages in public outreach about both disaster preparedness and state disaster response programs. An After Action Report (AAR) to Cascadia Rising, a June 2016 catastrophic earthquake and tsunami functional exercise, identified numerous shortfalls in state and local emergency planning and response frameworks. In response, Gov. Inslee convened a Resilient Washington subcabinet group to enhance statewide emergency preparedness and response, which released its report with recommendations in September 2017. In December 2017, Gov. Inslee opted Washington in to the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), built out of the 9/11 recommendations.

Committee staff will follow efforts to implement the recommendations of the AAR and subcabinet report and FirstNet, including subcabinet and State Interoperability Executive Committee meetings, and draft legislation as requested.

Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Melissa Van Gorkom 786-7491

REFERENCE(S): [RCW 44.04.325](#)

[Committee Webpage](#)

DESCRIPTION: The Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee (LOHAC) is a bipartisan, bicameral committee created in 1991 to advise the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives on the conduct of the Legislature's oral history program. LOHAC responsibilities include selection of oral history subjects, selection of transcripts and historical material for publication, and providing advice on technical matters related to production of legislative oral histories.

Committee staff will work with House staff to schedule public hearings and work sessions and provide any research assistance as requested by LOHAC members.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7300

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

2018 Legislative Budget Notes

COMPLETION DATE: 2018

STAFF: David Ward 786-7341

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Legislative fiscal staff in the Senate and House will work together with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee staff to publish the Legislative Budget Notes (LBN) by the end of calendar year 2018. The LBN is a publication that represents the official record of legislative action on the omnibus operating, transportation, and capital budgets. It is used by legislators, legislative staff, state agencies, and the general public to determine the legislative intent behind the hundreds of policy changes embedded in the three major documents.

Commute Trip Reduction Initiatives

COMPLETION DATE: January 2019

STAFF: Hayley Gamble 786-7452

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Several new commute trip reduction (CTR) initiatives were funded as one-time pilot items in the 2018 transportation budget. A new transit pass discount program for businesses and non-profits in certain counties was created, additional funding was provided for alternative CTR grants, and the STAR transit pass was expanded to additional counties. Committee staff will track related grant administration costs, review program/project evaluations, attend stakeholder and agency meetings, and prepare for upcoming discussions on the continuation of these programs.

Digital License Plate Study

COMPLETION DATE: January 1, 2019

STAFF: Bryon Moore 786-7726

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature directed the Department of Licensing (DOL) to conduct a study and evaluate potential methods for allowing digital license plates. DOL must present a report to the standing transportation committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2019. Committee staff will monitor the study and draft any relevant legislation as requested.

Regulation of Taxi and For Hire Transportation Services

COMPLETION DATE: January 14, 2019

STAFF: Kelly Simpson 786-7403/Bryon Moore
786-7726

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature directed the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) to conduct a study regarding the regulation of taxi and for hire transportation services regulated by state, local governments, and port districts. The study must compare state and local regulations in the state of Washington that govern these private passenger transportation services and may include recommendations for improving the consistency or overall effectiveness and competitive fairness of the current regulatory frameworks. JTC must issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the standing transportation committees of the Legislature by January 14, 2019. Committee staff will work with JTC staff, the hired consultant, and other stakeholders on the development of the final report, and draft any relevant legislation as requested.

Regulation of Transportation Network Companies

COMPLETION DATE: January 14, 2019

STAFF: Kelly Simpson 786-7403/Bryon Moore
786-7726

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature directed the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) to conduct a study regarding the regulation of Transportation Network Companies (TNC) within the state of Washington. The study must include a review of the regulatory framework used by local jurisdictions within Washington state and in other states, an evaluation of the most effective public safety aspects of a regulatory framework, including among other aspects, the type of required background checks, and an assessment of the most effective and efficient state and local regulatory structure for regulation of TNCs. JTC must issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the standing transportation committees of the Legislature by January 14, 2019. Committee staff will work with JTC staff, the hired consultant, and other stakeholders on the development of the final report, and draft any relevant legislation as requested.

Review of Medical Standards for Commercial Drivers

COMPLETION DATE: January 14, 2019

STAFF: Bryon Moore 786-7726

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature directed the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) to assess and recommend methods for setting state medical standards for commercial drivers. The review must include an evaluation of the relevant practices, laws, and regulations of other states. The review must also ensure that recommendations made are consistent with federal law and do not jeopardize federal funding, and that they incorporate relevant safety considerations. Committee staff will monitor the review and draft any relevant legislation as requested.

WSDOT Planning Studies

COMPLETION DATE: Before 2019 Session

STAFF: Erica Bramlet 786-7321

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The 2018 supplemental transportation budget directed the Washington State Department of Transportation planning division to complete several studies, including a bridge expansion joint noise mitigation study and corridor studies for SR 303, SR 518, SR 162/410, and I-5 in the south Puget Sound area. Committee staff will monitor progress on these studies and have updates available by the 2019 legislative session.

