

**2017 Legislative Session
Food/Agriculture
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Category Order**

Bill	Title/Summary	Status	Category 1
1067 HB	Making 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	House Rules R	BUDGET/TAXES
1068 HB	Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations. (5047)	House Appropriations Committee	BUDGET/TAXES
1075 HB	Concerning the capital budget. (HB 1080 – General Obligation Bonds to Finance)	House Cap Budget Committee	BUDGET/TAXES
1146 HB	Making 2015-2017 supplemental transportation appropriations. (5095)	House Transportation Committee	BUDGET/TAXES
1147 HB	Making transportation appropriations for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium. (5096)	House 2 nd Reading	BUDGET/TAXES
5047 SB	Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.	Senate Ways & Means Committee	BUDGET/TAXES
5048 SB	Making 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	House Passed 3 rd (A)	BUDGET/TAXES
5066 SB	Allows the Legislature to specify in the Omnibus Operating Appropriations Act, or other legislation, certain programs for which agencies must perform a zero-based budget review. Requires agencies to submit zero-based budget reviews for certain programs identified each biennium by the Legislature. Requires the Governor and the Legislature to consider zero-based budget reviews when preparing the state budget. Testimony from Prime Sponsor: ...there needs to be a system to determine how to fund huge infrastructure-based projects. Legislators need to know what we are spending items on to get our government running smoothly.	House Appropriations Committee	BUDGET/TAXES
5086 SB	Concerning the capital budget.	House 2 nd Reading	BUDGET/TAXES
5095 SB	Making 2015-2017 supplemental transportation appropriations.	Senate Transportation Committee	BUDGET/TAXES
5096 SB	Making transportation appropriations for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium.	Senate 2 nd Reading	BUDGET/TAXES

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5844 SSB	Terminates six tax preferences as recommended by the Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences (Commission) and the legislative auditor as they have never been used. Provides five tax preference performance statements where the Commission recommended the Legislature to review and clarify Provides that for each tax preference that does not have metrics or accountability standards the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) or the Commission must recommend to the Legislature statutory metrics or accountability standards that will help determine the effectiveness of the tax preference in a future review.	House Finance Committee	BUDGET/TAXES
5127 SB	Creates a carbon tax imposed on first sale and use of fossil fuels and on electricity generated by fossil fuels. Imposes tax of \$25 per metric ton of carbon dioxide as of May 1, 2018, increasing each January 1st thereafter by 3.5 percent plus inflation. Spends roughly 50 percent of revenue on K-12 education; and the remainder on clean energy investments, water infrastructure and forest health, jobs and competitiveness programs, and programs to relieve the tax impact on certain vulnerable individuals.	Senate 2 nd Reading	BUDGET/TAXES - CARBON TAX
1120 2SHB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Exempts agencies that are able to demonstrate their proposed rule does not affect small businesses from completing a small business economic impact statement as required by the Regulatory Fairness Act. -Requires agencies proposing a rule that affects only small businesses to consider certain mitigation options to reduce the cost to small businesses. -Requires an agency whose proposed rule imposes more than minor costs on small businesses to mitigate those costs when it does not have sufficient data to calculate disproportionate impacts. -Requires the Office of Regulatory Innovation and Assistance to act as the central entity to assist agencies with meeting the requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act. <p>Requires the Office of the Washington State Auditor to conduct performance reviews of agency compliance with the Regulatory Fairness Act.</p>	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
1183 SHB	<p>Authorizes the Washington State Arts Commission to certify creative districts designated by local governments or federally recognized tribes as areas that promote cultural facilities, creative industries, or arts-related businesses.</p> <p>(From committee testimony): creative districts offer broad potential for promoting community economic development, attracting tourism, and even providing affordable housing opportunities for artists. This is an optional program to allow local governments to consolidate artistic and cultural programs to help generate economic development. The creative arts industry has increased over the recent past during a period when other industries have declined. The creative district program established in Colorado has been very successful. The city of Richland has created a creative district, which has been successful in developing the community and attracting tourism.</p>	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
1296 ESHB	Consolidates annual reporting requirements for tax preferences – for economic development purposes.	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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1352 HB	Requires the Attorney General to conduct a review and submit a report regarding rights and protections for business owners selected for agency enforcement actions. Requires specified agencies to conduct a review and submit information to the Attorney General. From testimony: The will help small business owners understand their rights. Current review/reporting timelines are aggressive. (5230)	Senate 2 nd Reading	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
