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**House of Representatives  
Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
July 27	9:00 AM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping to Ensure the Viability of Small Forest Landowners</li> </ul>	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Resources Policy Considerations</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping to Ensure the Viability of Small Forest Landowners</li> <li>• Wolf Management</li> </ul>	Work Session

**Project Title: Helping to Ensure the Viability of Small Forest Landowners**

**Project Goal:**

**Investigate ways to remove regulatory barriers and disincentives in order to encourage small forest landownership without reducing protection to public resources.**

**Project Description:**

Providing for long-term stewardship of nonindustrial forests and woodlands is an important factor in maintaining Washington's special character and quality of life. The Committee will explore ways to maintain the economic viability of 89,000 family forest owners, managing 5 million acres of forest land across the state, by providing small forest landowners with incentives to keep their land in long-term forestry.

The Committee will conduct two work sessions that will lead to the potential development of legislation that removes regulatory barriers and disincentives in order to encourage small forest landownership without reducing protection to public resources. The Committee will consult with relevant state agencies, stakeholders, and experts in the fields of forestry, tax policy, transfer of development rights, forested fish habitat, and ecosystem service payment. The Committee will discuss ongoing work to develop proposals for landowner conservation incentives that support forest landowners maintaining their lands in forestry and reports related to small forest landowner economic viability.

In developing recommendations, the Committee will consider the following:

- long-term sustainability and reformation of the forestry riparian easement program;
- how to address issues unique to small forest lands east of the Cascade mountains;
- to what extent the Department of Natural Resources and the Forest Practices Board have developed alternate plans or alternate harvest restrictions that meet riparian functions and whether there has been an evaluation of the cumulative impact of small forest landowner alternate management plans or alternate harvest restrictions on essential riparian functions as required by RCW 76.13.110;
- the complexity of administrative rules for small harvests and relatively short stream reaches;
- ways to provide more effective incentives to encourage continued management of nonindustrial forests and woodlands for forestry;
- ways to address conversion pressures, global competition, and the gap between appraised values of forest land and the value for the same land for development;
- the possibility of a pilot program for ecosystem service payments and technical funding assistance for small forest landowners; and
  - to what extent the Committee's recommendations are consistent with the state's obligations under the forest practices habitat conservation plan and Clean Water Act assurances.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Jason Callahan

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**Project Title: Water Resources Policy Considerations**

**Project Goal:**

Explore options and consider recommendations on important water policy issues, and start preparing legislation for the 2011 Legislature.

**Project Description:**

Several water policy issues have emerged over the past few years that require thoughtful discussions and creative brainstorming in order to resolve. Issues revolving around exempt wells, stock watering, instream flows, relinquishment, funding, drought, and water transfers have all surfaced as potential issues for the 2011 Legislature.

The Committee will explore options and consider recommendations from various stakeholders on pressing water policy issues. The Committee will brainstorm on how to resolve these issues, and ultimately draft legislation for the 2011 Legislature that addresses the concerns of the Committee members and the public.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Jaclyn Ford

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**Project Title: Wolf Management**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on ongoing wolf management issues and efforts in the state.

**Project Description:**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is preparing to complete a years long effort to develop a conservation and management plan for the gray wolf. The proposed gray wolf management plan has been the subject of an agency advisory group, agency sponsored public hearings, and an environmental impact statement. The agency plans to present a final plan to the Fish and Wildlife Commission late in 2010.

The Committee will conduct a work session in order to be updated on the need for a gray wolf management plan, the contents of the plan, the concerns and hopes of those affected by the plan, and the steps forward for gray wolf management in the state.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Jaclyn Ford

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**House of Representatives  
Audit Review & Oversight  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Improving the Legislature's Oversight Function	Work Session
November	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• I-900 Performance Audits	Public Hearing/ Work Session

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**Project Title: Improving the Legislature's Oversight Function**

**Project Goal:**

Discuss ways in which the Legislature can improve its oversight function.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will review data and performance information of selected legislative agencies with oversight responsibilities including the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC). The Committee will review the status of processes used in state government to manage performance including Priorities of Government (POG), Government Management Accountability and Performance (GMAP), Washington State Quality Award (WSQA), and performance audits through the State Auditor's Office. The Committee will identify and discuss potential process improvements and specific data needs to improve state performance management systems in order to better integrate performance data with the legislative process.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Susan Howson

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**Project Title: I-900 Performance Audits**

**Project Goal:**

Review the status of I-900 performance audit recommendations, receive input from the public on strengths of the State Auditor's Office (SAO) audit process and opportunities for improvement, discuss criteria the Legislature should use to measure the quality of I-900 audits, and discuss how the Legislature ensures the implementation of audit recommendations.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will review the requirements of I-900 that must be considered and reported on for performance audits. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee will be asked to report on the Legislature's implementation on I-900 audit recommendations. The State Auditor will be asked to report on state and local government implementation of performance audit recommendations. The Committee will receive feedback from auditees and the public on strengths of the current SAO audit process and opportunities for improvement and review the SAO's 2010-2012 performance audit work plan.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** November 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Susan Howson

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**House of Representatives  
Capital Budget  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Protection Study</li> <li>• Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies for Competitive Infrastructure and Economic Development Capital Budget Programs</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBD	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2011-13 Session Preview</li> <li>• Jobs Act for K-12 School Construction and Higher Education and K-12 Energy Efficiency Grants Update</li> <li>• Construction Bid and Construction Employment Update</li> <li>• Office of Financial Management Progress Report on Savings and Allotment Reductions</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Flood Protection Study**

**Project Goal:**

Update on the Flood Protection Study.

**Project Description:**

The 2008 Supplemental Capital Budget included funding for the Department of Ecology to complete a flood protection study (ESHB 2765 - Chapter 328, Laws of 2008, Section 3012). The 2010 Supplemental Capital Budget requires the study to be completed by the end of 2010. The Department of Ecology will provide an update on the study as well as information about the need for flood protection in the state.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Nona Snell

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**Project Title: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies for Competitive Infrastructure and Economic Development Capital Budget Programs**

**Project Goal:**

Update on implementation of Chapter 519, Laws of 2009, Section 9 regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for infrastructure and economic development capital projects.

