



INTRODUCTION

We are just past the mid-point of the session, and this week was the deadline for House bills to pass the House and Senate bills to pass the Senate. Overall, the pace has been measured, and few big issues have been tackled yet. The legislature did address one major education issue this week, temporarily fixing a local levy capacity problem for next year.

Next week the revenue forecast is released, which is the official kick-off of the budget. The Senate will probably release its budget late next week. The two chambers now turn to the task of hearing the bills that the other chamber passed.

LEGISLATION PERTINENT TO PORTS

AVIATION

General Aviation Airport Funding: The House passed HB 1656 which would create the Community Aviation Revitalization Task Force designed to oversee a revolving loan program. The loan program is specifically designed to spur revenue-generating projects at airports with fewer than 50,000 enplanements. In addition to providing economic development, this would help to improve the sustainability of General Aviation airports. The bill would only establish a program, funding, secured through the budget process, will still be required. The Senate had a similar bill which did not pass out of committee.

BOATING AND MARINAS

Vessel Impoundment: WPPA has been following HB 1605 because it gives affects public marinas. The bill would

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AT A GLANCE

Length: 105 days; Regular session began on January 9, 2017

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NEXT WEEK'S HEARINGS

If you would like to testify at any of these, please call WPPA.

March 13

3:30 pm; S – Transportation: Public hearing on HB 1018: modifying the maximum amount for grants provided to airports and air navigation facilities; SHR 1

allow marinas to accept vessels impounded for BUI (boating under the influence) violations and charge 125% of standard moorage fees. Recent amendments limit marinas' liability unless gross negligence is found. The amendments also allow marinas to require the impounding agency to forfeit an abandoned vessel in order to recover unpaid moorage fees. HB 1605 passed in the House 97-1 and is moving forward in the Senate.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Modernize Port Broadband Authority: Port districts have the authority to provide wholesale telecom infrastructure, with certain limitations. This authority was granted in 2000, and several aspects of our authority relating to contracting and rural limitations need to be modernized to provide the fundamental broadband infrastructure that is necessary to retain and grow businesses and educational institutions. Our vehicle for this effort is SB 5679, which passed out of the Senate on a vote of 48 – 1. The bill expands the geographic limits of port broadband authority to all but King, Pearce, and Snohomish Counties; allows ports to build infrastructure in and outside their districts for the provision of wholesale broadband telecommunications services; and permits contracting with individual operators for the provision of service. Language allowing for the direct leasing of facilities to public bodies has been removed. The bill is now in the House Technology and Economic Development Committee where it is likely to be swept up in a broader telecommunications debate.

B&O Tax Preference for Fishing Fleet Vessels: HB 1154, which creates preferential B&O tax rates for fishing fleet construction, was moved out of its initial committee and heard in the House Finance Committee, but it was not voted out of that committee and it is probably dead for the session.

Tourism Funding: SB 5251 and SHB 1123 are the tourism advocate's proposal this year to fund a state tourism program. The bills divert 0.1 percent of the sales tax on lodging, car rentals and restaurants, up to a \$5 million maximum for matching grants for a tourism promotion program. The bills remain in the fiscal committees, and are expected to be part of budget negotiations. WPPA

March 14

10:00 am; H – Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs: Work session re overview of tribal relations; HHR E

1:30 pm; H – Environment: Public hearing re HB 1646: promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities; HHR B

March 15

8:00 am; S – State Government: Public hearing re ESHB 1594: improving public records administration; and EHB 1595: re costs associated with responding to public records requests; SHR 2

March 16

8:00 am; H – Environment: Public hearing re SSB 5790: re the economic development element of the growth management act; HHR B

1:30 pm; H – Technology & Economic Development: Public hearing re ESSB 5679: re the authority of port districts to provide telecommunications services; HHR C

1:30 pm; S – Local Government: Public hearing re SHB 1347: re the creation of a county-wide port district within a county containing no port districts; SHR 2

3:30 pm; H – Transportation: Public hearing re ESB 5008: facilitating compliance with the federal REAL ID Act by modifying driver's license and identicaid design and fees; HHR B

SESSION CUT-OFF DATES

(tentative – subject to change)

The cut-off dates are designed to keep legislation moving. Any bill that fails to move past a cut-off deadline is usually considered "dead."

January 9 - First Day of Session

February 17 - Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal

supports these bills, which create and fund a state tourism marketing program.

Economic Development and GMA: SB 5790 encourages jurisdictions planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to evaluate economic growth and adopt comprehensive plans and development regulations that promote economic development. Consistent with efforts to bolster rural economic development, WPPA is currently supporting this measure.