1495 E2SHB	-Creates a local sales and use tax exemption program in cities with a population greater than 50,000 that are located in a county with a population of less than 1.5 million to incentivize the development of commercial office space in urban centers with access to transit, high capacity transportation systems, and other amenities. -Requires certain agencies and local jurisdictions to determine eligibility for the tax exemption program, and establish guidelines and criteria for qualifying projects. -Requires a study by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee on the effectiveness of the program. - Establishes an end date for new participation in the tax exemption program.	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
2005 EHB	Requires most cities to partner with the Department of Revenue (Department) to administer general business licenses through the Department's Business Licensing Service. Requires the Department to submit a biennial partnering plan and annual progress report to the Legislature. Requires cities, through the Association of Washington Cities, to form a committee to develop a general business licensing model ordinance. Establishes the Local Business and Occupation Tax Apportionment Task Force to recommend changes to simplify the two-factor apportionment formula.	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5230 SB	Requires the Attorney General (AG) to review the Administrative Procedure Act and certain other laws to identify the rights and protections for small business owners subject to agency audits, inspections, and other enforcement actions. Requires certain agencies to review agency statutes, rules, and other documents to identify the rights and protections for small business owners and provide information to the AG. Requires the AG to report and make recommendations to the relevant committees of the Legislature. (1352)	House Rules R	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5300 2SSB	Allows a local government to designate a creative district under certain conditions. Authorizes the Washington State Arts Commission to certify creative districts designated by local governments or federally recognized tribes as areas that promote cultural facilities, creative industries, or arts-related business.	House Rules R	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5777 ESSB	Requires cities that issue a general business license to partner with the Department of Revenue (DOR) to issue and renew licenses through DOR's Business Licensing Service. Requires cities to adopt a model ordinance for general business licensing requirements that contains certain mandatory provisions to be adopted by all cities. Establishes the Local Business and Occupation Tax Apportionment Task Force to recommend simplifications the two-factor apportionment formula for business and occupation taxes.	House Rules R	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5790 SSB	Encourages jurisdictions planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to evaluate economic growth and adopt comprehensive plans and development regulations that promote economic development. Permits modifications of comprehensive plans and development regulations to reduce restrictions on economic development in cases of economic stagnation or deterioration. Allows rural counties and cities to approve development that deviates from the GMA upon finding	House Rules R	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - GMA

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	there has been economic deterioration. Requires the Growth Management Hearings Board and courts to show deference to local elected officials' choices that prioritize economic development when experiencing economic deterioration. Allows counties to provide for job creation and economic development within the rural element of their comprehensive plan.		
1967 EHB	Provides that if a court reforms an unreasonable noncompetition agreement, the party seeking to declare the agreement void is deemed the prevailing party under the agreement and in law. Allows damages for an employee required to enter into a noncompetition agreement the employer knows is unenforceable. Requires employers to disclose the term of a noncompetition agreement in writing no later than the acceptance of the offer of employment or provide independent consideration.	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - LABOR
1506 EHB	Modifies the Equal Pay Act by defining "similarly employed," modifying defenses, and making other changes. Prohibits discrimination in providing employment opportunities based on gender. Prohibits retaliation for certain workplace discussions about wages and other matters.	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – LABOR
1600 ESHB	-Establishes the work-integrated learning demonstration pilot project to promote work-integrated learning experiences for students through the completion of demonstration programs at selected high schools. -Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and a newly created Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee to select three or four high schools to develop work-integrated learning project programs. -Establishes duties and reporting requirements for high schools selected to participate in the pilot project. -Directs the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) to convene a Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). -Establishes membership provisions and duties for the Advisory Committee. -Directs the OSPI and the Workforce Board to review and analyze data and reports created by high schools selected to participate in the pilot project.	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - WORKFORCE
5713 SSB	Establishes the Skilled Worker Outreach, Recruitment, and Career Awareness Training Program (Program). Creates an account for receiving funds and dispensing matching grants as part of the Program.	House Rules R	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - WORKFORCE
