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Leg Days is here!

Plan now to join hundreds of Farm Bureau members for 2008 Legislative Days, Feb. 5-6, which is this coming Tuesday and Wednesday at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia.

This year's program will feature candidate forums of key statewide races, briefings by Farm Bureau staff, and meetings with local legislators. For information, please contact Shannon Garland at sgarland@wsfb.com or 800-331-3276, ext. 120.

Bring Your Checkbook to Legislative Days WSFB PAC Dessert Auction, Feb. 5

The Legislative Days lunch program on Feb. 5 will feature the 3rd annual Washington State Farm Bureau PAC dessert auction. The Women's Leadership Committee is coordinating a wonderful selection of homemade treats sure to tempt your taste buds. Last year's event raised more than \$2,800 for the PAC. We need your help to set a new record in this important election year. The WSFB PAC supports farm-friendly, pro-business candidates for state and federal offices. As with any auction, individuals try to outbid one another, in this case, for prized pies, cakes and other decadent desserts. We've even had whole tables of folks pool their money to purchase a tasty treat. So come hungry, and bring your checkbook. It's for a good cause. See you at Leg Days!

DC Days Reminder

DC Days 2008 is Feb. 27-29. We encourage you to take this opportunity to meet with members of Washington's congressional delegation to discuss federal issues of importance to our state's agricultural industry. To register, please contact Patrick Connor, WFB Director of National Affairs, at pconnor@wsfb.com or 800-331-3276, ext. 110.

Relinquishment – Hope for Reform?

The House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee heard two bills on relinquishment on Thursday, HB 2245 and HB 3072, both sponsored by Rep. Bill Grant (D-Walla Walla).

HB 2245 would limit the review period for a water right such that the only usage subject to relinquishment would be the most recent 15 years. Similar to the notion of only needing to keep IRS records for the most recent seven years, water users would only need to prove usage of water during the last 15 years. This would provide certainty for water users and make recordkeeping much more manageable.

HB 3072 would eliminate the policy of partial relinquishment. Under this policy, water users who continue to exercise any portion of their right would retain the whole right and would not need to worry about proving full use every five years or risk losing the unused portion of the right. This would provide great certainty to water users and would provide incentive to be more efficient and use only the amount of water absolutely necessary. This would obviously be good for the environment by leaving unused water in the ground or stream, benefitting instream resources. It would also help existing water supplies stretch further until new water supplies are developed.

Testimony was brief and mixed, but Chairman Brian Blake (D-Aberdeen) indicated that the committee is very interested in finding a resolution to the problems raised by this issue, evidence that our efforts at educating members regarding water issues is bearing fruit. Farm Bureau remains firmly in support of relinquishment reform and has placed a high priority on both bills.

Columbia River Water Supply Update

The operating budget includes \$8 million to facilitate the Lake Roosevelt drawdown. This drawdown represents a landmark agreement that will allow the first new water to be delivered under the Columbia River Water Supply Development program. While only a “down payment” on the development and delivery of new water, it is a critical first step in meeting the water supply demand of the Columbia River Basin.

Two bills were just introduced to enable implementation of the agreements made with affected parties to facilitate the drawdown. HB 3309 sponsored by Rep. Timm Ormsby (D-Spokane) will be heard in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Feb. 4, and SB 6874 sponsored by Sen. Lisa Brown (D-Spokane) will be heard in the Senate Water, Energy and Telecommunications Committee on Feb. 5.

We are very pleased to see this measure before the Legislature and urge passage of the implementing legislation and the budget provision. This measure will help ease current demand in the basin by providing some water to help the declining Odessa aquifer, meet nearly two-thirds of the municipal demand, provide water for instream needs, and provide drought relief.

All areas of the basin will benefit from this package because it provides new water to meet demand without transferring existing water rights. While it is not the solution, it is exciting to see that we are so close to having new water supplies made available.

Climate Change Update

As reported last week, the major climate change bills are on a fast track. Both HB 2815, sponsored by Rep. Hans Dunshee (D-Snohomish), and the companion measure SB 6516, sponsored by Sen. Craig Pridemore (D-Vancouver), both moved out of their respective policy committees and into House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means respectively.

