

**House of Representatives
Standing Committees**

INTERIM PLANS

2025

June 30, 2025

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
TBD	Olympia	Work Session	- The State of Agriculture in Washington	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Food Systems and Security	Full Committee

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The State of Agriculture in Washington

The Committee will host a work session on the state of agriculture in Washington, inviting relevant state agencies and experts to discuss a variety of aspects, including growing techniques and innovation, viability of the agricultural industry, and challenges and opportunities for agricultural producers. (One work session)

Food Systems and Security

The Committee will host a work session focused on food systems and security in the state, inviting relevant state agencies and experts to discuss food system resilience and challenges and opportunities for Washington's food security and food distribution programs. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Juvenile Rehabilitation System Capacity- Behavioral Health System Capacity- Federal Funding Update- 2026 Session Budget Preview	Full Committee

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Juvenile Rehabilitation System Capacity

The state operating budget, in coordination with the state capital budget, has included numerous items to address capacity concerns for the juvenile rehabilitation system. The Committee will receive an update on system capacity as well as steps taken to manage capacity concerns (including impacts on programming for juveniles served by the system). (One work session)

Behavioral Health System Capacity

The state operating budget, in coordination with the state capital budget, has included numerous efforts designed to increase the inpatient capacity of the behavioral health system. Additionally, the operating budget has funded numerous efforts to divert clients from inpatient care by providing increased services. The Committee will receive an update on inpatient capacity, by geographic area, as well as on efforts to serve clients in other appropriate care settings. (One work session)

Federal Funding Update

The Committee will receive an update on federal budget actions impacting the state operating budget. Congress is expected to make changes related to programs impacting states in the summer and fall of 2025. (One work session)

2026 Session Budget Preview

The Committee will receive an update on the budget outlook after the September and November revenue forecasts and estimated maintenance level changes. The Committee will also receive a preview of budget-related items that may come before the Legislature in the 2026 session. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. Pension Funding Council
2. Joint Committee on Employment Relations

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Capital Grant Program Equity Updates and Listening Tour Results- Overview and Update on Fish Passage and Salmon Recovery Programs- School Construction Assistance Program Revision Planning	Full Committee

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CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Capital Grant Program Equity Updates and Listening Tour Results

The Committee will receive information from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the Recreation and Conservation Office regarding efforts to develop more equitable participation in capital budget-funded grant programs. The Committee will also receive information from Commerce regarding the results of its 2025 grant program listening tour. (One work session)

Overview and Update on Fish Passage and Salmon Recovery Programs

The Committee will receive information from agencies administering capital budget-funded fish passage and salmon recovery programs, with a focus on the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board's efforts to enhance coordination and maximize recovery efforts through data collection and utilization. (One work session)

School Construction Assistance Program Revision Planning

The Committee will receive information from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the OSPI's consultant regarding the final School Construction Assistance Program revision report, pursuant to the requirements of Section 5011 of the 2024 Supplemental Capital Budget. (One work session)

CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Family Law and Guardianships	Full Committee

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CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Family Law and Guardianships

The Committee will have a work session to provide an overview and discussion of emerging issues relating to family law, guardians ad litem, and guardianships. (One work session)

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	- Crisis Response Infrastructure	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Recent Crime Trends - Law Enforcement Operations and Effectiveness	Full Committee

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COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Crisis Response Infrastructure

The Committee will examine the existing infrastructure and possibilities for expanding crisis response in Washington, including modalities of crisis response teams utilizing clinicians or social workers along with law enforcement, and other intervention strategies employed for responding to people experiencing behavioral health crises. The Committee will receive an update from various crisis response teams and centers on their efforts and needs. (One work session)

Recent Crime Trends

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

Law Enforcement Operations and Effectiveness

The Committee will review the current operations of the state's law enforcement agencies and consider recommendations for optimizing their effectiveness, including topics related to staffing models and officer recruitment, retention, deployment, and training. (One work session)

CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Virtual	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Interchange Fees- Earthquake Insurance- Washington State Institute for Public Policy's Reports on Cannabis Legalization	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2026 Legislative Preview	Full Committee

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CONSUMER PROTECTION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Interchange Fees