1130 SHB	The Legislature created the Washington Customized Employment Training Program (Program) in 2006 to fund workforce training in a manner that reduces the up-front costs of training to new and expanding firms in Washington. The bill repeals the expiration date of the Washington Customized Employment Training Program.	Senate Rules 2	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WORKFORCE
8401 SCR	Approving the 2016 State Comprehensive Plan for workforce training and education. From testimony: This plan meets the needs of consumers by reforming the way the public sector interacts with business and industry. The plan recognizes that the workforce system can engage business in a more streamlined manner. The plan ensures that skills gaps are filled.	House Rules R	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WORKFORCE
5285 2SSB	Directs the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, outdoor recreation, and environment sectors.	House Rules R	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WORKFORCE -

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			AGRICULTURE
1121 SHB	Changes the frequency for the Puget Sound Partnership to update its action agenda and its science work plan from every 2 to every 4 years.	Senate 2 nd Reading	ENVIRONMENT – REPORTING
5443 SSB	Allows members of the fiscal committees of the Legislature to request dynamic fiscal impact statements or dynamic fiscal analysis in fiscal notes for certain legislation. Establishes a workgroup to explore the establishment of a nonpartisan agency to provide fiscal analysis for the Legislature and to study the accuracy and reliability of fiscal notes.	House Appropriations Committee	FISCAL NOTES – POSSIBLE IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTES
5051 SSB	Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to provide at least 180 days advance written notice and include certain written documentation regarding the termination in any non-default or early termination provision included in an agricultural or grazing state land lease. Establishes the DNR is not required to include a non-default or early termination provision in an agricultural or grazing state land lease.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG
1508 ESHB	-Requires qualifying high-needs schools, beginning in the 2018-19 school year and until June 30, 2027, to offer breakfast after the bell (BAB) programs to students after the beginning of the school day. -Specifies that the period of time designated for student participation in a BAB program is considered instructional time if required conditions are met. -Modifies school meal grant provisions to include provisions for BAB programs and other purposes. -Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to conduct and complete an analysis of BAB programs by December 1, 2025. -Authorizes the OSPI to coordinate with the Washington State Department of Agriculture to promote new and existing regional markets programs, including farm-to-school initiatives and small farm direct marketing assistance.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG - HEALTH
1551 EHB	Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a process to solicit and prioritize applications for an equipment assistance grant program to enhance student nutrition in public schools.	Senate Ways & Means Committee	FOOD/AG - HEALTH
5808 ESSB	Establishes that an agritourism professional is not liable for unintentional injuries or death suffered by a participant in agritourism activities. Requires an agritourism professional to post and maintain signs that contain a warning notice in order to invoke the privilege of immunity. Provides that the liability of an agritourism professional is not limited under certain circumstances.	House 2 nd Reading	FOOD/AG - AGRITOURISM
1351 E2SHB	-Creates a combination spirits, beer, and wine license ("combination license") authorizing the sale of such liquors at retail for off-premises consumption. Establishes that the holder of the combination license may sell spirits at retail without obtaining a separate spirits retail license. -Establishes that a holder of the combination license is eligible for the same liquor license endorsements available to grocery stores and beer and/or wine specialty shop licensees. -Establishes that a grocery store licensee eligible for a wine and/or beer license may be eligible for the combination license, and thus sell spirits at retail, provided it otherwise meets the requirements for the combination license.	Senate Passed 3 rd	FOOD/AG - ALCOHOL

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	-Establishes that a beer and/or wine specialty shop licensee may be eligible for the combination license, and thus sell spirits at retail, provided it otherwise meets the requirements for the combination license.		
1718 HB	Authorizes the Liquor and Cannabis Board to issue a special permit to a nonprofit organization allowing such organization to sell wine through a private auction. Authorizes the permit holder to conduct wine tastings at the auction, provided the wine offered for tasting is the same as that being auctioned. Authorizes the permit holder to sell wine sourced from multiple wineries, but each winery must be identified on the permit application.	Senate Passed 3 rd (A)	FOOD/AG - ALCOHOL
1893 SHB	Authorizes a licensed distributor of spirits and/or wine to impose a credit card fee on a purchaser licensed to sell spirits and/or wine for on-premises consumption.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG - ALCOHOL