**Project Description:**

The 2009 Legislature adopted E2SSB 5560 (Chapter 519, Laws of 2009, Section 9) requiring agencies distributing capital funds for competitive infrastructure and economic development projects to consider whether the applicant has adopted policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that these policies are consistent with the state's limit on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. Competitive capital infrastructure and economic development programs are in the process of soliciting applications now. The Committee will review implementation of this law.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Nona Snell and Susan Howson

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**Project Title: 2011-13 Session Preview**

**Project Goal:**

Bond capacity and agency requests preview for the 2011-2013 session.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will preview the bond forecast, based on the latest economic and interest rate forecasts, and agency requests for the 2011-13 session.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Nona Snell, Steve Masse, and Susan Howson

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**Project Title: Jobs Act for K-12 School Construction and Higher Education and K-12 Energy Efficiency Grants Update**

**Project Goal:**

Monitor and evaluate the Jobs Act for K-12 School Construction and Higher Education administered by the Department of Commerce and the energy efficiency grants administered by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**Project Description:**

The 2010 Supplemental Capital Budget (ESHB 2836) includes funding for energy efficiency grants administered by the Department of Commerce and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Committee will monitor the activities and progress of the programs and will conduct a work session during which the agencies will report on the status of the programs.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Nona Snell and Susan Howson

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**Project Title: Construction Bid and Construction Employment Update**

**Project Goal:**

Update on the current state construction bid and construction employment environment.

**Project Description:**

The construction industry downturn has resulted in less expensive construction costs and reduced employment in the construction industry. These factors impact the decision making required in writing a capital budget. The Committee will be briefed on the current environment for construction bidding and employment.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Nona Snell, Steve Masse, and Susan Howson

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**Project Title: Office of Financial Management Progress Report on Savings and Allotment Reductions**

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor the Office of Financial Management's progress on identifying project savings and allotment reductions as directed by the Capital Budget.**

**Project Description:**

The 2010 Supplemental Capital Budget (ESHB 2836) requires the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to identify \$50 million in projects that are not progressing or that have project savings. The purpose of this requirement is to identify project savings that can be acted upon in the 2011 Supplemental Capital Budget to prevent the debt service from exceeding the 8.75 percent working debt limit in the future. The OFM will be asked to brief the Committee on progress toward identifying relevant projects and project savings.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Nona Snell, Steve Masse, and Susan Howson

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**House of Representatives  
Commerce & Labor  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
July 13	10:00 AM to 3:30 PM	Olympia	Full Committee (Joint with Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unemployment Insurance</li> <li>• Worker Retraining</li> <li>• Workers' Compensation</li> <li>• Workplace Safety and Health</li> <li>• Underground Economy</li> </ul>	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee (Joint with Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be selected from listed projects.</li> </ul>	Work Session
October	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee (Joint with Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be selected from listed projects.</li> </ul>	Work Session
November	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee (Joint with Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be selected from listed projects.</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Licensing / Franchise Law</li> <li>• Gambling and Lottery</li> </ul>	Work Session

**Project Title: Unemployment Insurance**

**Project Goal:**

Receive recommendations from the Employment Security Department and the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee regarding options for enhancing the unemployment insurance system's effects and mitigating the economic downturn's effects.

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 session, the Legislature considered options for qualifying to receive the full modernization incentive payment available under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Legislature also considered options for adjusting social tax rates.

Following the 2010 session, the chairs and ranking members of the House Commerce & Labor Committee and the Senate Labor, Commerce, and Consumer Protection Committee asked the Employment Security Department and the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee to make certain recommendations to the Legislature. They requested recommendations regarding options for enhancing the unemployment insurance system's effects on individuals, families, and communities, including job search and WorkSource opportunities, and mitigating the effects of the most recent economic downturn, including options for qualifying to receive the modernization incentive payment and adjusting social tax rates.

During the 2010 interim, the House Commerce & Labor Committee will meet jointly with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee and receive updates and recommendations from the Department and the Advisory Committee.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Up to four joint work sessions with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee. (Unemployment insurance will be one of several agenda items at joint meetings.)

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Jill Reinmuth and Alison Hellberg



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**Project Title: Worker Retraining**

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor expansion of the worker retraining program. Continue to monitor expansion of the training benefits program, and development and implementation of the E2SSB 5809 program's high-demand training incentives.**

**Project Description:**

During the 2009 session, two bills were enacted: ESHB 1906 (expanding eligibility for the training benefits program) and E2SSB 5809 (creating incentives for education and training for individuals enrolled in training for high-demand and certain other occupations).

During the 2010 session, the state operating budget appropriated additional funds to expand the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges' worker retraining program. The budget also made an adjustment to allow the Employment Security Department to continue implementing the E2SSB 5809 program's high-demand training incentives in FY 2011.

During the 2010 interim, the Committee will monitor expansion of the worker retraining program. The Committee will also continue to monitor expansion of the training benefits program and development and implementation of the E2SSB 5809 program's high-demand training incentives.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Up to four joint work sessions with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee. (Worker Retraining will be one of several agenda items at joint meetings.)

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Jill Reinmuth

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**Project Title: Workers' Compensation**

**Project Goal:**

**Receive updates from the Governor's Office on workers' compensation discussions.**

**Project Description:**

Washington's workers' compensation system is consistently recognized for low premiums and high benefits. However, there is concern about the cost of long-term disability claims, system liabilities and long-term pension trends, and the coordination and provision of medical care. In the fall of 2009, the Governor convened a business/labor work group to address workers' compensation issues.

Following the 2010 session, the Governor was requested to continue work on workers' compensation.

The House Commerce & Labor Committee will meet jointly with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee during the 2010 interim to receive updates from the Governor's Office on workers' compensation discussions.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Up to four joint work sessions with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee. (Workers' Compensation will be one of several agenda items at joint meetings.)

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Joan Elgee and Jill Reinmuth

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**Project Title: Workplace Safety and Health**

**Project Goal:**

Receive an update and review standards on refinery safety.

**Project Description:**

A serious refinery accident occurred in Anacortes in April, 2010. The Committee will hear an update on the accident investigation and review refinery safety standards.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** At least one joint work session with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Joan Elgee

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**Project Title: Underground Economy**

**Project Goal:**

Monitor and receive an update on underground economy efforts by agencies. Develop possible legislation for the 2011 session.

**Project Description:**

Several bills were enacted in the 2008, 2009, and 2010 sessions as a result of the work of the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Underground Economy. With the conclusion of the Task Force, the Executive Branch has committed to continuing coordinated underground economy efforts by the Department of Labor and Industries, the Employment Security Department, and the Department of Revenue. These agencies are also required by Task Force legislation to report annually on underground economy efforts.