ENVIRONMENT

Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Funding Preservation: Funding for Remedial Action Grants (cleanup projects) is in jeopardy. Reduced revenue and a much tighter than expected Capital Budget combine to eliminate funding for new projects. Ports have offered conditional support for HB 1663, which imposes a surtax on hazardous substances. Our support is conditioned upon budget bills that narrow the uses of MTCA revenue and re-establish a commitment to the core purposes of the Act. Members are urged to continue to press legislators on solutions.

Fixes to the Ocean Resources Management Act (ORMA): In late January, the State Supreme Court issued a decision that represents a sharp departure from previous understanding of the law. Rather than be limited to offshore oil exploration and supporting facilities, the court holds the statute applies broadly to petroleum based projects. Some interpretations of the ruling raise questions about whether projects located outside Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties would be required to comply with the ORMA criteria. At the same time, the Port of Grays Harbor is in discussions with potential leases that view ORMA as a threat to viability. WPPA is exploring legislative solutions to the problem in cooperation with the Quinault Indian Nation, the Port of Grays Harbor and the project proponent.

Hydraulic Permits: Authority to assess a fee to help pay for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's hydraulic permitting program expires at the end of June, 2017. WPPA is participating in negotiations with other stakeholders in a search for solutions that address concerns about jurisdiction. SB 5228 will likely be the bill that addresses these issues.

committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.

February 24 - Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.

March 8 - Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).

March 29 - Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.

April 4 - Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.

April 12 - Last day to consider opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).

April 23 - Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

* After the 94th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.

ADVOCACY

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GOVERNANCE

Public Records Act Reform: HB 1595 allows agencies to charge actual costs for producing records, require a 10% deposit, and deny automatically-generated bot requests. Costs can now exceed 15 cents per page. The bill also relieves agencies from publicizing costs related to making records available. Requests must be identifiable and received during normal office hours. HB 1594 details training requirements for public records officers and eleven ways agencies may respond to requests. Both PRA bills passed the House and are in the Senate State Government Committee.

WPPA representatives Eric Johnson, James Thompson, Gerry O'Keefe, Chris Herman, and Elena Oguiza are following a wide-variety of issues throughout the session. If you have questions concerning legislative activities, please contact them at 360-943-0760 regarding any specific issues.

New Port Formation: Interests in Spokane are advocating for HB 1347. The bill allows a county-wide port formation proposal to separate the election to form a port from the election of the initial commissioners. The bill has passed the House.

Voting Rights Act: HB 1800 is the same Voting Rights Act that was passed by the House last year. It establishes a right of action for a protected class to assert that they are denied access to office due to artificial barriers. Most local governments, including port districts, are included. Narrower versions of the bill have been introduced but not advanced. The bill is unlikely to move out of the Senate.

Commissioner Districts for Ports of Seattle and Tacoma: HB 1999 increases the number of Seattle port commissioners to nine, and directs them to use the same districts as the county. By statute, the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma have no commissioner districts. Some interests in South King County are proposing to impose commissioner districts in King and possibly Pierce County, in order to ensure geographic representation of commissioners. The bill died on the House floor calendar.

PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Responsible Bidder Criteria: SB 5301 revises responsible bidder criteria provisions to include willful and repeated violations of prevailing-wage rates. The bill moved out of the Senate and is before the House. HB 1673 requires businesses to undergo training on prevailing-wages as condition to being "responsible bidders." The amended version provides exemptions from training requirements to bidders who have completed three or more public works projects and have had a Washington business license for at least three years. The substitute bill passed in the House and is now in the floor of the Senate.

Construction Contracts: SB 5788 and HB 1574 make void and unenforceable any clause in a construction contract which purports to waive the contractor's right to damages or equitable adjustment for failure to submit a claim notice within the contractual time frame or form, absent material prejudice to the owner. The bills raised complex issues relating to public works contracts. Both bills died, but the issue is likely to become an interim study project for the legislature.

Prevailing Wages: HB 1674 would require prevailing-wage rates to be established by collective bargaining agreements. The bill passed in the House and faces an uncertain future in the Senate.

TRANSPORTATION

State Adoption of Real ID: Washington State has not yet fully complied with the Federal Real ID Act. As a result, residents with a standard-issue driver licenses will no longer be able use them as identification to board an airplane beginning in January 2018. ESB 5008 has passed out of the Senate with strong bipartisan support but faces challenges in the House. The bill allows Department of Licensing (DOL) to mark standard-issue licenses as not for federal purposes and provides funding for DOL to educate state residents on types of identification required for air travel in the future. The companion bill HB 1041 was not passed out of the House.

