



INTRODUCTION

The main event of this week was the unveiling of the Senate's Operating Budget, which is the Senate Republican's answer to the McCleary education funding mandate. The bill relies on raising the state property tax and lowering the local levies, and it does not contain any other new revenue streams.

Fundamentally, the Senate's proposal is to continue to sweep some accounts, and to make cuts in other program areas. This budget makes deep cuts to all of the Department of Commerce's economic development programs.

The Senate Capital Budget, which funds MTCA and CERB, has not been released yet. Rumors are that it will be released next week. This is the last full week of committee hearings on policy bills – they need to pass out of their committee by next Wednesday. This is a major deadline.

LEGISLATION PERTINENT TO PORTS

AVIATION

General Aviation Airport Funding: The Senate Transportation Committee will hear HB 1656 next week. The bill would establish a revolving loan program managed by the Washington State Department of Transportation's Aviation Division. The loan program is specifically designed to spur revenue-generating projects which would help to improve the sustainability of General Aviation airports. The bill only establishes a program, funding would need to be secured through the budget

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ACTION ITEMS:

Contact your legislators now to:

- ✓ Fund cleanup grants under the Model Toxics Control Act
- ✓ Restore CERB funding in the Capital Budget
- ✓ Urge Senators to support HB 1595 – PRA Reform

The Legislative Report is a weekly report that is distributed each Friday throughout the legislative session. Each edition includes an update of legislative activities as well as a list of specific legislative meetings of interest to ports. Copies of bills can be found on the Legislature's web site at www.leg.wa.gov.

AT A GLANCE

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

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process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Department of Commerce Budget: The Senate Operating Budget proposal decimates what is left of the Department of Commerce's economic development programs. The budget completely eliminates the sector leads, the business development unit, the international trade program and all marketing. It also directs that the Strategic Economic Development Reserve Account be used to fund the ADO's – which effectively eliminates the strategic fund as well. WPPA is working with the Department on a strategy to prioritize which programs to defend.

Modernize Port Broadband Authority: SB 5679 is scheduled for executive action in the House Technology and Economic Development Bill on Tuesday. The bill is the subject of extensive and ongoing negotiations which incorporate elements of other telecommunications legislation involving telecommunications companies, the PUD's, and the Washington Association of Cities (see SB 5711). Port districts were granted the authority to provide wholesale telecommunication infrastructure 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.

Tourism Funding: The Senate budget provides \$500,000 to the Department of Commerce to fund a tourism marketing program, in conjunction with a non-profit statewide tourism advocacy organization.

Rural Economic Development: HB 2177 would provide financial assistance to eligible individuals who wish to be trained in trades that will fill gaps in the workforce. It applies to rural counties—meaning Washington counties having less than 80,000 people, 8% or higher unemployment, and median wages of less than \$18 per hour—in which the demand for workers is higher than the number of local workers in that field. The bill was introduced Wednesday and is well behind the cutoff dates for action.

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NEXT WEEK'S HEARINGS

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

March 27

3:30 pm; H – Transportation: Public hearing on HB 1147: making transportation appropriations for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium; HHR B

3:30 pm; S – Transportation: Public hearing re EHB 1656: establishing a community aviation revitalization loan program; SHR 1

March 28

8:00 am; S – Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development: Work session re Washington Beer Commission: tourism impacts; SHR 1

3:30 pm; S – Transportation: Public hearing re EHB 2095: re preliminary work to develop a process for planning for a new I-5 bridge spanning the Columbia River; SHR 1

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 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.

ENVIRONMENT

Hydraulic Projects: HB 1428/SB 5228 – No progress to report. Conversations remain focused on jurisdiction.

Surtax on the Hazardous Substances Tax: HB 1663 – Legislators close to the budget indicate that the House will assume new revenue to support Capital Budget appropriations. Issues WPPA has identified in the Department of Revenue forecast have raised concern in both bodies regarding the ability of existing revenue to support current commitments. Members are urged to contact legislators in support of funding for Remedial Action Grants.

Water Availability/Hirst and Foster Decisions: SB 5239 – Negotiations continue behind the scenes. The Governor's Office and Ecology weighed in this week with some ideas about how a mitigation program might be structured to offset water use from permit exempt wells. As one might expect, the ideas generated mixed reactions.

Carbon Taxes: The revenue option remains under consideration.

GOVERNANCE

New Port Formation: HB 1347 allows a new county-wide port proposal to separate the election to form the port from the election of new commissioners. It is advocated by interests in Spokane. The bill passed out of the House Local Government Committee this week, and is supported by WPPA.

Voting Rights Act: HB 1800 creates a state voting rights act that gives a cause of action to a protected class to assert that they are denied access to office by artificial barriers. Ports are included in the bill, as are most local governments. The bill remains controversial, passing the house with only a two-vote margin. The bill was heard in the Senate State Government Committee Wednesday, but its future in the Senate remains very uncertain.

Public Records Act Reform: HB 1595 is the measure creating a cost recovery mechanism for public records requests, and making some reasonable limitations on overly-broad requests. WPPA and local governments

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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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,

support the bill, which was heard in the Senate State Government Committee. Despite earlier statements of support, newspaper groups appear to now be uncomfortable with the bill. **Ports are urged to contact Senators to support HB 1595.**

please contact them at 360-943-0760 regarding any specific issues.

Limitations of Liability: Under HB 5896 judgments against state and local governmental entities could be limited. It proposes that judgments on individual claims be limited to \$1,000,000.00 or \$2,000,000.00 for multiple claims arising from the same set of circumstances. Payments of judgments or settlements in excess of the limits could be authorized by the state or local legislative authority. Public testimony on this bill was held in the House this week.

PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Prevailing Wages: HB 1674 mandates that prevailing wages be set by any local collective bargaining agreements. The bill is very controversial, passing the house by one vote on a strict party line. WPPA raised implementation questions about the measure at a hearing on Wednesday before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor & Sports. It has not been scheduled for a vote in Committee yet.

Service Contracts: HB 1851 requires a comprehensive impact analysis from all agencies contracting for services that "have been customarily and historically provided by public employees." Public testimony was heard on the bill this week in the Senate.

Performance and Payment Bonds: Under SB 5734 public entities may, in lieu of a bond, retain 10% of the contract amount for contracts of \$150,000.00 and less. It amends the current statute, which allows retainage of 50% in lieu of a bond. This week the House took executive action on this bill.

Responsible Bidder Criteria: SB 5301 revises responsible bidder criteria provisions to include willful and repeated violations of prevailing-wage rates. 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. Public testimony was heard on both bills this week.

Alternative Contracting Methods Certification: HB 2052 authorizes the Project Review Committee to accept late applications from public bodies for recertification of alternative contracting and prevents certificate expirations on a case-by-case basis. It moved out of the House and will receive a public hearing before the Senate next week.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Budgets: The Senate released their transportation budget early this week. The budget release was immediately following the release of March forecast for revenue which shows a slight increase of \$166 million in cumulative transportation revenue for the 2017-19 biennium. Unlike the Governor's budget which advanced nearly \$100 million in Connecting Washington projects

(including \$36 million for right-of-way acquisition for the Gateway 509 & 167 project), the Senate advanced about \$20 million for the North Spokane Corridor and a rebuild of the Chambers Way overpass in Chehalis which was damaged by an oversized truck in 2016. The budget also seeks to give WSDOT flexibility to advance certain high profile projects should other projects be delayed or additional funding become available. The House is scheduled to release their budget early next week.

Pilotage: While SSB 5819 was not passed by the full Senate the bill was referenced in the Senate budget released earlier this week. This means that the bill is considered necessary to implement the budget and could still be brought to the floor for a vote. The bill seeks to address the increased insurance premium that has resulted from the settlement of the gender bias suit against the Board of Pilotage. The Senate's budget did include 30% of the \$2 million needed to cover the increased insurance premium for the 2017-19 biennium. The rest is to be made up by a per trip surcharge assessed by to the pilots themselves. WPPA supports an approach that limits the potential impact of tariff increases on shippers to make up the funding shortfall.

Real ID: SB 5008 had a public hearing in the House this week. During testimony, legislators reacted to a letter the Department of Licensing had received from the Department of Homeland Security earlier in the day. The letter reiterated the need for Washington State to fully comply with Real ID or to begin preparing residents to acquire a valid form of identification for air travel prior to January 22, 2018, the date Real ID enforcement will begin for states that are either not in compliance with the law or have not received a waiver. SB 5008 has not yet been scheduled for executive session.

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 Rules 2	03/16/2017	Dent	
HB 1400	Aviation license plate	S Rules 2	03/23/2017	Dent	
EHB 1656	Aviation revival. 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	
HB 2170	Capital budget T.O.	H Cap Budget	03/21/2017	Tharinger	
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	
ESSB 5048	Operating budget	S Passed 3rd	03/23/2017	Braun	WM
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	
SSB 5096	Transportation budget	S Rules 2	03/23/2017	King	TRAN

[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. revival. board	H Rules C	03/13/2017	Ryu	CB
HB 2177	High employer demand job prg	H Hi Ed	03/22/2017	Chapman	
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 D	03/02/2017	Warnick	EET
SB 5711	Telecommunications services	S Rules	03/17/2017	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, Enviro	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 Rules C	03/13/2017	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 Rules X	03/17/2017	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 Rules 2	03/22/2017	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	Gregerson	
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	
SB 5865	Contributions to candidates	S State Governme	03/07/2017	Fain	
SSB 5896	Claims against pub. entities	S Rules 2	03/23/2017	Rossi	LAW

Land Use

ESHB 1017	School siting	S EL/K-12	03/09/2017	McCaslin	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 Ways & Means	03/22/2017	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 Rules 2	03/13/2017	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	
SHB 1677	Local infrastructure funding	H Rules R	03/23/2017	Peterson	CB
SHB 1683	Sewer service/growth areas	S Rules 2	03/22/2017	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 SEITDP	03/22/2017	Chase	

Tax

ESHB 1296	Tax incentives report&survey	S Ways & Means	03/17/2017	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 Rules X	03/17/2017	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	
SB 5888	B&O manufacturing tax rate	S Ways & Means	03/15/2017	Baumgartner	

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 Rules C	03/13/2017	Doglio	
SHB 1490	Preservation rating info.	S Rules 2	03/16/2017	Fey	TR
ESHB 1504	GMA/rail dependent uses	S Local Governmen	03/09/2017	Pike	ENVI
HB 1606	TBD fees & charges/hearings	S Rules 2	03/23/2017	Pike	
SHB 1905	Vessel pilotage act exempt.	S Rules 2	03/16/2017	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	
HB 2176	REAL ID act	H Trans	03/22/2017	Hargrove	
HB 2179	SR 167 HOV toll lane pilot	H Trans	03/23/2017	Clibborn	
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 Rules R	03/21/2017	King	
SB 5095	Trans sup budget 2015-2017	S Transportation	01/12/2017	King	
SSB 5096	Transportation budget	S Rules 2	03/23/2017	King	TRAN
SB 5227	On-track equipment	H Rules R	03/21/2017	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 Rules R	03/20/2017	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
SB 5908	RTA MVET statements	S Transportation	03/22/2017	Palumbo	
SB 5909	RTA property tax statements	S Transportation	03/22/2017	Palumbo	
SJM 8008	Harbor maintenance tx reform	S Rules X	03/21/2017	Chase	

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