One issue the Task Force worked on is misclassification of workers as independent contractors.

During the 2010 interim, the Committee will monitor and receive an update on underground economy efforts by agencies and continue work on misclassification issues.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Up to four joint work sessions with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee. (Underground Economy will be one of several agenda items at joint meetings.)

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Joan Elgee and Jill Reinmuth

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**Project Title: Collective Bargaining; Role of the Joint Committee on Employment Relations**

**Project Goal:**

Review the role of the Joint Committee on Employment Relations in Governor-conducted collective bargaining.

**Project Description:**

The Personnel System Reform Act of 2002 included a provision creating the Joint Committee on Employment Relations. The Governor is required to consult with the Committee regarding appropriations necessary to implement the compensation and fringe benefit provisions in collective bargaining agreements applicable to state employees. After negotiations are completed, the Governor is required to advise the Committee on the agreements and any legislation necessary to implement the agreements. Subsequent legislation established similar requirements for collective bargaining with Washington state patrol officers, individual providers, and family child care providers.

The House Commerce & Labor Committee will review the role of the Joint Committee on Employment Relations in collective bargaining.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Up to three joint work sessions with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee. (Collective Bargaining will be one of several agenda items at joint meetings.)

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Jill Reinmuth and Alison Hellberg

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**Project Title: Family Leave Insurance and Temporary Disability Insurance**

**Project Goal:**

Review options related to implementation of the family leave insurance program and a temporary disability insurance program.

**Project Description:**

During the 2009 session, the Legislature deferred implementation of the family leave insurance program and scheduled benefit payments to begin in 2012.

During the 2010 interim, the Committee will review options for financing benefits and administrative costs, as well program implementation and administration. The Committee will also review temporary disability insurance programs in other states.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Up to three joint work sessions with the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee. (FLI/TDI will be one of several agenda items at joint meetings.)

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Jill Reinmuth and Joan Elgee

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**Project Title: Professional Licensing / Franchise Law**

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor and receive a report on professional licensing and franchise issues.**

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 legislative session, several bills were introduced dealing with professional licensing. HB 1608 would have established a registration requirement for interior designers and HB 2671 would have required locksmiths to be licensed. SHB 2602 would have directed the Department of Licensing (Department) to make recommendations on whether to add a continuing education requirement for registered engineers. During the interim, the Department will convene stakeholders, research licensing requirements in other states, and report back to the Committee.

Over the past two sessions, changes have been made to the motor vehicle franchise laws in ESSB 5595 (2009) and in ESHB 2547 (2010). Issues surrounding recreational vehicle franchise relationships were raised in both sessions. During the interim, the Department will convene stakeholders and explore creating a separate franchise law for recreational vehicle dealers and manufacturers.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Alison Hellberg and Joan Elgee

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**Project Title: Gambling and Lottery**

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor and receive an update on gambling and lottery issues. Develop possible legislation for the 2011 session.**

**Project Description:**

There are a number of gambling and lottery issues of interest to the Committee.

Several bills have been introduced in the U.S. Congress to legalize and regulate Internet gambling. At the state level, cases are pending in the Washington Supreme Court relating to gambling.

For many years, the Committee has dealt with the issue of local government authority with respect to house-banked social card rooms. The distribution of lottery proceeds has also been the subject of several measures.

During the 2010 interim, the Committee will monitor gambling and lottery issues and receive an update. The Committee will also study local government authority and card rooms, and lottery proceeds distribution.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Joan Elgee and Jill Reinmuth

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**House of Representatives  
Community & Economic Development & Trade  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
June 22	All Day	Seattle	Full Committee joint with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy and Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation Committee	• Global Trade	Work Session
September (Late)	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Washington Small Businesses	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Department of Commerce Restructuring • Global Trade	Work Session

**Project Title: Global Trade**

**Project Goal:**

**Inform legislators on trade policy issues and export assistance programs that impact Washington business engagement in the global economy.**

**Project Description:**

The Washington economy is highly dependent upon international trade. The Department of Commerce estimates that nearly \$52 billion in products were exported through Washington ports in 2009 and that, on average, 16 percent of the state's gross domestic product in the past 13 years has been derived from export activity.

The Committee will hold two work sessions: one joint with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy and the Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation Committee, and a follow-up stand-alone work session for CEDT later in the interim.

Topics for the work sessions will include but not be limited to: recently announced federal export initiatives; trade policy issues relevant to the state's industries and export markets; the state's role in trade policy; state and federal export assistance programs; the Washington Economic Development Commission's export trade strategy; and export financing concepts stemming from SB 6679 and state budget provisos.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Meg Van Schoorl (House) and Jack Brummel (Senate)

**Project Title: Washington Small Businesses**

**Project Goal:**

Prepare small business legislation for 2011.

**Project Description:**

According to Employment Security Department data, in the first quarter of 2009, there were over 216,000 businesses in Washington. Of these, 207,000 (96%) had fewer than 50 employees, 193,000 (89%) had fewer than 20 employees, and 172,000 (80%) had fewer than 10 employees. The U.S. Department of Commerce reports that businesses with fewer than 20 employees were responsible for almost half of the state's total private sector job growth between 2005 and 2006.

Through staff research and a work session, the Committee will identify significant issues that impact small businesses and specific actions that the state could take to assist their start up, growth, and endurance.

The Committee will monitor executive branch implementation of the following related bills enacted in the 2009 and 2010 sessions: HB 2658 (Commerce reorganization); SB 6667 and SB 6679 (small business financial and technical assistance plan, and export finance assistance); and SB 5723 (state procurement from small businesses). The Committee will also work on follow-up legislation to related bills that did not pass: HB 3175 (OMWBE transfer to Commerce) and HB 1096 (procurement preference for in-state small businesses).

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Meg Van Schoorl and Chris Cordes

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**Project Title: Department of Commerce Restructuring**

**Project Goal:**

Inform the Committee of actions taken by the Department of Commerce to restructure following passage of E2SHB 2658 (2010). To discuss the Washington Economic Development Commission export trade strategy and other global trade issues.