Transportation Network Providers: Transportation Network Providers (aka Uber and Lyft) have advocated a statewide licensing scheme that would minimize the complexities of many rules and regulations which are currently the purview of local governments. SSB 5620 has been passed by the Senate. The original bill had a wide-reaching preemption that would have not allowed airports to enter into agreements with TNC's or collect fees from them. The bill sponsors have accepted language that would exempt passenger airports from the bills local government preemption.

Pilotage Settlement Costs: The Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC) was sued and lost a gender bias lawsuit in 2014. The settlement was paid out by the state's insurance pool and has resulted in an increased insurance cost of \$1 million annually. WPPA supports efforts to minimize the burden of this increased cost on the shipping community. The Senate introduced SB 5819 which would have required Puget Sound Pilots to fund the full amount of the increase and froze tariff rates as a way to make that happen. The bill was not passed out of the Senate. The conversation now becomes a budget discussion. The Governor's budget did dedicate funding to cover half of the increase for the 2017-19 biennium.

BILL TRACKING REPORT

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Original Sponsor</u>	<u>Committee Sponsor</u>
Aquatic Lands					
HB 1001	Utility esmts./aquatic lands	S Energy, Environ	03/09/2017	Morris	
Aviation					
HB 1018	Airport grants/max. amount	S Transportation	02/03/2017	Dent	
HB 1400	Aviation license plate	S Transportation	03/02/2017	Dent	
EHB 1656	Aviation revital. loan prg	S Transportation	03/10/2017	Dent	
ESSB 5620	Transp. network companies	H Labor & Workpla	03/09/2017	King	TRAN
Boating and Marina					
SHB 1605	Vessel impoundment	S Law & Justice	03/02/2017	Pettigrew	PS
SB 5442	Boating safety programs	H Approps	02/24/2017	Fortunato	
Budget					
HB 1025	Approp. legis. priorities	H Approps	01/09/2017	Taylor	
HB 1067	Operating budget 2017-2019	H Approps	01/09/2017	Ormsby	
HB 1068	Operating sup budget 2017	H Approps	01/09/2017	Ormsby	
HB 1075	Capital budget 2017-2019	H Cap Budget	01/10/2017	Tharinger	
HB 1146	Trans sup budget 2015-2017	H Trans	01/12/2017	Clibborn	
HB 1608	Capital budget resources	H Approps	01/25/2017	Pike	
HJR 4200	Debt guarantee/infrastruct.	H Cap Budget	01/09/2017	DeBolt	
SB 5047	Operating sup budget 2017	S Ways & Means	01/11/2017	Braun	
SB 5048	Operating budget 2017-2019	S Ways & Means	01/11/2017	Braun	

SB 5086	Capital budget 2017-2019	S Ways & Means	01/12/2017	Honeyford	
SB 5095	Trans sup budget 2015-2017	S Transportation	01/12/2017	King	
SB 5096	Transport. budget 2017-2019	S Transportation	01/12/2017	King	
SB 5127	Carbon pollution tax	S 2nd Reading	02/27/2017	Braun	

Economic Development

SHB 1123	Tourism marketing	H Approps	01/31/2017	Condotta	CDHT
SHB 1183	Creative districts	S Ag/Water/Trade&	03/09/2017	McBride	APP
HB 1496	Vessel taxation & permitting	H Finance	01/20/2017	Tarleton	
HB 1510	Port district worker dev.	H Tech & Econ D	01/23/2017	Tarleton	
SHB 1912	Comm. econ. revital. board	H 2nd Reading	03/07/2017	Ryu	CB
SB 5013	Tenant property, disposition	H Judiciary	03/06/2017	Warnick	
SB 5088	Local infrastruct. financing	S Ways & Means	01/12/2017	Honeyford	
SSB 5208	Rural jobs	S Ways & Means	02/17/2017	Warnick	AWTE
SSB 5251	Tourism marketing	S Ways & Means	02/15/2017	Takko	AWTE
SB 5496	Local infrastructure funding	S Ways & Means	01/26/2017	Rivers	
SB 5642	Job creation incentive pilot	S Ways & Means	02/17/2017	Brown	
ESSB 5679	Port districts/telecomm serv	H Tech & Econ De	03/02/2017	Warnick	EET
SB 5711	Telecommunications services	S 2nd Reading	02/24/2017	Ericksen	
SSB 5790	GMA economic dev. element	H Environment	02/23/2017	Short	LGOV