1902 SHB	Authorizes the Liquor and Cannabis Board to issue a caterer's endorsement (endorsement) to a tavern licensee (licensee) allowing the licensee to sell and serve liquors taken from its own stocks at specified events at locations other than from the licensed premises of the tavern, subject to specified conditions. Authorizes a licensee with the endorsement to store liquor on the unlicensed premises of another party with whom it has an agreement to provide ongoing catering services. Authorizes a licensee with the endorsement to store liquor on one or more offsite locations provided such locations are owned or controlled by the licensee under a lease. Authorizes a licensee with the endorsement to cater events at a domestic winery. Authorizes a licensee, or its manager, to furnish beer or wine to the licensee's employees free of charge for use in connection with instruction on beer and wine.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG - ALCOHOL
1038 SHB	Increases, from 2 to 4, the number of separate locations from which a domestic winery may serve samples of its own products, sell its own wine at retail, and sell its own wine in kegs or sanitary containers.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
1176 SHB	-Defines the alcoholic beverage "mead." -Excludes the production of the alcoholic beverage "mead" from the agricultural commodity assessment that applies to the production of wine, and which funds the Washington Wine Commission's promotion of Washington wines. -Authorizes liquor retail licensees with privileges to sell beer or cider to customers in a container supplied by the licensee or a sanitary container brought to the premises by the customer and filled at the tap at the time of sale, for off-premises consumption, to similarly sell the alcoholic beverage "mead" in such containers.	Senate Passed 3 rd	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5145 ESSB	Adds distillers, craft distillers, and manufacturer's licensees to the list of groups that may produce private labeled products. Provides that beer, wine, or spirits private label items may be produced, distributed, or sold by any person to the same extent that person is otherwise properly licensed to produce, distribute, or sell beer, wine, or spirits generally. Establishes that spirits, wine, and beer distributors must, to the extent practicable, make any product the distributor acquires for resale available to any person legally entitled to purchase the product.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5161 SSB	Eliminates two requirements for the issuance of a spirits, beer, and wine theater license. Eliminates the requirement that a theater be limited to a maximum of four movie screens for a beer, strong beer, and wine license. (1165)	House Appropriations Committee	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL

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5164 SB	Authorizes tasting beer or wine at smaller grocery stores—less than 10,000 square feet—that sell fresh meat, fresh poultry, seafood, or cheese. Limits these smaller stores to those specialty stores with at least 50 percent of their revenue from the sale of the listed products.	House 2 nd Reading	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5426 SSB	Increases, from two to four, the number of separate locations from which a domestic winery may serve samples of its own products and sell its own wine at retail.	House 2 nd Reading	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5537 SSB	Authorizes licensed spirits distributors to sell spirits, and licensed wine distributors to sell wine, that cannot reasonably be sold in the normal course of business, directly to their full-time employees, subject to restrictions. Requires that all sales to employees are subject to the same taxes that a consumer would pay at a retail sale.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5560 SSB	Authorizes the Liquor and Cannabis Board to issue a special permit to a nonprofit organization allowing such organization to sell wine through a private auction. Authorizes the permit holder to conduct wine tastings at the auction, provided the wine offered for tasting is the same as that being auctioned. Authorizes the permit holder to sell wine sourced from multiple wineries, but each winery must be identified on the permit application.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5589 SSB	Allows any licensed distiller to charge for spirits samples with nonalcoholic mixers, mixers with alcohol of the distiller's own production, water, and/or ice; each person is limited to two ounces of spirits per person, per day. Authorizes distilleries and craft distilleries to be identified on private labels created for restaurants, private clubs, grocery stores, and beer and/or wine specialty shops. House Committee amendment restores existing law regarding private label alcohol.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5665 ESB	Authorizes a licensed distributor of spirits and/or wine to impose a credit card fee on a purchaser licensed to sell spirits and/or wine for on-premises consumption.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5834 ESB	Creates a new license for bonded spirits warehouses for the storage and handling of bulk or barreled spirits. Authorizes an annual permit that allows for unlimited transfers to and from the warehouses. Authorizes certain industry members to maintain a warehouse	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – ALCOHOL
5270 SB	Removes expiration dates to permit the contract harvesting program to continue at current levels. (1407)	House Rules R	FOOD/AG - CONTRACT HARVESTING
1906 HB	Extends the farm internship pilot project to December 31, 2019. 2014 legislation reauthorized the pilot project for the following counties: Chelan, Grant, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Lincoln, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Thurston, Whatcom, and Yakima. This bill adds Clark, Cowlitz, and Lewis counties to the pilot project.	Senate Passed 3 rd (A)	FOOD/AG - FARM INTERNSHIP
5306 SB	Amends the secondary commercial fish receiver's failure to account for commercial harvest crime. Gives the Department of Fish and Wildlife rulemaking authority to define fish and shellfish.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG - FISH