**Project Description:**

E2SHB 2658 (Chapter 271 Laws of 2010) provided direction for the restructuring of the Department of Commerce into an agency with the primary mission of growing and improving jobs and facilitating innovation. This work session will involve the Department reporting on implementation of the restructuring, including: (a) transfers of programs out of Commerce; (b) steps taken to focus on eight priority areas; (c) a study of agricultural commodity commissions as a model for other industries; (d) status of the Community Services and Housing division; (e) status of the state energy strategy; and (f) other related updates.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Meg Van Schoorl

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## STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

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**Project Title:** Interim Monitoring Activities

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor implementation of recent economic development legislation and budget provisos, and track related future legislative issues.**

**Project Description:**

Monitoring activities Include:  
Commerce reorganization (HB 2658)  
Small business financial, technical and export assistance (SB 6667, SB 6679, provisos)  
Global health program (SB 6675 and \$1 million appropriation)  
Forest products and green industry jobs (HB 2420)  
Procurement by state agencies of small business products and services (SB 5723)  
Commercialization, innovation partnership zones, industry clusters and sectors (SB 6706, provisos)  
Recruitment of STARS researchers by UW, WSU, HEC Board  
Washington Aerospace Council meetings  
Economic Development Commission meetings

**Number & Type of Meetings:** None

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Meg Van Schoorl and Chris Cordes

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**House of Representatives  
Early Learning & Children's Services  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
December Committee Assembly (Adjacent to)	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementation of Performance- Based Contracting to Purchase Child Welfare Services - House Bill 2106 (2009)	Work Session
December Committee Assembly (Adjacent to)	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	• Federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	• Early Childhood Well-Being	Work Session

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**Project Title: Implementation of Performance-Based Contracting to Purchase Child Welfare Services - House Bill 2106 (2009)**

**Project Goal:**

Receive an update on the status of implementation of HB 2106 (2009) from the Child Welfare Transformation Design Committee.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will receive an update on implementation of HB 2106 (2009), requiring the implementation of performance-based contracting to purchase child welfare services, and the implementation of two demonstration sites in which child welfare case management services will be incorporated into performance-based contracts. The conversion to performance-based contracts is scheduled to begin January 1, 2011, and be completed within six months. Implementation of the demonstration sites is scheduled to begin July 1, 2012, and be completed by December 30, 2012.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Sydney Forrester

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**Project Title: Federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)**

**Project Goal:**

Receive a presentation from the CFSR Technical Assistance Project.

**Project Description:**

In January 2010, the state, in partnership with the federal Department of Health and Human Services, initiated its second Child and Family Services Review (CFSR), which is a federal review of performance-based outcomes for children and families served by child protective services, foster care, adoption, and related programs. In addition to measuring compliance with federal laws, the CFSR provides an opportunity for the state to actively engage in efforts to improve quality of services to children and families. The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Technical Assistance Project has requested the opportunity to present information at a work session regarding the purpose, components, and context of the CFSR process.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Sydney Forrester

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**Project Title: Early Childhood Well-Being**

**Project Goal:**

Examine research relating to early childhood experiences and well-being.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will conduct a work session to focus on research from a variety of sectors relating to: the importance of early learning and early childhood well-being; the links between adverse childhood experiences and increased risks for poor adult outcomes; and the emerging best practices for mitigating risks for children known to have experienced abuse and neglect. The Committee also will receive a report from the Department of Early Learning with recommendations for a comprehensive birth-to-three plan as required by HB 2867, Chapter 232, Laws of 2010.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Sydney Forrester

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## STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

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**Project Title: Racial Disproportionality**

**Project Goal:**

Assess progress of efforts to reduce and eliminate racial disproportionality in the state's child welfare system.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will receive reports from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy and the Department of Social and Health Services regarding efforts to reduce and eliminate racial disproportionality. Using these reports, the Committee will prepare for a work session in early 2011, during the legislative session.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** N/A

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Sydney Forrester

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**Project Title: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)**

**Project Goal:**

Monitor policy and program changes in the expenditure of TANF funding.

**Project Description:**

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is exploring options for incorporating successful approaches from other DSHS administrations into its Economic Services Administration in order to better serve families receiving TANF. Examples of options being explored include: a parent-to-parent model of mentorship; microenterprise support to provide transportation for TANF parents to required activities; and a token/rewards program to promote successful exit from the TANF program. The Committee also will receive periodic updates regarding the approaches selected and the progress and impact of implementation. Committee staff will stay abreast of the reevaluation of the WorkFirst program by the WorkFirst subcabinet, as required by HB 3141, Chapter 273, Laws of 2010.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** None

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Sydney Forrester

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**House of Representatives  
Ecology & Parks  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
May 24	10:00 AM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Resources Program Updates</li> </ul>	Work Session
July 14	1:30 PM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid Waste &amp; Recycling</li> <li>• Puget Sound and Hood Canal</li> </ul>	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change Policies</li> <li>• Natural Resources Program Updates</li> </ul>	Work Session
December	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Resources Program Updates</li> <li>• Puget Sound and Hood Canal</li> <li>• Climate Change Policies</li> <li>• Solid Waste &amp; Recycling</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Natural Resources Program Updates**

**Project Goal:**

Track executive branch reform within relevant natural resource agencies, and develop potential legislation for the 2011 Legislature.

**Project Description:**

Over the past few years, the state's natural resource agencies have undergone internal reform, both as a response to reduced budgets and as an attempt to create efficiencies in state government.

The Ecology and Parks Committee will receive updates on reforms occurring within relevant natural resource agencies, such as the Puget Sound Partnership, the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Ecology. The Committee will evaluate statutory barriers to achieving greater cost-efficiencies and develop potential legislation for the 2011 Legislature.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Three work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Jason Callahan

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**Project Title: Solid Waste & Recycling**

**Project Goal:**

Communicate with and monitor the Department of Ecology and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee on their discussions of solid waste and recycling reform.

**Project Description:**

The Department of Ecology is currently coordinating three efforts relating to solid waste and recycling:

- updating key regulations for solid waste management, the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill rule, and Solid Waste Handling;
- convening a subcommittee of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the financing of the solid waste system; and
- initiating a stakeholder process to evaluate the statutory impediments to reducing and recycling solid waste.

The Ecology and Parks Committee will communicate with and monitor the Department of Ecology and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee on their discussions of solid waste and recycling reform to ensure that the Ecology and Parks Committee will be aware of any necessary statutory changes needed for efficient reform. The Ecology and Parks Committee anticipates that these discussions will lead to the development of legislation for the 2011 Legislature.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Jaclyn Ford

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**Project Title: Puget Sound and Hood Canal**

**Project Goal:**

**Brief Committee members on issues relating to the Puget Sound and Hood Canal.**

**Project Description:**

The Puget Sound region extends from the crest of the Cascades and the Olympics to the waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Hood Canal. Stormwater pollution carried into bodies of water within the Puget Sound region has a negative impact on the health of those waters and the marine life within them. The Puget Sound Partnership and other state agencies are working to control stormwater pollution.