Some amendments to the bills were made, but major concerns remain. The business community is seeking to ensure that the legislation will only develop a program that will come back to the Legislature for approval. At present, the measure allows Ecology to develop and implement a program that will meet certain carbon (greenhouse gas emission) limits. Additionally, the bill directs the executive branch to work through the Western Climate Initiative to develop a market-based cap and trade program for carbon.

Farm Bureau remains opposed to the basic tenet of the legislation (that human-caused greenhouse gas emissions are driving climate change). However, if the legislation continues to move forward, it is important that any policy developed this session recognize the value of agriculture and forestry in sequestering carbon. A stakeholder process is likely to take place in coming days to try to develop a compromise bill.

House Committee Advances Flooding & Erosion Bill

The House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee passed SHB 2525 (sponsored by Rep. Kirk Pearson, R-Monroe) with a unanimous vote. The bill would require the state Department of Fish & Wildlife to issue a permit to correct flooding and erosion problems if the county or governor declares an emergency. In cases where there have been multiple years of threats or impacts from flooding or erosion, a county may declare a chronic danger, in which case the department must also issue a permit.

Emergency declarations would trigger expedited permits, while chronic danger declarations would require issuance of a permit, but under the usual time frame.

Washington Farm Bureau has made passage of flooding and erosion legislation a priority for the 2008 legislative session. Much of the language in SHB 2525 is taken from HB 1748, which was introduced in 2007 at the request of Washington Farm Bureau. We will continue to work with legislators to ensure that the bill provides real help in averting flood damage.

House Ag Committee Passes Beekeeper Tax Break

The House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee this week passed legislation to remove the B & O tax from the wholesale of honey bee products by a person who owns or keeps bee colonies. The bill also provides that the retail sales tax and use tax do not apply to sales of certain fuels to a farm fuel user for agricultural purposes. HB 2751 was introduced by Rep. Bruce Chandler (R-Granger). The Senate Agriculture Committee passed a similar bill introduced by Sen. Curtis King (R-Yakima).

Paid Leave = Broken Promises

Last year, legislators approved a new paid leave program that would begin paying benefits in October 2009. The law left many important issues unaddressed. Lawmakers pledged to come back and fix the bill, but they were unable. This week HB 3305, sponsored by Rep. Steve Conway, (D-Tacoma), was released. It is the "Paid Leave Fix" bill. Here are a few of the remaining issues:

- Lawmakers pledged to solve the so-called "stacking of leaves" issue, where a worker could transition from one government leave program to another, but they were unable.
- The program still lacks a funding source. (See below).
- In addition to the monetary benefit, the bill requires some – but not all – workers to be reinstated, thus adding a **fifth law or regulation requiring worker reinstatement with potentially overlapping periods of time off.**
- It is unclear whether certain workers could transition directly from paid leave to unemployment insurance benefits, **and bill sponsors chose not to address the issue.**

- How will we pay for this program? The two year cost estimate is \$113 million, assuming it is funded from the general fund. **That figure could increase by \$40 million or more if a new payroll tax is instituted.**
- Even **undocumented workers will be eligible for the benefit**, currently set at \$250 per week for five weeks, after a one week waiting period. (Proponents have stated that they will introduce legislation to increase the benefit in coming sessions).
- On the positive side, farmers and other seasonal employers will not be forced to reinstate workers to jobs that do not exist due to the changing season.

Farm Bureau members debated this issue and adopted a common sense policy so that we could address the goals of this legislation without negatively impacting farmers and ranchers. Here are the principal problem areas:

- **Funding:** Since legislators are calling this “Paid Leave *Insurance*,” Farm Bureau policy provides that this be funded as insurance, i.e. through voluntary premiums from participants. Legislators are not willing to go that far, but will consider a payroll tax on all workers.
- **Administration:** Farm Bureau has pointed out that private administration would be more efficient and less costly, but lawmakers seem determined to **create another government program with 50 or more new government workers.**
- **Employment Regulations-** Farm Bureau has demonstrated that **monetary benefit** could be provided without any new **employment regulations**, but lawmakers would apparently rather create more new, complex employment rules.