5761 ESB	Exempts certain tribal fish and shellfish harvest information and certain commercial shellfish growers' harvest information from disclosure under the Public Records Act.	House 2 nd Reading	FOOD/AG - FISH
8009 SJM	Requests that the federal government provide the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries sufficient resources to expedite review and approval of Puget Sound Hatchery Genetic Management Plans.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG - FISH

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1562 E2SHB	Establishes a food policy forum as a public-private partnership to promote a variety of goals related to Washington's food system. Directs the food policy forum to submit recommendations to the Legislature no later than October 31, 2018.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG - FOOD POLICY COMMITTEE
5394 SSB	Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to share information regarding the carbon sequestration benefits of the Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP) with other state programs. Requires DNR to promote the expansion of funding for FREP.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG - FOREST
1148 HB	Extends the expiration date for a requirement to report data about timber purchases to the Department of Revenue from 2018 until 2021.	Senate Passed 3 rd	FOOD/AG – FOREST
1531 ESHB	-Modifies the definition of qualifying timber under the Forest Riparian Enhancement Program (FREP) to specify that it includes trees that the owner is required to leave unharvested as a result of the forest practices rules, in addition to the fish protection rules. -Directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in the event that the state adopts a climate strategy, to share information regarding the carbon sequestration benefits of the forest riparian easement program, using methods and protocols established in the state climate strategy that attempt to quantify carbon storage or account for carbon emissions. -Directs the DNR to promote the expansion of funding for the FREP and the ecosystem services supported by the program. - Prohibits the state from reimbursing a landowner more than once for the same riparian easement application.	Senate Passed 3 rd	FOOD/AG – FOREST
1711 E2SHB	-Directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop and implement a policy for prioritizing forest health treatments to protect state lands and state forestlands against wildfire and disease, and to improve forest health and resilience. -Directs DNR to develop a prioritized list of parcels of state land that would benefit most from forest health treatments. -Creates the Forest Health Revolving Account in the State Treasury, which shall receive funds obtained from forest health treatments and which shall be used to fund treatments conducted to improve forest health.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG – FOREST
1924 EHB	Exempts from the Farm Labor Contractor Act persons performing farm labor contracting activity solely for a small forest landowner who receives services of no more than two agricultural employees at any given time. Authorizes the Dept. of Natural Resources to issue multiple-year burning permits to small forest landowners.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG – FOREST
5546 2SSB	Directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish a forest health assessment and treatment framework that consists of biennial forest health assessments, treatments, and progress review and reporting. Provides directives for framework implementation.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – FOREST PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE
2064 HB	Excludes industrial hemp from the Washington Uniform Controlled Substances Act's schedules of controlled substances.	Senate 2 nd Reading	FOOD/AG - HEMP MARIJUANA
2073 EHB	-Provides that the focus of the Washington State Beef Commission (Beef Commission) shall include the following responsibilities: promotion of the beef industry in a way that showcases the varied aspects of the industry; research and	Senate Passed 3 rd	FOOD/AG - LIVESTOCK

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	<p>education related to the health and safety of beef; support to the beef industry in the areas of marketing, grading, and standardizing of beef and beef products; and maintaining efforts to increase consumption of beef products.</p> <p>-Adds to the list of ways in which the Beef Commission is directed to promote the beef industry, including education of the public in reference to environmental stewardship, and support of programs that benefit the care and well-being of cattle.</p> <p>-Adds care and well-being of cattle to the list of subjects to be addressed by the Beef Commission's programs.</p> <p>-Directs the Beef Commission to submit to the Legislature a concise yet detailed report of the Beef Commission's activities and expenditures at the end of each fiscal year.</p>		
2126 ESHB	Creates the Northeast Washington Wolf-Cattle Management Grant Program and Account (Account) within the Department of Agriculture to fund the employment of nonlethal wolf management strategies and tools. Creates an advisory board to advise the Director of the Department of Agriculture on the expenditure of funds in the Account.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG - LIVESTOCK
5793 SB	Makes changes to the per head assessment on Washington cattle that is sold either in-state or out-of-state. Requires the Washington State Beef Commission to report to the Legislature by January 1st of each year on the amount collected, the amount spent, and the purposes for which the funds were used.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG - LIVESTOCK