Polluted stormwater runoff is one factor in the development of dead zones. Oxygen-starved dead zones occur in coastal waters when pollution disrupts natural oxygen-creating processes. Several oxygen-depleted dead zones have developed in Puget Sound and Hood Canal, and new dead zones may emerge in other parts of the Sound.

This phenomenon leads to the suffocation of important food sources for fish and shellfish, it creates hazardous conditions for both plant and animal life, and it has serious ecological and economic impacts on the region.

The Ecology and Parks Committee will be briefed on current statutes, policies, and issues relating to stormwater and its effects on Puget Sound and Hood Canal.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Jaclyn Ford

**Project Title: Climate Change Policies**

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor the Western Climate Initiative, the state Integrated Climate Change Response Strategy, and the policies within the Executive Order on Climate Change 09-05.**

**Project Description:**

In 2007 the governors of Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington formed the Western Climate Initiative. They were later joined by Montana and Utah, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec. Other U.S., Canadian, and Mexican states have joined as observers.

In 2009, the Governor signed Executive Order 09-05 ordering state agencies to reduce their climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions, to increase transportation and fuel-conservation options for Washington residents, and to protect the state's water supplies and vulnerable coastal areas.

In 2009, legislation was enacted that required the Department of Ecology and the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resources, and Transportation to develop an integrated climate change response strategy. The Department of Ecology must compile an initial climate change response strategy that summarizes the best known science on climate change impacts to the state; assesses Washington's vulnerability to the identified climate change impacts; prioritizes solutions; and identifies recommended funding mechanisms and technical and essential resources necessary for implementing solutions.

The Ecology and Parks Committee will monitor climate change policies in the Western Climate Initiative, the state Integrated Climate Change Response Strategy, and the Executive Order to ensure Committee members remain up-to-date on current climate change policies and strategies.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Jaclyn Ford



**House of Representatives  
Education  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Practices and Innovations in Primary Education</li> </ul>	Work Session
December (Day Before Committee Assembly)	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee, Joint with Higher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Topics in Teacher Preparation</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revising Educator Evaluation Systems</li> <li>• School Improvement and Accountability System Update</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Best Practices and Innovations in Primary Education**

**Project Goal:**

**Identify strategies and best practices in primary education that are intended to maintain learning gains from early learning and full-day kindergarten programs.**

**Project Description:**

Research shows a positive impact on student achievement from early learning and full-day kindergarten programs, particularly for disadvantaged children. However, research also indicates that the achievement gains from such early intervention programs are often lost after a short period of time. The Education Committee will examine the research literature on innovations in primary education to identify strategies that might maintain the learning gains from early learning programs. The Committee will also hear from representatives from schools and school districts that have built strong early learning programs to understand what changes they have made in instructional practices and curriculum in the primary grades.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Barbara McLain and Cece Clynch

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**Project Title: Current Topics in Teacher Preparation**

**Project Goal:**

Receive updates on initiatives and innovative programs intended to recruit, retain, and prepare high quality teachers to meet the educational needs in today's schools.

**Project Description:**

The Education Committee and the Higher Education Committee will meet jointly to receive updates on various current initiatives and innovative programs in teacher recruitment, retention, and preparation.

Topics include:

- 1) The Recruiting Washington Teachers Program, where colleges of education partner with a school district to provide a curriculum and academic support to encourage diverse high school students to consider the teaching profession;
- 2) Strategies to increase the supply of mathematics and science teachers, including review of the plans submitted by the public colleges of education in 2009 and further work to implement those plans required under legislation enacted in 2010 (E2SSB 6696 - Education Reform); and
- 3) Alternative routes to teacher preparation, including an update from the Professional Educator Standards Board on proposals from non-higher education providers and all public colleges of education, both of which were addressed in E2SSB 6696.

In addition, the Committees will invite a representative from Teach For America to make a presentation on the challenges and opportunities of operating this type of alternative route program in Washington. Several public and private colleges of education will be invited to make presentations on innovative preparation programs that are designed in partnership with local school districts or targeted to recruiting and preparing teachers to address specific needs.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session, joint with Higher Education

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Barbara McLain, Andi Smith, Cece Clynych

**Project Title: Revising Educator Evaluation Systems**

**Project Goal:**

Monitor implementation of changes to educator evaluation criteria and processes, including development of models for including student growth data as part of the evaluation process.

**Project Description:**

Legislation enacted in 2010 (E2SSB 6696 - Education Reform) established new minimum criteria for evaluating the performance of teachers and principals and directed the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to work with selected school districts to develop and implement new evaluation models based on a four-level scoring rubric. The OSPI and the school districts will also develop models for incorporating multiple measures of student growth data into the evaluation process. The Education Committee will monitor the progress of these efforts, with a focus on greater understanding of the options and challenges for fairly and objectively including student growth data in an evaluation.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Barbara McLain and Cece Clynych

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**Project Title: School Improvement and Accountability System Update**

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor progress and implementation of the new school and district accountability system.**

**Project Description:**

The 2010 Legislature authorized a new system of school and district accountability focused on persistently-lowest performing schools as defined by federal rules and guidelines. These schools were identified in March 2010 and school districts were invited to apply for significant federal school improvement grants to begin implementation of turnaround plans beginning in the fall of 2010. Close monitoring of the progress and strategies used in these plans will be particularly important because, under the 2010 legislation (E2SSB 6696 - Education Reform), some school districts may be required to develop and implement plans rather than be given the option to do so. Teachers, principals, and administrators from a sample of the identified schools and school districts will be invited to make presentations on the challenges they faced in developing turnaround plans, as well as the strategies they have chosen to implement over the next three years.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Barbara McLain and Cece Clynych

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**House of Representatives  
Education Appropriations  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee Joint w/ Higher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher Education Finance and Accountability</li> </ul>	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of Basic Education Reforms (SHB 2776 and E2SSB 6696)</li> <li>• Update on How School Districts are Managing Budget Reductions</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2011-13 Budget Outlook</li> <li>• Early Learning Program Study</li> <li>• Implementation of Opportunity Express/Workforce Training</li> <li>• Implementation of Basic Education Reforms (SHB 2776 and E2SSB 6696)</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Higher Education Finance and Accountability**

**Project Goal:**

Develop a better understanding of higher education finance and methods for aligning funding with performance.