HB 2930: Verifying Legal Status when a Person Applies for a Washington Driver’s License

Washington is one of only seven states that allow people who are not legally present in the U.S. the right to drive. HB 2930, sponsored by Rep. Mike Armstrong (R-Wenatchee), would ask the license applicant to prove citizenship or legal presence, and place the words “not valid for identification” on the driver’s license of a person who could not prove that they are legally present.

Issues like this one are being thrust upon state legislatures due to the failure of the federal government to enact comprehensive immigration reform. Farm Bureau has been a consistent and vocal supporter in federal legislation calling for comprehensive immigration reform, and it will continue to do so.

Washington Farm Bureau cannot support or oppose this measure, due to the absence of policy on this issue. In response to this bill, farmers and ranchers will begin our grassroots policy development process, and if a policy emerges, we will strive to implement that policy.

Our members have debated the underlying issue and passions run high – on both sides. The fact is that there are many people in this country who are not legally present, and these people are driving to work every day, whether it is to a farm, a construction site, or a retail or service industry. The issue is complicated by the fact that the motor voter laws require department of licensing personnel to ask every person who obtains a driver’s license whether he or she would like to register to vote. Clearly, every person in our state, Democrat, Republican, or Independent, is interested in guaranteeing that only U.S. citizens are voting in our elections, and we must do everything possible to maintain the accuracy of our voter rolls.

HB 2930 would go further. It would identify people who are not legally present in our state. Analysts liken it to closing the barn door after the horse is already out.

Three other Labor and Employment bills to watch:

SB 6731/HB 3122 Sponsored by Sen. Jeanne Kohl Welles (D-Seattle)/Rep. Steve Conway (D-Tacoma) this bill would modify the tests to determine employee vs. independent contractor. Farm Bureau opposes this bill because it adds new and unnecessary complication to this already complex law and could result in liability for businesses.

SB 6867/HB 3294 *Brinks Case Fix*. Due to a recent Supreme Court decision, hourly workers who take a company vehicle home from work may be eligible for pay and overtime during the drive to and from work. This bill, sponsored by Sen. Janéa Holmquist (R-Moses Lake) and Rep. Bruce Chandler (R-Granger) would exempt the normal commute to and from work from paid employment. Farm Bureau supports this bill.

HB 2233 – Restricting the Use of Workers’ Comp Trust Funds. Sponsored by Rep. Cary Condotta (R-Wenatchee), this bill would force L&I to use workers’ comp premiums for workers’ comp purposes. Currently, L&I siphons workers’ comp trust funds for union apprenticeship programs, minimum wage inspectors, and many other programs that are unrelated to the purpose of the funds. Farm Bureau supports this bill.

Bills of Interest

The following is a list the bills we are currently tracking.

- In the Bill column, E = Engrossed (i.e., amendments have been adopted), S (preceding HB or SB) = Substitute bill, HB = House Bill, SB = Senate Bill, JM = Joint Memorial, JR = Joint Resolution.
- In the Position column, S = Support, M = Monitor, N = Neutral, C = Concerns, O = Oppose.
- In the Lobbyist column, C = Patrick Connor, F = Dan Fazio, S = John Stuhlmiller, W = Dan Wood.
- Bold indicates a priority bill.

Energy & Environment

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position	Lobbyist
HB 2512	Renewable fuel content	H Tech/En/Com	Morris	M	S
SHB 2530	HPA study/Maury Island	H AGNRDPS	Nelson	M	S
HB 2558	SEPA waste discharge permits	H Rules C	Upthegrove	M	W
HB 2676	Exempting Dairies from Shelfish District Assessments	H Ag & Nat Res	Morris	M	S
HB 2785	Environmental permits	H Ag & Nat Res	Upthegrove	M	S
SHB 2815	Climate change, cap & trade program, green collar jobs	H Approp	Dunshee	O	S
HB 2994	Renewable energy	H Tech/En/Com	Takko	M	W
HB 3017	Allowing limited outdoor burning in UGAs	H Env Health	Warnick	S	S
HB 3082	Sustainable environment	H Education	Haigh	M	S
HB 3106	Comm. on pesticide registration renamed Comm. on IPM	H Ag & Nat Res	Grant	S	S
HJM 4029	Marine conservation	H Ag & Nat Res	Liias	M	S
SSB 6203	Water quality projects	S Ways & Means	Sheldon	M	S
SB 6231	Marine protected areas	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Jacobsen	M	S
SSB 6307	Marine managed areas	S Ways & Means	Rockefeller	M	S
SB 6308	Climate Change Work Group	S Wtr/Ener/Tel	Rockefeller	M	S
SSB 6309	Climate Change - tailpipe emissions	S 2nd Reading	Rockefeller	M	S
SSB 6516	Climate change, cap & trade program, green collar jobs	S Ways & Means	Pridemore	O	S
SB 6607	Dairy animal feeding ops	S Wtr/Ener/Tel	Spanel	M	S
SB 6679	Forestry carbon offset	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Hargrove	S	S