1060 SHB	<p>-Requires school districts to allow students to consume marijuana for medical purposes on school grounds, aboard a school bus, or while attending a school sponsored event.</p> <p>- Directs school districts to establish policies related to the consumption of marijuana by students for medical purposes if requested by the parent or guardian of a student who is a qualifying patient.</p>	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG - MARIJUANA
1125 HB	Restricts, to a maximum of 5, the number of retail marijuana business licenses that may be individually or collectively held by a person, partnership, or corporation.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG - MARIJUANA
1126 SHB	<p>-Establishes that a marijuana retailer license is subject to forfeiture if the licensee does not become fully operational and open to the public within a specified period from the date of license issuance.</p> <p>-Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to adopt rules establishing the license forfeiture process and gives the LCB discretion in adopting the rules and establishing the forfeiture process.</p> <p>-Prohibits a marijuana retailer license from being subject to forfeiture within the first nine months of license issuance.</p> <p>-Provides that the LCB must generally require license forfeiture on or before 24 calendar months of license issuance if the licensee is not fully operational and open to the public, but gives the LCB discretion to extend that forfeiture period in the LCB's discretion when circumstances out of the licensee's control are stopping the licensee from becoming fully operational and open to the public.</p>	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG - MARIJUANA
1250 HB	Authorizes licensed marijuana retail outlets to receive from another person or entity and donate, at no cost, to adults age 21 and over, to qualifying patients age 18 and over, and to designated providers (1) a lockable box intended for the secure storage of marijuana products and paraphernalia; and (2) literature about such a lockable box.	Senate 2 nd Reading	FOOD/AG - MARIJUANA
1462 SHB	Authorizes the Washington State Department of Agriculture (Department) to participate in the regulation of the production and processing of marijuana infused edibles under the Washington Food Processing Act.	Senate 2 nd Reading	FOOD/AG - MARIJUANA

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	<p>-Establishes that the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) and the Department have joint authority to regulate the production and processing of marijuana infused edibles under their respective regulatory frameworks.</p> <p>-Requires that producers and processors of marijuana-infused edibles be licensed through the business licensing system and to have a marijuana infused edible license endorsement issued by the Department as required under the Washington Food Processing Act.</p> <p>-Grants rule-making authority to the Department and authorizes the adoption of rules specific to marijuana-infused edibles, subject to the condition that such rules be consistent with those promulgated by the LCB and the Department of Health.</p>		
5131 ESSB	Clarifies that licensed marijuana processors may only package and label products for sale to retailers. Eliminates the merit-based application process to obtain a retail marijuana license. Provides tribes and port authorities with the same notices regarding marijuana business applications as given to cities, towns, and counties. Extends the Liquor and Cannabis Board's (LCB) general immunity from personal liability to include the board's duties relating to marijuana. Allows licensed marijuana businesses to enter into licensing agreements or consulting contracts for goods or services related to a marijuana business. Requires at least 50 percent of a marijuana business ownership interests to live in the state. Out-of-state owners must be U.S. citizens. (1857)	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – MARIJUANA
5196 SSB	Requires any notice of violation pertaining to odors or fugitive dust caused by agricultural activity include a detailed statement with evidence. Establishes that the exemption for fugitive dust applies to cattle feedlots except under certain circumstances. Defines good agricultural practices for cattle feedlots to mean implementing best management practices pursuant to a fugitive dust control plan that meets certain guidelines.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – PRACTICES
5431 ESSB	Establishes that composting, if it meets specific requirements, is presumed to be reasonable and not found to be a nuisance unless the activity violates county or city regulations or has a substantial adverse effect on public health and safety.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – PRACTICES
1132 HB	Modifies, by replacing arbitration with mediation, the prerequisite for a seed buyer to commence a legal action against a seed dealer for damages under the Washington State Seed Act. (5075)	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG – SEEDS
5075 SB	Requires seed buyers to seek mediation before seeking a legal action to remedy damages in excess of \$5,000. Establishes a process for mediation between a seed buyer and seller. Repeals some provisions related to arbitration. (1132)	House Passed 3 rd	FOOD/AG – SEEDS
5263 ESSB	Obligates state agencies, when purchasing seed through a contract that is over \$2,500 in value, to require suppliers of seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through appropriate testing. Requires state agencies to include the agency's expectations for the germination or viability of the seed in seed purchase contracts over \$2,500 in value.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG – SEEDS
5736 SB	Expands the home delivered meals program for older adults. Establishes criteria that must be considered for the distribution of expansion funding.	House Rules R	FOOD/AG - SENIOR MEALS
1257 SHB	Specifies that wild beavers from western Washington may be relocated only to another location in western Washington. Recognizes the benefits of beavers to an ecosystem.	Senate Passed 3 rd	FOOD/AG – SPECIES MANAGEMENT