The Committee will examine interchange fees charged by financial institutions in relation to credit and debit card transactions, the impact of interchange fees on businesses and consumers, and the regulation of interchange fees in different jurisdictions. (One work session)

Earthquake Insurance

The Committee will examine earthquake insurance, including its availability, coverage, requirements, costs, and data on earthquake policies in effect. The Committee will receive presentations about earthquake insurance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner and the insurance industry. (One work session)

Washington State Institute for Public Policy's Reports on Cannabis Legalization

The Committee will receive an update from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) on cost-benefit evaluations of the implementation of Initiative 502 (2012) and will examine the findings in WSIPP's evaluations and reports related to cannabis legalization. (One work session)

2026 Legislative Preview

The Committee will review significant legislative proposals and issues for the upcoming 2026 legislative session. (One work session)

EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juvenile Rehabilitation Institution Capacity - County-Level Services for Youth - Child Care and Early Learning 	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residential Habilitation Centers - Child Welfare - Department of Social and Health Services - Agency Reorganization 	Full Committee

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EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Juvenile Rehabilitation Institution Capacity

The Committee will receive a briefing from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families related to the status of, and progress toward addressing capacity issues and related issues at juvenile rehabilitation institutions. (One work session)

County-Level Services for Youth

The Committee will receive briefings from counties and other relevant entities related to county-level diversion programs, probation services, youth homelessness prevention services, and other local services for youth involved with, or at risk of involvement with, the criminal justice system. (One work session)

Child Care and Early Learning

The Committee will receive an implementation update from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families related to policy and budgetary changes made in the 2025 legislative session affecting child care and early learning programs. (One work session)

Residential Habilitation Centers

The Committee will receive a briefing from the Department of Social and Health Services Developmental Disabilities Administration regarding the admission changes to Rainier School residential habilitation center (RHC) made in Substitute Senate Bill 5393 (2025) and projected utilization changes to the RHC system as a whole. (One work session)

Child Welfare

The Committee will receive an implementation update and data overview from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families regarding the changes to the child welfare system's removal criteria and recent service and training enhancements. (One work session)

Department of Social and Health Services Agency Reorganization

The Committee will receive an overview from the Department of Social and Health Services regarding its recently announced agency reorganization plan, particularly as it relates to developmental disabilities services. (One work session)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Career and Technical Education Status Reports	Full Committee

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Career and Technical Education Status Reports

The Committee will examine the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's implementation of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2236 (2024) and receive updates regarding the establishment of the Allied Health Professions Career and Technical Education Program, and the findings and recommendations of the Statewide Career and Technical Education Task Force. The examination will include a comparison to Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1600 (2018), legislation related to establishing the Work-integrated Learning Initiative, and the findings and recommendations of the Work-integrated Learning Advisory Committee to increase the career and college readiness of public school students. (One work session)

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September	Olympia	Work Session	- State Environmental Policy Act - Plastic Bags	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Model Toxics Control Act - Utility Wildfire Risk	Full Committee

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ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

State Environmental Policy Act

The Committee will receive updates on topics of interest related to implementation of the State Environmental Policy Act. (One work session)

Plastic Bags

The Committee will consider the report due to the Legislature in December 2024 from the Department of Commerce, evaluate the restrictions on plastic bag thickness and fees as amended by the 2025 Legislature as compared to policies enacted in other jurisdictions, and identify policy structures to incentivize bag reuse, minimize environmental impacts of bags, and address potential impacts on consumer and retailer cost and convenience. (One work session)

Model Toxics Control Act

The Committee will review the implementation of contaminated site cleanups under the Model Toxics Control Act, and how to balance overlapping objectives related to protecting human health and the environment, promoting urban redevelopment and thoughtful land use policy, and making the timely cleanup of contaminated sites cost-effective for taxpayers, landowners, and developers. (One work session)

Utility Wildfire Risk

The Committee will explore the risks of wildfires to the public and utility infrastructure, review current utility wildfire mitigation plan strategies and practices, and discuss potential grid hardening strategies. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October	Olympia	Work Session	- Sales and Use Tax Structure in Washington	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Update on Antio-related Legislation - Working Families Tax Credit - Economic and Revenue Forecast	Full Committee

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FINANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Sales and Use Tax Structure in Washington