Health Care

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position	Lobbyist
SHB 2536	Health care work group	H Approp	Cody	M	C
SHB 2537	Health insurance partnership	H Approp	Cody	M	C
SHB 2560	Small employer insurance	H Rules R	Van De Wege	M	C

HB 2640	Guaranteed health benefits	H HC/Wellness	Morrell	M	C
HB 2653	Vendor rates/cost shifting	H HC/Wellness	Hinkle	M	C
HB 2659	Prescription drugs	H HC/Wellness	Green	O	C
HB 2660	Primary medical eye care	H HC/Wellness	Green	M	C
HB 2689	Association health plans	H HC/Wellness	Cody	O	C
SSB 5596	Chiropractor discrimination bill	S Ways & Means	Franklin	O	C
SSB 6030	Health ins for young adults	S Hea/L-T Care	Parlette	O	C
SB 6333	Health care work group	S Hea/L-T Care	Keiser	O	C
SB 6365	Association health plans	S Hea/L-T Care	Marr	O	C
SB 6574	Health care system	S Hea/L-T Care	Pflug	M	C
SB 6575	Health care work group	S Hea/L-T Care	Pflug	M	C
SB 6603	Guaranteed health benefits	S Hea/L-T Care	Fairley	O	C
SB 6644	Optometrist discrimination bill	S Hea/L-T Care	Keiser	O	C

Labor & Employment

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position	Lobbyist
E2SHB 2082	Field of dreams program	H 3rd Reading	Chandler	S	F
HB 2233	Workers' comp funds	H Commerce/Lab	Condotta	S	F
HB 2586	Nonagricultural work	H Commerce/Lab	Chandler	M	F
HB 2602	Victims' employment leave	H Commerce/Lab	Kessler	O	F
SHB 2625	Employer-assisted housing	H Finance	Springer	M	F
HB 2626	Emergency eligibility	H Commerce/Lab	Van De Wege	M	F
HB 2655	Employer delinquency tax	H Rules C	Conway	S	F
HB 2656	Employer contribution rates	H Rules R	Conway	S	F
HB 2665	Family leave insurance	H Commerce/Lab	Dickerson	O	F
HB 2717	Overtime compensation	H Commerce/Lab	Chandler	S	F
HB 2735	Language translators	H Commerce/Lab	Anderson	M	F
HB 2769	Unemployment compensation	H Commerce/Lab	Nelson	O	F
HB 2912	Public sector unions	H Commerce/Lab	Chandler	S	F
HB 2930	Drivers' license/identocard	H Trans	Armstrong	M	F
HB 2946	Leave sharing for victims	H SGTribalAff	Dickerson	M	F
HB 2963	WSU collective bargaining	H Commerce/Lab	Conway	M	F
HB 2967	Apprenticeship programs	H Commerce/Lab	Conway	M	F
HB 2975	Agency shop fees	H Commerce/Lab	Chandler	M	F
HB 3139	Industrial insurance orders	H Commerce/Lab	Conway	M	F
HB 3172	Worker's compensation	H Commerce/Lab	Condotta	M	F
HB 3213	Affordable housing programs	H Local Gov.	Springer	M	F
HB 3253	Overtime for truck drivers	H Commerce/Lab	Grant	M	F
HB 3255	Workers' comp coverage	H Commerce/Lab	Wood	M	F
HB 3267	Corporate officer provisions	H Commerce/Lab	Condotta	M	F
HB 3294	Definition of "employ"	H Commerce/Lab	Chandler	M	F
HB 3305	Family leave insurance	H Commerce/Lab	Dickerson	M	F
SB 6197	Child labor exemption	S Lab/Comm/RD	Morton	S	F
SB 6246	Industrial insurance claims	S Lab/Comm/RD	Honeyford	S	F
SB 6280	Family leave insurance	S Lab/Comm/RD	Keiser	O	F
SB 6327	Unemployment compensation	S Lab/Comm/RD	Keiser	O	F
SB 6347	Day labor projects	S Transportatn	Morton	S	F
SB 6409	Employer delinquency tax	S Rules 2	Prentice	S	F