**Project Description:**

A meeting will be held jointly with the Higher Education Committee to receive updates on the development of a performance agreement template for all baccalaureate institutions. Topics may include presentations regarding how higher education is currently funded and methods for the state to shift to an outcome-based funding model rather than a system based on funding enrollments, discussion of options for identifying dedicated higher education funding sources (including the implementation of ESSB 6409) as well as an overview of current required accountability reporting and a discussion of methods for consolidating and/or removing some accountability requirements.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Serah Stetson

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**Project Title: Implementation of Basic Education Reforms (SHB 2776 and E2SSB 6696)**

**Project Goal:**

Monitor implementation of basic education reforms.

**Project Description:**

Legislation enacted during the 2009 and 2010 session that implemented basic education reforms includes:

- ESHB 2261 (2009) established a framework for a new definition of basic education and funding formulas, to be phased in over the next several years. As part of the implementation, the Legislature created several workgroups and created the Quality Education Council (QEC).
- E2SSB 6696 (2010) established minimum educator evaluation criteria and processes, and authorized a new system of school district accountability.

The Committee will monitor the implementation of education reform (especially ESHB 2261 and E2SSB 6696), including the work of the QEC.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Ben Rarick, Kristen Fraser and Wendy Polzin

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**Project Title: Update on How School Districts are Managing Budget Reductions**

**Project Goal:**

Inform the Committee about approaches school districts are taking to manage budget reductions.

**Project Description:**

In the 2009-11 biennial state operating budget, including the 2010 supplemental budget, K-12 public schools received a reduction of approximately 5.5% of Near General Fund-State support (including \$376 million in federal ARRA funds received by the state and excluding employee compensation changes such as suspending I-732 COLAs).

This project will review the approaches school districts are taking to manage budget reductions.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Ben Rarick

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**Project Title: 2011-13 Budget Outlook**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on the budget outlook for the 2011 session.

**Project Description:**

The 2011 Legislature will consider a 2011 supplemental state operating budget for the 2009-11 biennium that ends June 30, 2011, and must adopt a 2011-13 biennial state operating budget for the biennium that begins July 1, 2011. The Committee will be briefed on the budget outlook facing the 2011 Legislature, including recent revenue and caseload forecasts.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Charlie Gavigan

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**Project Title: Early Learning Program Study**

**Project Goal:**

Update on the report and plan regarding a program of early learning.

**Project Description:**

SSB 6759 creates a technical workgroup convened by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of Early Learning, and monitored and overseen by the Quality Education Council, to develop a plan for a voluntary program of early learning. The plan is to examine opportunities and barriers for at least two options: (1) a program of early learning under basic education; and (2) a program of early learning as a statutory or constitutional entitlement. The final report/plan is due November 1, 2011.

The Committee will be briefed on the deliberations of the workgroup.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Wendy Polzin

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**Project Title: Implementation of Opportunity Express/Workforce Training**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on the implementation of E2SHB 2630 (opportunity express program).

**Project Description:**

E2SHB 2630 created the Opportunity Express Account to be used for the Worker Retraining Program, Employment Security Department approved training programs, the Opportunity Internship Program, the Opportunity Grants program, and other specified training programs. The 2010 supplemental state operating budget appropriated \$17.5 million from the Opportunity Express Account for worker retraining and \$1 million for Opportunity Grants in addition to funds appropriated in the biennial state operating budget for these purposes.

The Committee will be briefed on the implementation of E2SHB 2630.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Serah Stetson

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**House of Representatives  
Environmental Health  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Air Quality	Work Session

**Project Title: Air Quality**

**Project Goal:**

**Brief members on the new federal air quality restrictions and their implication for different areas of the state.**

**Project Description:**

The U.S. EPA recently lowered the threshold for air quality based on small particulate matter. This resulted in some areas of the state being designated as nonattainment areas. Certain local business and industrial operating restrictions result from this designation. Air quality threshold standards for ozone will be lowered in late summer. This will have implications for areas of the state that cannot meet these lower standards. The Committee members will be briefed on the human health impacts of these types of air pollution, their sources, the status of areas of nonattainment, and what that designation means for local communities. Legislative solutions may be proposed.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Pam Madson

**House of Representatives  
Finance  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
July 22	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiscal Note Process</li> <li>• Economic and Revenue Forecast</li> <li>• Telecommunication Taxes</li> <li>• Uniform Tax Treatment of Public Utility Districts and other Municipal Utilities</li> </ul>	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Administration of Local Business and Occupation Taxes</li> <li>• State Funding of Local Infrastructure Projects</li> <li>• Economic and Revenue Forecast</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent Tax Legislation</li> <li>• Streamlined Sales Tax Issues</li> <li>• Economic and Revenue Forecast</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Fiscal Note Process**

**Project Goal:**

Brief the Committee on the fiscal note process.

**Project Description:**

State law requires the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to coordinate the development of fiscal impact statements (fiscal notes) for legislation or legislative proposals. The OFM must also approve fiscal notes for form, accuracy, and completeness. The purpose of this process is to provide the Legislature with the estimated fiscal impact of legislation that is going through the legislative process. During the 2010 legislative session, the fiscal notes for certain revenue-related bills raised questions regarding the methodology used in the preparation of fiscal notes. The Committee will be briefed by staff from the Department of Revenue and the OFM on the development of fiscal notes on revenue related bills.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Rick Peterson

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**Project Title: Economic and Revenue Forecast**

**Project Goal:**

Brief the Committee on economic and revenue forecast.