The Committee will examine the sales and use tax structure in Washington. In addition to an overview of sales and use taxes, the focus will include sales and exchanges that are exempt from sales and use taxes as well as the treatment of various types of services and other activities. The Committee will learn about the interactions of federal laws, including the Internet Tax Freedom Act, the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, and the approaches of other states. (One work session)

Update on Antio-related Legislation

The Washington Supreme Court recently held in *Antio v. Washington State Department of Revenue* that the business and occupation tax deduction for investment income is limited to income earned through investments incidental to the main purpose of the taxpayer's business, even if the business is not a banking, lending, or security business. The Legislature provided additional clarity regarding the use of the deduction in Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2081 (2025). The Committee will receive an update on the implementation of this clarification as well as the expanded voluntary compliance program from the Department of Revenue. (One work session)

Working Families Tax Credit

The Committee will receive an update on the implementation and utilization of the Working Families Tax Credit program from the Department of Revenue. (One work session)

Economic and Revenue Forecast

The Committee will receive a briefing on the November Economic and Revenue Forecast adopted by the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council. (One work session)

HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hospital Inspections- Certificate of Need- Artificial Intelligence in Health Care- Federal Changes to Health Care	Full Committee

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HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Hospital Inspections

The Committee will hold a work session to discuss the licensing and inspection process for hospitals and the results of the upcoming report on hospital oversight from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee. (One work session)

Certificate of Need

The Committee will hold a work session to receive background information about the Certificate of Need program and an update on current program activities, including recent rulemaking efforts. (One work session)

Artificial Intelligence in Health Care

The Committee will receive background information on the application of artificial intelligence in the health care system and how to support its responsible implementation. (One work session)

Federal Changes to Health Care

The Committee will hold a work session on anticipated changes in federal policies and funding related to health care programs affecting Washington, such as Medicaid and the health insurance exchange. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Joint Select Committee on Health Care and Behavioral Health Oversight

HOUSING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Maximizing Existing Housing Stock - Land Banking and Shared Homeownership Models	Full Committee

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HOUSING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Maximizing Existing Housing Stock

The Committee will explore opportunities and barriers to using existing housing stock to address the housing crisis, including home sharing, mobile dwelling units, and other policies. (One work session)

Land Banking and Shared Homeownership Models

The Committee will consider policies to support land banking and shared homeownership models. (One work session)

LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report from the Underground Economy in the Washington State Construction Industry Task Force - Report from the Wage Recovery Work Group - Overview of the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC) - Update from the Department of Labor and Industries - Update from the Employment Security Department 	Full Committee

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LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Report from the Underground Economy in the Washington State Construction Industry Task Force

In the 2024 Operating Budget the Legislature established the Underground Economy in the Washington State Construction Industry Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force is directed to study the nature and scope of the underground economy in the construction industry, recommend policy changes, if any, and determine whether greater cohesion and transparency among state agencies are needed. The Task Force must submit a final report to the Legislature by June 30, 2025. The Committee will hear a briefing on the final report. (One work session)

Report from the Wage Recovery Work Group

Substitute House Bill 2097 (2024) directed the Department of Labor and Industries to convene the Wage Recovery Work Group (Work Group) to develop and recommend strategies for helping employees recover unpaid wages and be made whole as quickly and fully as possible. The Work Group must submit a final report with recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2025. The Committee will hear a briefing on the final report. (One work session)

Overview of the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC)

The Department of Labor and Industries (Department) is designated by the U.S. Department of Labor to approve and register apprenticeship programs. For this purpose, state law directs the Department to appoint a regulatory apprenticeship council, referred to as the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (Council), to approve apprenticeship programs and establish apprenticeship standards. The Committee will receive an overview of the Council's structure, operations, and procedures, including the Council's approval process for new apprenticeship programs and standards. (One work session)

Update from the Department of Labor and Industries

The Department of Labor and Industries will update the Committee on emerging issues affecting agency practices and upcoming legislation, which may include an overview of workers' compensation taxes, benefits, and pensions, workplace injury data, changes in wage and hour requirements and enforcement, and agency request legislation. (One work session)