SB 6410	Employer contribution rates	S Rules 2	Prentice	S	F
SB 6433	Labor regulations	S Lab/Comm/RD	Murray	M	F
SB 6447	Military personnel leave	S Rules 2	Hobbs	M	F

Land Use

Bill	Bill	Status	Sponsor	Position	Lobbyist
SHB 1748	Flood protection	H Rules X	Sullivan, B.	S	W
ESHB 2016	Eminent domain	H 3rd Reading	Springer	S	W
HB 2457	Forestry operations	H Ag & Nat Res	Appleton	M	W
HB 2468	Community and urban forestry	H Exec Action	Van De Wege	M	W
SHB 2525	Flood damage	H Rules R	Pearson	M	W
HB 2527	Rural county definition	H App GGAR	Bailey	M	W
SHB 2535	Shoreline management act	H Rules R	Lantz	M	W
HB 2577	Concurrency requirements	H Local Gov.	Simpson	M	W
HB 2590	Forest land conservation	H Finance	Lantz	M	W
HB 2628	Stabilization projects	H Exec Action	Orcutt	M	W
HB 2657	Sufficient land/densities	H Local Gov.	Loomis	M	W
HB 2677	Gravel removal	H Ag & Nat Res	Ericksen	M	W
HB 2706	Sellers of land notice	H Ag & Nat Res	Blake	M	W
HB 2731	Current agricultural uses	H Finance	Rolfes	M	W
HB 2734	Shoreline bank structures	H Local Gov.	Newhouse	M	W
HB 2767	Agricultural structures	H Local Gov.	Blake	M	W
HB 2777	Sm community grant program	H Local Gov.	Clibborn	M	W
HB 2785	Environmental permits	H Ag & Nat Res	Upthegrove	O	W
HB 2797	Climate change impacts	H Local Gov.	Simpson	O	W
SHB 2844	Urban forestry	H Approp	Kagi	M	W
HB 2854	Countywide policy compliance	H Local Gov.	Miloscia	M	W
HB 2893	Forest practices board	H Ag & Nat Res	Van De Wege	M	S
HB 2909	Forest product resources	H Exec Action	Orcutt	M	S
HB 2910	Forest products task force	H Ag & Nat Res	Orcutt	M	S
HB 2920	Eminent domain info pamphlet	H Judiciary	Kessler	S	W
HB 2921	Community renewal law	H Judiciary	Kessler	S	W
HB 3066	Catastrophic flood relief	H Approp	Alexander	M	W
HB 3136	Hydraulic projects	H Ag & Nat Res	DeBolt	S	W
HB 3202	WA vesting laws	H Local Gov.	Simpson	M	W
SSB 5733	Flood protection	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Stevens	S	W
SB 6233	Working forest land base	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Jacobsen	M	W
SB 6249	Community and urban forestry	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Fraser	M	W
SB 6259	Forest land mgmt info	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Jacobsen	M	W
SB 6323	Business tax incentives	S Ways & Means	Kilmer	M	W
SB 6431	Distressed property	S ConsProt/Hsg	Tom	M	W
SB 6469	Urban forestry	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Murray	M	W
SSB 6493	Small city loans	S Ways & Means	Hobbs	M	W
SB 6580	Climate change impacts	S Govt Op & El	Marr	O	W
SB 6594	Eminent domain info pamphlet	S Judiciary	Carrell	S	W
SB 6595	Community renewal law	S Judiciary	Carrell	S	W
SB 6634	Taking of private property	S Judiciary	Benton	M	W
SB 6691	Marine habitat mitigation	S Wtr/Ener/Tel	Sheldon	M	W