2019 Citizen's Guide to the Budget

COMPLETION DATE: January 1, 2019

STAFF: Alison Riffer 786-7430

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Senate Transportation Committee and Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee (LEAP) will publish an updated 2019 Citizen's Guide to the Transportation Budget. Members, legislative staff, and the general public use the guide to answer basic questions about the Washington State transportation budget. The guide will be updated before the 2019 legislative session.

Facilitation of Low-Income Utilization of Electric Vehicles Study

COMPLETION DATE: December 1, 2018

STAFF: Kim Johnson 786-7472

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: In the 2018 supplemental transportation budget, the Legislature directed WSDOT to contract with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to conduct a study evaluating how to facilitate low-income utilization of electric vehicles. Committee staff will monitor the study being conducted by the Department of Transportation's Innovate Partnerships Program's working with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to identify and evaluate opportunities to facilitate low-income utilization of electric vehicles. As part of the study the agency is directed to develop and evaluate electric vehicle car-sharing programs for low-income housing sites and identify infrastructure needs that will be necessary to support electric vehicles at these sites. Committee staff will attend any public meetings on this study, monitor the progress of the analysis, and draft relevant legislation as requested.

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7715

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee TBD	Olympia	- To be determined

To view specific meeting dates and times, please visit:
<http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/pages/calendar.aspx>

To sign up for e-mail notifications, including updates to meeting dates and times, please visit:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WALEG/subscriber/new?>

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

2018 Legislative Budget Notes

COMPLETION DATE: Fall 2018

STAFF: Ways & Means Committee 786-7715

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Legislative fiscal staff in the Senate and House will work together with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee staff to publish the Legislative Budget Notes (LBN) in the summer of 2018. The LBN is a publication that represents the official record of legislative action on the omnibus operating, transportation, and capital budgets. It is used by legislators, legislative staff, state agencies, and the general public to determine the legislative intent behind the hundreds of policy changes embedded in the three major documents.

2019 Citizen's Guide to K-12 Finance

COMPLETION DATE: January 2019

STAFF: Sarian Scott 786-772/Jeff Naas 786-7708

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Ways & Means and Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee will update the Citizen's Guide to K-12 Finance. This document serves as a resource for members, legislative staff, and the general public. The document focuses on frequently asked questions regarding K-12 finance.

2019 Citizen's Guides to the State Operating and Capital Budgets

COMPLETION DATE: January 2019

STAFF: Jasmin Adams 786-7716

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Senate Ways & Means Committee and Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee will publish an updated version of the Citizen's Guide to the Budget for the 2019 legislative session and a new guide to the Capital Budget. The guides are published on an annual basis for use by members, legislative staff, and the general public to answer basic questions about the Washington State Operating and Capital biennial budgets. The guides will be published at the start of the 2019 legislative session and will be available with the committee, as well as online.

2019 Legislative Guide to Washington State & Local Taxes

COMPLETION DATE: January 2019

STAFF: Jeff Mitchell 786-7438/Alia Kennedy 786-7405

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will create a Legislative Guide to Washington State and Local Taxes. The guide will serve as an overview of Washington's full tax structure for members, legislative staff, and the general public. The 2019 update will incorporate the Legislative Guide to Washington State Property Taxes that was separately published in prior years. The update will also include additional information regarding local government taxation, including local school levies. The guide will be published at the start of the 2019 legislative session and will be available from committee staff as well as online.

4 Year Balanced Budget & Outlook

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Clint McCarthy 786-7319

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Beginning with the 2013-2015 biennium, Ch. 8, laws of 2012 (SSB 6636) requires that budgets at time of passage be projected to be balanced for current and following biennia based on a maintenance level projection. Each November, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC) must submit a budget outlook document for state revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and related funds for the current biennium and the next ensuing biennium. The ERFC must also prepare a budget outlook document for the Governor's proposed budget and for the budget enacted by the Legislature. To assist the council in the preparation of the state budget outlooks, a State Budget Outlook Workgroup is created, consisting of one staff person from the Office of Financial Management, the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee, the Office of the State Treasurer, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, the Caseload Forecast Council, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. Staff will participate in the workgroup and provide other kinds of technical assistance.

Caseload Forecast Council Technical (Staff) Workgroups

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Ways & Means Committee 786-7715

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Staff will monitor changes and trends and provide input regarding caseload forecasts for entitlement programs for the public schools, medical assistance, long-term care, developmental disabilities, foster care, adoption support, general assistance, corrections and juvenile rehabilitation. The caseload forecasts are used to develop the majority of the budgets for these programs. The workgroups meet periodically and include staff from the Senate Ways & Means Committee, House Appropriations Committee, Caseload Forecast Council, Office of Financial Management, and the Department of Social and Health Services and other caseload-driven agencies.