**Project Description:**

The state's economic and revenue forecast is updated four times a year. The forecast is adopted by the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council. The Council is made up of members of the House and Senate and two Governor appointees. The Committee will receive a briefing on the forecast after the June, September, and November updates.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Three work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Rick Peterson

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**Project Title: Telecommunication Taxes**

**Project Goal:**

**Brief the Committee on issues related to the taxation of telecommunications services.**

**Project Description:**

Telecommunications services include wireline telephone service, wireless communications, cable television service, satellite-based services, and Internet services. The property and excise taxation for these various telecommunications services is not uniform. The Committee will be briefed on issues related to the taxation of telecommunications services including:

1. The state and local tax treatment for various telecommunications services; and
2. The issues associated with the potential statewide administration of local telecommunications service taxes.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Jeff Mitchell

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**Project Title: Uniform Tax Treatment of Public Utility Districts and other Municipal Utilities**

**Project Goal:**

**Brief the Committee on issues associated with providing uniform excise tax treatment of various municipal utilities.**

**Project Description:**

Public Utility Districts and other municipal utilities are subject to various excise taxes. The exact type of excise taxes imposed on a municipal utility can vary depending upon whether the utility is operated by a city or town or the utility is structured as a public utility district or some other type of special purpose district. The Committee will be briefed on issues associated with providing uniform excise tax treatment for various municipal utilities.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Rick Peterson

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**Project Title: State Administration of Local Business and Occupation Taxes**

**Project Goal:**

Brief the Committee on issues associated with the potential state administration of local business and occupation taxes.

**Project Description:**

Many cities within the state impose business and occupation (B&O) taxes. Unlike local sales taxes, which are administered by the state, local B&O taxes are administered independently by the city imposing the B&O tax. The Committee will be briefed on issues associated with the potential state administration of local B&O taxes.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Jeff Mitchell

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**Project Title: State Funding of Local Infrastructure Projects**

**Project Goal:**

Brief the Committee on the various methods and fiscal issues associated with the allocation of state funds to local government infrastructure projects.

**Project Description:**

The state assists local governments in funding local infrastructure projects in a number of ways. For example, certain state tax revenues are appropriated to local government infrastructure projects through the capital budget process; and a portion of state sales taxes are diverted to local governments through various local infrastructure financing programs. The Committee will be briefed on the leading methods and fiscal issues associated with the state funding of local infrastructure projects.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Susan Howson

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**Project Title: Recent Tax Legislation**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on issues associated with the passage of recent tax legislation.

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 legislative session, a number of revenue related bills were adopted. The Committee will be updated on a number of issues associated with the implementation of these bills including:

1. The implementation of the sales tax on candy (Part 9, 2ESSB 6143);
2. The implementation of the service business and occupation tax rate increase (Part 11, 2ESSB 6143);
3. The implementation of the changes to the minimum nexus standards (Part 1, 2ESSB 6143);
4. The implementation of the tobacco tax rate increases and the change to weight-based taxation of moist snuff (HB 2493);
5. The implementation of the carbonated beverage tax, including a discussion of issues associated with the bottler exemption (Part 14, 2ESSB 6143); and
6. The implementation of the tax rate increase on beer. (Part 13, 2ESSB 6143)

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Rick Peterson

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**Project Title: Streamlined Sales Tax Issues**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on streamlined sales tax issues.

**Project Description:**

The streamlined sales and use tax agreement (SSUTA) is a multi-state agreement that seeks to simplify and modernize sales and use tax administration for the member states in order to substantially reduce the burden of tax compliance. Some of the SSUTA's chief requirements are the state level administration of sales and use tax collections, uniformity in state and local tax bases, uniformity in major tax base definitions, and the simplification of state and local tax rates. Washington is a full member of the SSUTA. To maintain Washington's status as a full member, Washington must from time to time conform its sales and use tax law to policies adopted by the national agreement. The Committee will be updated on recent developments regarding the SSUTA.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Jeff Mitchell

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**House of Representatives  
Financial Institutions & Insurance  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Insurer Investment Regulation Modernization</li></ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Bank</li><li>• Flood Insurance</li></ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Insurer Investment Regulation Modernization**

**Project Goal:**

**Review insurer investment regulation and discuss possible legislation.**

**Project Description:**

The Insurance Commissioner oversees insurers' investments as a part of the effort to ensure solvency of insurers. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has alternative models on the subject of insurer investments. The NAIC models have been revised over time.

Legislation on this subject was contemplated for the 2009 session by the Insurance Commissioner but was not pursued at that time. Instead, a stakeholder group was convened to review the NAIC models and work on adapting the best features for use in this state.

The Committee will review the efforts of the workgroup and discuss possible legislation for the 2011 session.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Jon Hedegard

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**Project Title: State Bank**

**Project Goal:**

**Review state bank legislative activity in other states.**

**Project Description:**

Bills regarding the subject of a state bank have been introduced in a number of states across the U.S. in the last several months, including Washington. These bills have taken many different approaches to creating a state bank.

The Committee will review the various legislative proposals that are being contemplated by other state legislatures. The Committee will also compare those proposals with the 2010 legislation on the subject in this state (HB 3162 and HJR 4224).

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Alison Hellberg & Jon Hedegard

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**Project Title: Flood Insurance**

**Project Goal:**

**Review the situation affecting the Green River Valley and the implementation of flood insurance legislation to determine if further legislative action is necessary or useful.**

**Project Description:**

In 2010, legislation concerning access to flood insurance for businesses in the Green River Valley was enacted (ESB 2560). The legislation required the Insurance Commissioner to establish a Market Assistance Plan (MAP) to help persons and entities looking for flood insurance. A MAP does not create an insuring entity or compel placement; it assists in finding insurers willing to take risks. The legislation also gave the Insurance Commissioner the ability to create a Joint Underwriting Authority (JUA) if certain conditions are met. A JUA is an insuring entity made up of insurers licensed to sell that type of product.

The Committee will review the implementation of ESB 2560 and examine the market for purchasers of flood insurance in the Green River Valley area. Additional legislation may be contemplated.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Jon Hedegard



**House of Representatives  
General Government Appropriations  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Auditor's Office Performance Audit Work Plan</li> <li>• Update on Technology Efficiencies</li> <li>• Update on Judicial Branch Information Technology Modernization</li> <li>• Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Shared Land Management Responsibilities</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Outlook for the 2011 Legislative Session</li> <li>• Update on the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Funding Model</li> <li>• Update on the State Parks and Recreation Commission Funding</li> <li>• Update on Department of Corrections Caseloads and the Implementation of Changes Impacting the Supervision and Institution Populations</li> <li>• Update on Strategic Printing</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: State Auditor's Office Performance Audit Work Plan**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on State Auditor performance audits related to general government agencies.

**Project Description:**

In March 2010, the State Auditor's Office updated its 2010-2013 State Government Performance Audit work plan, identifying 30 audits to be carried out under the authority of Initiative 900. The Committee will be updated on the scope, status, and timelines for planned performance audits related to general government agencies.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Melissa Palmer

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**Project Title: Update on Technology Efficiencies**

**Project Goal:**

Monitor implementation of technology efficiencies.