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1747 SHB	Eliminates the requirement that property owners must give a two-year notice to withdraw land from the current use program, given it has been classified as current use for at least 10 years.	Senate Rules 2	FOOD/AG – TAXING
1820 SHB	Raises the 15 percent cap on the use of conservation futures tax revenue for acquired land operation and maintenance to a maximum of 25 percent of revenues collected during the previous calendar year, under certain conditions. Specifies that operation and maintenance expenditures of conservation futures tax revenues may only be used for real property acquired under the conservation futures program.	Senate Passed 3 rd	FOOD/AG – TAXING
1959 HB	Requires any city, town, code city, county, or municipal corporation to provide notice and hold a hearing prior to removing, vacating, or extinguishing a restrictive covenant from land that it owns.	Senate Rules 2	LAND USE
5438 SSB	Promotes completing environmental impact statements within 24 months.	House Rules R	LAND USE – REGULATIONS
5652 ESB	Permits boundary review boards to allow jurisdictions to enter agreements that address conflicts with the board's factors and objectives prior to ruling on an annexation proposal. Requires boundary review boards to consider the effect of a proposal on mutual fiscal interests. Requires boundary review boards to consider the nature of annexation boundaries to ensure they do not create or result in jurisdictional irregularities.	House Rules R	LOCAL GOVERNMENT – GMA
5674 SB	Allows counties, cities, and towns to delegate final plat approval authority.	House Rules R	LOCAL GOVERNMENT – LAND USE
5138 SSB	Provides conditions under which a city, county, or contiguous group of cities or counties proposing or approving the formation of a metropolitan park district may limit the district's purpose and taxing powers. Generalizes the allowable purposes under which a metropolitan park district may contract indebtedness and extends the maximum term for general bond obligations. Changes board membership requirements when the governing body of a city acts in an ex officio capacity as the board of metropolitan park commissioners. Allows a county treasurer serving as a district's treasurer to provide a bridge loan or line of credit to a newly formed district.	House Passed 3 rd (A)	LOCAL GOVERNMENT – PARKS DISTRICTS
5049 SB	Federal and state law provide for relocation assistance, which generally addresses the costs incurred by a property owner moving a residence, business, farm operation, or other personal property when real property is acquired for a public purpose. Under current law, if no federal funds are used for the “public purpose” relocation, then local agencies are not required to comply with relocation assistance laws.	House Passed 3 rd (A)	LOCAL GOVERNMENT – RELOCATION COST EMINENT DOMAIN
1751 ESHB	Permits a city or town located within reasonable proximity, rather than adjacent, to a fire protection district (district) to be annexed to that district. Authorizes a district to merge with another district if it is located within a reasonable proximity to that district, rather than adjacent to that district. Eliminates all references, procedures, and requirements relating to partial city annexations.	Senate 2 nd Reading	PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE – ANNEXATIONS & MERGERS
1467 SHB	-Allows regional fire protection service authorities (RFAs) to continue imposing benefit charges for six consecutive years with a ballot measure approved by a majority of those voting in the election.	Senate 2 nd Reading	PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE - REGIONAL FIRE

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Authorizes RFAs to protect its future levy capacity and its tax levies from prorating. -Exempts certain government and nonprofit organization properties from benefit charges, and establishes a procedure to impose charges for properties with significantly high emergency service requirements. -Authorizes the effective formation date of RFAs to be a date set forth in the service plan. 		PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITIES (RFAs)
1503 ESHB	Declares that the Growth Management Act (GMA) does not preclude counties from certifying homeowners, or their family members or tenants, to inspect their on-site sewage systems (OSS). Declares that counties are not relieved of the obligation to protect water quality under the GMA.	Senate Passed 3 rd	SEWER
1683 SHB	Specifies that counties, cities, and utilities are not obligated to install sanitary sewer systems to certain properties within Urban Growth Areas served by onsite sewage systems. Such properties that are not required to be served by sanitary sewer systems must: have no redevelopment capacity and have an existing, functioning, non-polluting onsite sewage system (OSS) that receives periodic inspection by a public agency to verify proper functioning; or not require sewer service as a result of development density limitations due to wetlands, floodplains, habitats, or geological hazards.	Senate Rules 2	SEWER
5180 ESSB	Establishes the Legislative Advisory Committee on Aging. Requires the Aging Committee to study issues of importance to the state's aging and disabled communities. (Housing, long-term care, health & wellness, transportation, and financial issues)	House Rules R	TRANSPORTATION – AGING
1273 SHB	Authorizes the Department of Licensing (DOL) to issue a nondomiciled Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) to an individual domiciled in a foreign country if that person provides valid documentary evidence that he or she is authorized to stay or work in the United States and meets certain specified federal requirements. Authorizes the DOL to issue a nondomiciled CDL or CLP to an individual domiciled in another state that is out of compliance with federal CLP and CDL requirements if he or she meets certain specified federal requirements. Requires the nondomiciled CDL and CLP to be marked "non-domiciled" on their face.	Senate Rules 2	TRANSPORTATION - DRIVER