Joint Committee on Employment Relations

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Amanda Cecil 786-7460

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Joint Committee on Employment Relations, created in 2002 as part of the Personnel System Reform Act, was modified in Senate Bill 5969 (2017) and directed to meet at least six times per year. The first meeting was held December 19, 2017. During the 2018 calendar year the Committee must meet prior to the start of bargaining to identify goals and objectives for the bargaining process that the Governor may take in to consideration. A meeting must also be convened following the Governor's budget submittal to advise the Committee on appropriations and legislation necessary to implement the agreements. Committee staff will provide support to JCER and monitor activity.

Joint Legislative Task Force on Improving State Funding for School Construction

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Richard Ramsey 786-7412

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The enacted capital budget (2018, chapter 2, section 7026, SSB 6090) establishes a joint legislative task force on improving state funding for school construction. The task force is composed of 4 Senators and 4 Representatives from each of the two largest caucuses and from the K-12 education and capital budget committees. The chair of the task force may appoint 2 additional members representing large and small, rural school districts as voting members of the task force. The scope of the task force's work is broad and depending on the members' approach could be accomplished in a few monthly meetings or much more involved weekly meetings. The 2018 supplemental capital budget, ESSB 6095, requires the task force to reports its findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by December 15, 2018.

Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Susan Mielke 786-7422/Sarian Scott
786-7729/Jeff Naas 786-7708

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Washington State Supreme Court issued its decision in *McCleary v. State*, on January 5, 2012. The Court found that the State failed to meet its paramount constitutional duty to fully fund a program of basic education. The Court retained jurisdiction to monitor the Legislature's compliance with its constitutional duty. The Legislature created the Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation (HCR 4410, 2012) to facilitate communication with the Washington Supreme Court on school funding. In July 2012 the Court directed the Joint Select Committee to report annually following enactment of each operating budget, summarizing the legislative actions taken to implement educational funding reforms and achieve compliance with Article IX of the State Constitution. To date, the Legislature has filed four progress reports with the Supreme Court. Committee staff will provide support to the Joint Select Committee and assist with the report as directed by members of the Joint Select Committee.

Joint Select Committee on the Early Achievers Program

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Maria Hovde 786-7474/Ailey Kato 786-7434

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislature created the Joint Select Committee on the Early Achievers Program via passage of the Early Start Act in the 2015 legislative session. This committee is comprised of members from the fiscal and early learning policy committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives. Between July 1, 2018 and December 1, 2018, the committee shall review the demand and availability of child care providers, including family, friend, and neighbor caregivers; Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs (ECEAP); and Head Start programs. This review is to look at the geographic distribution of child care programs by type of program, whether or not they take subsidy, enrollment in the Early Achievers Program, their early achievers rating level, and the demand and availability of these child care programs for major ethnic populations. By December 1, 2018, the committee shall make recommendations to the Legislature on the sufficient of funding provided for the Early Achievers Program; the need for targeted funding for specific geographic regions or major ethnic populations; and whether to modify any mandated rating deadlines for the Early Achievers Program.

Legislative Advisory Committee to the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Committee

COMPLETION DATE: Ongoing

STAFF: Danny Masterson 786-7454

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: The Legislative Advisory Committee is required by law to meet at least once annually to provide advice to the GET committee and the State Actuary regarding administration of the GET Program including, but not limited to, pricing guidelines; the tuition unit price; and the unit payout value. The Legislative Advisory Committee has not scheduled a meeting at this time but will likely convene based on enacted tuition policy changes.

Local Government Distributions

COMPLETION DATE: October 2018

STAFF: Claire Goodwin 786-7736

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: In the 2014 interim, staff developed a reference guide to the over \$750 million dollars in state distributions to local governments, primarily cities and counties. This information is available at the fiscal.wa.gov website. The reference guide is intended for use by members, legislative staff, local governments, and the public of state shared revenues, distributions, grants and loan programs that benefit local governments. Staff will continue working with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) to develop even more complete information on the variety of difference form of assistance to local governments, better search capabilities, and mapping tools.

Reform K-12 Models

COMPLETION DATE: December 2018

STAFF: Jeff Naas 786-7708/Sarian Scott 786-7729

REFERENCE(S):

DESCRIPTION: Committee staff will work with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program, House Office of Program Research fiscal staff, and Office of Financial Management budget staff to reform the K12 mega and mighty models. The project will include, but is not limited to, modernizing and improving the aging models and related budget levers based on codified law, minimizing data entry, streamlining outputs, integrating at least the mega and mighty models, and documentation (user and quick reference).