Update from the Employment Security Department

The Employment Security Department will update the Committee on emerging issues affecting agency practices and upcoming legislation, which may include an overview of rate setting and solvency issues in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program, regulatory reform in the unemployment insurance system, and agency request legislation. (One work session)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City Annexations - State Building Code Council Primer and Update 	Full Committee
October	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Environmental Policy Act Primer - State Building Code Council Primer and Update - Embodied Carbon Emissions Reduction - Permitting Deadlines Update 	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrating Special Purpose Districts into the Growth Management Act - Subdivision Reform - Comprehensive Plan Update Check-In 	Full Committee

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

City Annexations

The Committee will receive a presentation on cities' challenges in annexing land, and recommendations for potential changes to annexation laws. (One work session)

State Building Code Council Primer and Update

The Committee will receive a presentation on the work of the State Building Code Council, including its process for amending the state code and for receiving feedback and proposals through technical advisory groups. The Committee will also receive a report on the status of the Council's updating of residential building code requirements, including on the status of provisions related to allowing single-exit stairways to service certain multifamily residential structures as required by Substitute Senate Bill 5491 (2023). (Two work sessions)

State Environmental Policy Act Primer

The Committee will receive a presentation on the State Environmental Policy Act, including its goals, the requirements for complying with the Act, and the exemptions to the Act. (One work session)

Embodied Carbon Emissions Reduction

The Committee will receive a presentation on ideas for incorporating embodied carbon emissions reduction standards for building projects into the State Building Code as proposed in House Bill 1458 (2025). (One work session)

Permitting Deadlines Update

The Committee will receive a presentation on local governments' experiences with complying with the project permit review deadlines contained in Second Substitute Senate Bill 5290 (2023) that went into effect on January 1, 2025. (One work session)

Integrating Special Purpose Districts into the Growth Management Act

The Committee will receive a presentation on the integration of special purpose districts into the state's growth management planning framework, based on the report and recommendations developed by the Department of Commerce that will be provided to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2025. (One work session)

Subdivision Reform

The Committee will receive a presentation on ideas for reforming the subdivision of land as administered by local governments throughout the state, including ideas related to House Bill 1818 (2025). (One work session)

Comprehensive Plan Update Check-In

The Committee will receive a presentation on local governments' ongoing comprehensive plan updates, including any recommendations for future update cycles. (One work session)

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION & WORKFORCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 22	TBD	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apprenticeships - Nontraditional Students - Workforce Development 	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Mental Health - Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education - High School and Beyond Platform and Transition from K-12 to Higher Education 	Full Committee

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POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION & WORKFORCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Apprenticeships

The Committee will evaluate barriers to apprenticeships, such as the approval process for new apprenticeship programs, access to quality education and training programs in underserved communities, financial constraints, lack of mentorship and networking opportunities, cultural and language barriers, flawed and discriminatory hiring practices, and transferability of credits and degrees. The Committee will also explore opportunities to strengthen and scale apprenticeship models across diverse industries, ensuring they are inclusive, accessible, and responsive to both employer needs and worker aspirations. (One work session)

Nontraditional Students

The Committee will explore how institutions of higher education are serving nontraditional students, such as adults returning to higher education, and ways to improve and expand pathways for these individuals. This includes examining flexible learning options and programs, workforce-aligned credentials, and support services that address the unique needs of working adults, caregivers, and part-time learners. The goal is to explore ways to ensure that higher education systems are accessible, responsive, and equitable for a diverse and evolving student population. (One work session)

Workforce Development

The Committee will examine how workforce development programs are working to bridge the skills gap for both employers and job seekers. This includes evaluating the effectiveness of training and reskilling initiatives, the alignment of programs with current and emerging labor market demands, and partnerships between education providers, employers, and community organizations. The Committee aims to identify strategies that support a dynamic, inclusive, and future-ready workforce. (One work session)

Youth Mental Health

The Committee will receive briefings from institutions of higher education on best practices for supporting student mental health challenges, such as improving access to resources to help mitigate the negative impact mental health issues have on retention, academic performance, completion rates, and overall student happiness and wellbeing. The Committee will also explore how institutions are integrating mental health into campus culture, training faculty and staff to recognize signs of distress, and leveraging technology and peer support models to reach more students. (One work session)

Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education

The Committee will explore how the increasing prevalence of artificial intelligence (AI) in higher education is impacting ethical, social, and educational dynamics within the sector, including its influence on teaching, learning, institutional administration, and academic integrity. The Committee aims to better understand the risks and opportunities of AI integration to help inform policy development. (One work session)

High School and Beyond Platform and Transition from K-12 to Higher Education

The Committee will receive a briefing from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) on its implementation of the statewide universal online High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) platform, as required under Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5243 (2023). The briefing will focus on how the HSBP platform provides students across the state with equitable access to the same career and college exploration opportunities, and on other ways OSPI ensures students have access to guidance about options after graduation such as its Career Guidance Washington Lessons. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Joint Higher Education Committee

STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September/ October	Tumwater/TBD	Work Session	- Issues Relating to Tribal Relations	Full Committee
November	Virtual	Work Session	- Voter Turnout and Election Security	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Elections and Other Emerging Issues in State Government	Full Committee

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STATE GOVERNMENT & TRIBAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Issues Relating to Tribal Relations

The Committee will, in collaboration with tribes, hold an off-site work session on tribal land in the Puyallup or Tacoma area and invite tribes and agencies to discuss issues relating to tribal relations such as sports betting, missing and murdered indigenous women, health data and tribal sovereignty, and automatic voter registration for tribal members. (One work session)

Voter Turnout and Election Security

The Committee will invite agencies and experts to discuss topics pertaining to elections, such as: voter turnout trends and gaps in voter turnout in Washington; election security; and electronic ballot return processes, including security measures, in other jurisdictions. (One work session)

Elections and Other Emerging Issues in State Government

The Committee will invite agencies and experts to discuss issues pertinent to increasing access to democracy, including preclearance, voting rights, and an update on the election changes at the federal level. The Committee will also invite agencies and experts to discuss other emerging issues in state government. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee

TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & VETERANS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June 24	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of Technology Issues - Updates on Federal Broadband Funding 	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veterans Updates - Tourism Updates - Emergency Management, Disaster Resilience, and Fire Detection Issues 	Full Committee

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TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & VETERANS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Overview of Technology Issues

The Committee will receive information on issues relating to emerging technologies, such as the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by state agencies, an update from the AI Task Force on its work, identification of risk areas in AI use, and updates on data privacy laws. (One work session)

Updates on Federal Broadband Funding

The Committee will receive an update on implementation of federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment funds and related efforts to promote digital equity in Washington. (One work session)

Veterans Updates

The Committee will receive updates on current veterans' issues. (One work session)

Tourism Updates

The Committee will receive an overview of the recommendations from the Tourism Self-Supported Assessment Group. (One work session)

Emergency Management, Disaster Resilience, and Fire Detection Issues

The Committee will receive updates from the Emergency Management Division of the Military Department, an overview of the future of disaster resilience in Washington, and an overview of fire detection issues, including "hot spot" detection. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
July 1	Seattle	Work Session	- Washington State Ferries - Vessel Procurement and Other Capital Updates	Full Committee
December Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Highway Project Delivery Update	Full Committee

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Washington State Ferries - Vessel Procurement and Other Capital Updates

The Committee will monitor and receive updates on the capital activities of the Washington State Ferry (WSF) system. The primary focus will be the ferry electrification program, including the procurement of new hybrid electric vessels, the status of terminal electrification efforts, and the conversion of the Jumbo Mark II vessels. The updates will also cover other significant capital undertakings including the Fauntleroy terminal and the Jumbo Mark II midlife vessel rebuilds.

The Committee will also monitor and evaluate the WSF workforce development investments as the WSF returns to full domestic service. (One work session)

Highway Project Delivery Update

The Committee will receive an update from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on the delivery of highway improvement and preservation projects. Key topics will include: recent project cost trends, based on bids and updated cost estimate validation process (CEVP) results submitted since the 2025 Legislative Session; the current procurement environment; and WSDOT's contracting strategies for managing costs and risks. WSDOT will also provide an overview of its capital project cost estimating policies, risk assessments, and considerations for the potential development of a highway capital projects risk pool. (One work session)

RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

1. Joint Transportation Committee
2. Joint Oregon-Washington Legislative Action Committee