SB 6805	Conservation markets	S Ag/Rural/Dev	Haugen	M	W
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Tax & Fiscal

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position	Lobbyist
HB 1376	Propane used by farmers	H Rules 3C	Ericks	S	C
HB 2420	Carbon tax	H Ecology & Park	Chase	O	S
HB 2545	Ballot information/SB 6641	H Finance	Hunter	M	C
HB 2627	Ballot information required	H Finance	Orcutt	M	C
HB 2687	Operating budget	H Approp	Sommers	M	C
HB 2733	Lower equip use requirement	H Finance	Newhouse	S	C
HB 2751	Beekeeper tax exemptions	H Exec Action	Chandler	S	C
HB 2765	Capital budget	H Cap Budget	Fromhold	M	C
HB 2923	Processor weight tickets ok	H Exec Action	Hinkle	S	C
HB 3114	Exempting auction sales	H Finance	Grant	S	C
HB 3116	Biomass tax exemption	H Finance	Kessler	S	C
HB 3137	Tax relief for 2007 floods	H Finance	DeBolt	S	C
HB 3138	Tax relief for natural disasters	H Finance	DeBolt	S	C
HB 3308	3-yr prop tax exemption for ag	H Finance	Hunt	M	C
SB 6298	Transportation budget	S Transportatn	Haugen	M	C
SB 6299	Beekeeper tax exemptions	S Ag/Rural/Dev	Rasmussen	S	C
SB 6378	Operating budget	S Ways & Means	Prentice	M	C
SB 6387	Searchable budget database	S Ways & Means	Stevens	S	C
SB 6440	Tax info to the legislature	S Ways & Means	Oemig	O	C
SB 6461	Capital budget	S Ways & Means	Fraser	M	C
SSB 6468	Beekeeper tax exemptions	S Ways & Means	King	S	C

Water Management

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position	Lobbyist
HB 2245	Water rights	H Ag & Nat Res	Grant	S	S
HB 2477	Groundwater	H Exec Action	McCoy	S	S
HB 2515	Requiring state funding for all required water meters	H Ag & Nat Res	Chandler	S	S
HB 2584	Rain barrel regulation	H Ag & Nat Res	McCoy	O	S
HB 2978	North/South Water Transfer Restrictions	H Ag & Nat Res	Kretz	M	S
HB 3072	Eliminating partial relinquishment	H Ag & Nat Res	Grant	S	S
HB 3081	Additional water for biofuel crops	H Ag & Nat Res	Grant	S	S
HB 3309	Funding for Lake Roosevelt Drawdown	H Ag & Nat Res	Ormsby	S	S
SB 6198	Groundwater for firefighting	S Wtr/Ener/Tel	Morton	M	S
SB 6204	Dividing WRIA 14	S Rules 2	Sheldon	M	S
SB 6348	North/South Water Transfer Restrictions	S Wtr/Ener/Tel	Morton	M	S
SB 6593	Groundwater monitoring	S Wtr/Ener/Tel	Kline	S	S
SB 6708	Eliminating partial relinquishment	S Wtr/Ener/Tel	Morton	S	S

Other

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position	Lobbyist
HB 2429	Pesticide application	H Ag & Nat Res	Campbell	M	S
HB 2432	Food animal veterinarians	H Hi Ed	Haigh	M	W