5289 SSB	Creates a new traffic infraction, beginning January 1, 2018, that prohibits a person from using a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle on a public highway. Applies to holding a device in either hand, and also the use of a hand or finger to compose, send, read, view, access, browse, transmit, save, or retrieve email, text messages, instant messages, photographs, or other electronic data. Exceptions provided for: a driver summoning emergency services or operating an authorized emergency vehicle; a transit system employee using a system for time-sensitive relay communication with transit dispatch services; and a commercial motor vehicle driver who uses a device within the scope of an individual's employment as allowed by federal law.	House Rules R	TRANSPORTATION – DRIVER
1371 ESHB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Replaces current laws that prohibit use of a hand-held cellular phone and texting while driving with a prohibition on a driver using a personal electronic device with his or her hands while driving to conduct a range of activities. -Permits the minimal use of a finger to activate, deactivate, or initiate a function of the device and the use of a hand or finger to control the built-in features of a motor vehicle through the use of a touch screen control panel. -Provides for exceptions to prohibited personal electronic device usage for contacting emergency services; specified uses by transit system employees; activities that are federally authorized for commercial motor vehicle drivers; the operation of an 	Senate 2 nd Reading	TRANSPORTATION – DRIVER - DISTRACTED

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	amateur radio station and two-way or citizens band radio services; the operation of an authorized emergency vehicle; telephone call functionality by a tow truck operator; and drivers of highly autonomous vehicles in certain specified circumstances as of 2021. -Preempts local laws that restrict the use of electronic devices while driving. -Doubles the penalty amount due for personal electronic device use infractions for second and subsequent offenses within five years.		
1275 SHB	Creates, under the state hydraulic code, an additional category of fish habitat enhancement projects, for those projects that remove fish passage barriers and that comply with the state forest practices rules. Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to permit, consistent with the forest practices rules, fish habitat enhancement projects that qualify as forest practices hydraulic projects. (5393)	Senate Passed 3 rd (A)	TRANSPORTATION - FISH BARRIERS
5393 ESSB	Provides streamlined review under the existing fish habitat enhancement project approval process for fish passage barrier removal projects that are approved by the Department of Natural Resources under forest practices rules.	House Rules R	TRANSPORTATION – FISH BARRIERS
1809 ESHB	Expands the definition of vehicles eligible for the clean alternative fuel commercial vehicle credit to include vehicles that provide commercial services and qualifying vehicles that transport passengers. Increases the mileage and manufacturing date limits for qualifying used commercial vehicles. Quintuples the credit amount allowed per vehicle. Modifies application requirements.	Senate Rules 2	TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLES – ALT FUEL
1738 SHB	Prohibits the sale of brake pads containing more than 0.5 percent copper in Washington beginning January 1, 2025. Exempts the sale of brake pads manufactured prior to 2025 for the purposes of clearing inventory until January 1, 2035. Eliminates the specific authority for the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to adopt rules to implement a ban on brake pads with 0.5 percent copper by weight. Provides that Ecology may not adopt rules that exceed the explicit statutorily established requirements.	S Rules 2	TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLES – ENVIRONMENT
1571 HB	Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to initiate a pilot program to assist veterans in rural and remote areas with access to benefits and services.	Senate Ways & Means Committee	VETERANS
5391 SB	Clarifies and updates a variety of statutes relating to the duties and responsibilities of the Washington Department of Veterans' Affairs. Expands certain counseling services and employment opportunities available for veterans and their families. Changes the definition of veteran used to qualify veterans for veteran-owned businesses, burial, and relief services.	House 2 nd Reading	VETERANS
5849 SB	Directs the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs to offer training and support for volunteers interested in providing peer-to-peer support to other veterans. Directs the Office of Financial Management to develop a military recruitment program that recognizes veterans' experience.	House Rules R	VETERANS
1267 HB	Creates the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification Account. Directs fees for wastewater treatment plant operator certificates into the new account rather than the State General Fund.	Senate Rules 2	WATER/SEWER

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5119 SB	Modifies property valuation, sale, and auction requirements for water-sewer districts. Permits water-sewer districts with large populations to issue warrants directly to the county treasurer under certain conditions. Authorizes water-sewer districts to contract for asset management services of their water storage assets. Authorizes water-sewer districts to acquire, lease, and sell pollution control facilities and issue revenue bonds to defray the costs.	House Rules R	WATER/SEWER DISTRICTS