Environmental and Natural Resources

SHB 1010	Dept. of ecology agreements	S Energy, Environ	03/02/2017	Shea	ENVI
HB 1050	Chehalis basin financing	H Rules R	02/13/2017	DeBolt	
SHB 1086	Impact statements/two years	S Energy, Environ	03/06/2017	Blake	ENVI
SHB 1121	Puget Sound action agenda	S Rules 2	03/10/2017	Muri	ENVI
2SHB 1144	Greenhouse gas emissions	H 2nd Reading	03/03/2017	Fitzgibbon	APP
SHB 1266	Petroleum storage tanks	S Energy, Environ	03/08/2017	Peterson	ENVI
EHB 1476	On-site sewage systems	S Local Governmen	03/10/2017	Peterson	
HB 1555	Carbon pollution tax	H Finance	01/23/2017	Lytton	
SB 5005	Municipal water rights	S 2nd Reading	03/01/2017	Padden	
SB 5127	Carbon pollution tax	S 2nd Reading	02/27/2017	Braun	
SSB 5170	Independent remedial actions	H Environment	03/02/2017	Ericksen	EET
SSB 5228	Hydraulic project approval	H Ag & Nat Res	03/01/2017	Honeyford	NRP
E2SSB 5239	Water availability	H Ag & Nat Res	03/02/2017	Warnick	WM
SSB 5438	Impact statements/two years	H Environment	03/06/2017	Braun	EET
SB 5621	Econ devel & transp projects	H Tech & Econ De	03/08/2017	Brown	
SJM 8004	Columbia River system dams	H Tech & Econ De	03/02/2017	Sheldon	
SJM 8009	PS hatchery & gen mgmt plans	H Ag & Nat Res	03/06/2017	Chase	

Governance and Elections

HB 1324	Local infrastruct. financing	H Cap Budget	02/06/2017	Tharinger	
SHB 1347	Countywide port district	S Local Governmen	03/07/2017	Riccelli	LG
SHB 1417	OPMA/IT security matters	S State Governmen	03/02/2017	Hudgins	SEIT
ESHB 1594	Public records admin.	S State Governme	03/07/2017	McBride	APP
EHB 1595	Public records request costs	S State Governmen	03/07/2017	Nealey	
HB 1800	Voting rights	S State Governme	03/01/2017	Gerguson	
SB 5034	Local gov. financial reports	H Local Govt	02/22/2017	Rivers	
SB 5068	District-based elections	H State Govt, Ele	03/03/2017	Miloscia	
SB 5445	Eminent domain/economic dev.	H Judiciary	03/02/2017	Padden	

Land Use

ESHB 1017	School siting	S EL/K-12	03/09/2017	McCasin	ENVI
HB 1089	Kitsap comprehensive plan	S Local Governmen	03/08/2017	Appleton	
ESHB 1504	GMA/rail dependent uses	S Local Governmen	03/09/2017	Pike	ENVI
SHB 1747	Withdrawal of land	S Ag/Water/Trade&	03/08/2017	Taylor	FIN
ESB 5212	Land use control ordinances	H Judiciary	03/02/2017	Wilson	
ESB 5517	GMA/rail dependent uses	H Environment	03/02/2017	Wilson	
SSB 5725	Public facilities mitigation	H Local Govt	03/03/2017	Hasegawa	LGOV

Public Works and Labor

HB 1051	Infrastructure financing	H Cap Budget	01/09/2017	DeBolt	
HB 1324	Local infrastruct. financing	H Cap Budget	02/06/2017	Tharinger	
ESHB 1538	Subcontractor bonding	S Com/Labor/Sport	03/09/2017	Stambaugh	CB
HB 1672	Prevailing wage law recovery	S Com/Labor/Sport	03/01/2017	Frame	

SHB 1673	Responsible bidder criteria	S Com/Labor/Sport	03/07/2017	Doglio	LAWS
HB 1674	Prevailing rate of wage	S Com/Labor/Sport	03/03/2017	Ormsby	
HB 1677	Local infrastructure funding	H Cap Budget	01/26/2017	Peterson	
SHB 1683	Sewer service/growth areas	S Local Governmen	03/07/2017	Appleton	ENVI
HB 1849	Apprenticeship utilization	S Transportation	03/03/2017	Sells	
HB 2052	Alt contracting methods cert	S State Governmen	03/08/2017	Buys	
SB 5036	PUD unit priced contracting	H Local Govt	03/07/2017	Takko	
SB 5734	State contracting & bonding	H State Govt, Ele	03/01/2017	Chase	