HB 2438	Cougar hunting pilot project	H Ag & Nat Res	Kretz	S	S
HB 2448	Campaign finance report	H 2nd ReadSCal	Hunt	M	W
SHB 2452	Wildlife rehab committee	H Rules R	Appleton	M	S
HB 2467	Fertilizer regulations	H 2nd ReadSCal	Warnick	M	S
HB 2476	Tribal police officers	H App GGAR	McCoy	M	F
HB 2493	Fish and wildlife violations	H Ag & Nat Res	Armstrong	M	S
HB 2524	Wildlife damage	H Ag & Nat Res	Pearson	M	S
HB 2553	Puget Sound hazardous wastes	H Ecology & Park	Dickerson	M	S
HB 2568	Dairy products commission	H Rules R	Blake	M	S
HB 2596	Workforce training and edu	H Hi Ed	Wallace	M	F
HB 2607	English lanuage students	H EDDPA	Santos	M	F
HB 2617	Apple commission membership	H Rules R	Blake	S	S
HB 2623	Farmland owner exemption	H Local Gov.	Hurst	S	S
HB 2630	Definition of meetings	H SGTribalAff	Lias	M	W
HB 2631	Regulatory assistance office	H SGTribalAff	Linville	M	W
HB 2683	Affordable housing for all	H Housing	Miloscia	M	F
SHB 2695	Screening for lead poisoning	H Approp	Hudgins	M	F
HB 2725	Privacy of personal info	H SGTribalAff	Clibborn	M	W
HB 2729	Identification documents	H Tech/En/Com	Eddy	M	F
HB 2751	Honey beekeeper taxation	H Exec Action	Chandler	M	W
HB 2753	Endangered species	H Ag & Nat Res	Ross	M	S
HB 2793	Farms in WIC program	H Ag & Nat Res	Wallace	M	S
HB 2798	Local Farms- Healthy Kids	H Exec Action	Pettigrew	S	S
HB 2799	State wildlife account	H Exec Action	Loomis	M	S
HB 2811	Healthy student program	H Education	Sullivan	M	S
HB 2827	CTED housing pilot program	H Exec Action	Roberts	M	F
HB 2849	Affordable housing financing	H Housing	Ormsby	M	F
HB 2858	Metal property	H Exec Action	Morrell	M	W
HB 2908	Small forest landowners	H Ag & Nat Res	Orcutt	S	S
HB 2930	Drivers' license/identocard	H Trans	Armstrong	M	F
HB 2931	Grants and contracts	H SGTribalAff	Anderson	M	W
HB 3073	Forage and mulches	H Ag & Nat Res	Warnick	M	W
HB 3091	Animal identification	H Ag & Nat Res	Blake	S	C
HB 3195	Fish/wildlife info	H SGTribalAff	Blake	M	S
HB 3198	Soil/wetland scientists	H Commerce/Lab	Hunt	M	S
HB 3213	Affordable housing programs	H Local Gov.	Springer	M	F
HB 3226	Forest practices board	H Ag & Nat Res	Orcutt	M	W
HB 3227	Hood Canal water quality	H Exec Action	Eickmeyer	M	S
SB 6187	Food animal veterinarians	S Rules 2G	Shin	M	W
SB 6194	Fertilizer regulations	S Rules 2G	Rasmussen	M	S
SB 6258	Adulterated pet food	S Ag/Rural/Dev	Jacobsen	M	W
SSB 6273	Farm implements on highways	S 2nd Reading	Haugen	S	C
SB 6283	Apple commission membership	S 2nd Reading	Rasmussen	S	S
SB 6284	Dairy products commission	S 2nd Reading	Schoesler	S	S
SB 6299	Beekeeper tax exemptions	S Ag/Rural/Dev	Rasmussen	M	W
SB 6315	Wolf-hybrids	S Rules 2	Morton	S	S
SB 6338	Country of origin labeling	S Ag/Rural/Dev	Jacobsen	M	C
SB 6383	Unlawful detainer actions	S ConsProt/Hsg	Weinstein	M	F
SB 6416	Legal residency verification	S Transportatn	Zarelli	M	F

SB 6466	Teaching Spanish and Chinese	S EL/K-12 Educ	Roach	M	F
SSB 6468	Honey beekeeper taxation	S Ways & Means	King	M	W
SB 6483	Local Farms- Healthy Kids	S Ag/Rural/Dev	Hatfield	S	S
SB 6501	Small forest landowners	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Hargrove	S	S
SB 6524	Tribal police officers	S Judiciary	Kline	M	F
SB 6592	Livestock damage	S NR/Ocean/Rec	Morton	S	S
SB 6609	Agricultural structures	S Govt Op & EI	Fairley	M	W
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