Tax

ESHB 1296	Tax incentives report&survey	S Ag/Water/Trade&	03/02/2017	Nealey	FIN
HB 1496	Vessel taxation & permitting	H Finance	01/20/2017	Tarleton	
HB 1500	Tax exemptions	H Finance	01/20/2017	Pollet	
HB 1555	Carbon pollution tax	H Finance	01/23/2017	Lytton	
SHB 1597	Commercial fishing	H Approps	02/13/2017	Blake	AGNR
HB 1764	Property tax revenue limit	H Finance	01/27/2017	Lytton	
HB 1864	Leasehold excise tax credit	H Finance	02/01/2017	Springer	
HB 2041	Local gov prop tax approval	H Rules R	02/24/2017	Koster	
SB 5111	Capital gains excise tax	S 2nd Reading	03/07/2017	Braun	
SB 5113	B&O tax/education	S 2nd Reading	02/27/2017	Braun	
SB 5127	Carbon pollution tax	S 2nd Reading	02/27/2017	Braun	
SSB 5182	Affordable housing options	S 2nd Reading	03/01/2017	Fain	WM
SB 5204	Industries prop. tax exempt.	S Ways & Means	01/16/2017	Fain	
SB 5383	Vessel taxation & permitting	S Ag/Water/Trade	01/23/2017	Bailey	
SB 5509	Carbon tax	S Energy, Enviro	01/26/2017	Carlyle	
SB 5513	Tax exemptions	S Ways & Means	01/26/2017	Frockt	
SB 5768	Leasehold excise tax credit	S Ways & Means	02/09/2017	Rossi	
SB 5772	Property tax revenue limit	S Local Governme	02/09/2017	Pedersen	
SB 5848	State tax preferences	S Ways & Means	02/22/2017	Carlyle	

Transportation

HB 1063	Tribes, fuel tax agreements	S Transportation	03/08/2017	Morris	
ESHB 1105	Railroad employees/vehicles	S Transportation	03/09/2017	Stanford	TR
ESHB 1136	Oil spill planning/nonfuel	S Energy, Environ	03/06/2017	Dye	ENVI
HB 1146	Trans sup budget 2015-2017	H Trans	01/12/2017	Clibborn	
HB 1147	Transport. budget 2017-2019	H Trans	01/12/2017	Clibborn	
SHB 1273	Nondomiciled licenses	S Transportation	02/21/2017	Ryu	TR
HB 1395	PTBAs/job order contracts	S Transportation	03/02/2017	Peterson	
HB 1410	Trans. benefit tax increase	H 2nd Reading	03/03/2017	Doglio	
SHB 1490	Preservation rating info.	S Transportation	03/07/2017	Fey	TR
ESHB 1504	GMA/rail dependent uses	S Local Governmen	03/09/2017	Pike	ENVI
HB 1606	TBD fees & charges/hearings	S Transportation	03/03/2017	Pike	
SHB 1905	Vessel pilotage act exempt.	S Transportation	03/06/2017	Orcutt	TR
HB 2066	Regional trans planning orgs	S Transportation	03/10/2017	Kretz	
EHB 2095	I-5 Columbia river bridge	S Transportation	03/08/2017	Wylie	
SSB 5001	Transit auth. board members	H Trans	03/02/2017	O'Ban	TRAN
ESB 5008	REAL ID compliance	H Trans	03/02/2017	King	
SB 5049	Relocation assistance	H Judiciary	02/09/2017	King	
SB 5095	Trans sup budget 2015-2017	S Transportation	01/12/2017	King	
SB 5096	Transport. budget 2017-2019	S Transportation	01/12/2017	King	
SB 5227	On-track equipment	H Trans	03/02/2017	King	
SSB 5262	Vessel pilotage act exempt.	H Trans	03/02/2017	King	TRAN
SB 5445	Eminent domain/economic dev.	H Judiciary	03/02/2017	Padden	
ESB 5517	GMA/rail dependent uses	H Environment	03/02/2017	Wilson	
SB 5621	Econ devel & transp projects	H Tech & Econ De	03/08/2017	Brown	
SB 5649	Regional trans planning orgs	H Trans	03/01/2017	Hawkins	
SSB 5806	I-5 Columbia river bridge	H Trans	03/01/2017	Cleveland	TRAN
SSB 5819	Pilotage commissioners board	S 2nd Reading	03/01/2017	King	TRAN
SJM 8008	Harbor maintenance tx reform	S Rules 2	02/15/2017	Chase	

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