**Project Description:**

The 2010 supplemental state operating budget includes a section directing the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to work with agencies to generate \$30 million in State General Fund savings from technology efficiencies in FY 2011, consistent with ESHB 3178 (state government technology use). The Committee will be briefed on the strategies for attaining savings and how the savings are allocated to agencies.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Steve Smith

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**Project Title: Update on Judicial Branch Information Technology Modernization**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on judicial branch information technology activities.

**Project Description:**

The 2009-11 state operating budget and the 2010 supplemental state operating budget provided \$13.5 million for judicial branch information technology activities. The Committee will be briefed on the judicial branch information technology operational plan and on the status of court information technology modernization efforts.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Alex MacBain

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**Project Title: Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Shared Land Management Responsibilities**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on shared land management services between the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Project Description:**

The 2010 supplemental state operating budget requires the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to enter into an interagency agreement for land management services by October 1, 2010. The Committee will be briefed on each department's role and responsibilities for land management services under the agreement, including business processes, service delivery expectations, and costs.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Owen Rowe

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**Project Title: Budget Outlook for the 2011 Legislative Session**

**Project Goal:**

Provide a preview of major budget issues facing the 2011 Legislature.

**Project Description:**

The 2011 Legislature will consider a 2011 supplemental state operating budget for the 2009-11 biennium that ends June 30, 2011, and must adopt a 2011-13 biennial budget for the biennium that begins on July 1, 2011. The Committee will be briefed on the budget outlook facing the 2011 Legislature, focusing on the status of the balance sheet based on recent revenue and caseload forecasts, and carryforward and other adjustments.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Charlie Gavigan and Dave Johnson

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**Project Title: Update on the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Funding Model**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on the Department of Fish and Wildlife's development of a long-term funding model.

**Project Description:**

The 2010 supplemental state operating budget requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop a long-term funding model, assessing the appropriate uses of each fund source and whether the department's current and projected revenue levels are adequate to sustain its current programs. The Committee will be briefed on the department's recommendations for a long-term funding model.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Owen Rowe

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**Project Title: Update on the State Parks and Recreation Commission Funding**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on the State Parks and Recreation Commission funding and the impact of the voluntary donation program.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will be briefed on the State Parks and Recreation Commission's funding and the revenue collected from the voluntary donation program.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Owen Rowe

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**Project Title: Update on Department of Corrections Caseloads and the Implementation of Changes Impacting the Supervision and Institution Populations**

**Project Goal:**

Provide the Committee with an update on the Department of Corrections caseloads and the implementation of changes impacting the supervision and institution populations.

**Project Description:**

In the 2009-11 biennium, legislation was enacted directing a number of changes impacting the Department of Corrections supervision and institution populations, including the expansion of Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative program, creation of a housing voucher program for certain offenders, and creation of a parent sentencing alternative. The Committee will be briefed on the Department of Corrections caseloads and the implementation of changes impacting the supervision and institution populations that were enacted during the 2009-11 biennium.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Alex MacBain

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**Project Title: Update on Strategic Printing**

**Project Goal:**

Monitor implementation of printing efficiencies.

**Project Description:**

The 2010 supplemental state operating budget includes a section directing the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to work with agencies to generate savings from printing efficiencies in FY 2011, including a pilot project allowing selected state agencies to contract with the private sector for printing and binding orders. The Committee will be briefed on the strategies for attaining savings and how the savings are allocated to agencies.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Sara del Moral

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**House of Representatives  
Health & Human Services Appropriations  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring the Status of the Safety Net</li> </ul>	Work Session
December	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remediating Racial Disproportionality in Child Welfare Practices</li> <li>• Block Grant Opportunities in the Children's Administration</li> <li>• Reforms to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program</li> <li>• Tobacco Prevention Activities</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security Lifeline</li> <li>• ProviderOne Implementation</li> <li>• Reforming Auditing Functions</li> <li>• DSHS Restructuring</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Monitoring the Status of the Safety Net**

**Project Goal:**

Understand the impacts of recent budget reductions and program reforms on the system of public assistance providers.

**Project Description:**

The 2009-11 biennial state operating budget and the 2010 supplemental budget made significant reductions in most areas of the health and human services safety net. In addition, there have been substantial changes to the eligibility and operation of several programs affecting people using safety net services, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Security Lifeline (formerly General Assistance-Unemployable).

The Committee will hold a work session to receive an update from representatives of those areas of the health and human services safety net that are within the Committee's jurisdiction regarding the impact of budget reductions and the implementation of changes to several safety net programs.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Chris Blake, Erik Cornellier, Carma Matti-Jackson, Melissa Palmer, Wendy Polzin, Trista Zugel

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**Project Title: Remediating Racial Disproportionality in Child Welfare Practices**

**Project Goal:**

Review the impact that selected interventions have on racial disproportionality within the child welfare system.

**Project Description:**

The disproportionate representation of a racial or ethnic group within a system is often referred to as racial disproportionality. During the 2009 session, SSB 5882 was enacted, which directs the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to evaluate the impact that structured decision-making and the family team decision-making model have on racial disproportionality in Washington's child welfare system and report its findings by September 1, 2010.

The Committee will conduct a work session to review the results of the WSIPP study. The Committee will also receive an update from the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities, including information on the use of health impact review forms.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Chris Blake; Melissa Palmer

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**Project Title: Block Grant Opportunities in the Children's Administration**

**Project Goal:**

Evaluate the implementation of block grants for prevention and early intervention services and the potential for block grants for adolescent services.

**Project Description:**

HB 2106, enacted in 2009, required that DSHS convert its contracts for child welfare services to performance-based contracts. The 2010 supplemental state operating budget directs the Children's Administration (DSHS) to develop block grants for the provision of prevention and early intervention services. In addition, the Children's Administration is contracting for a pilot project with at least one adolescent services provider to provide a continuum of short-term crisis stabilization services.

The Committee will monitor the transition to block grants and the progress of the pilot project and will conduct a work session to receive information about the results.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Melissa Palmer

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**Project Title: Reforms to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program**

**Project Goal:**

Review the work of legislative members and the WorkFirst Subcabinet to design and implement fiscal and programmatic modifications to provide for the sustainability of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program.

**Project Description:**

In the 2010 legislative session, the Office of Financial Management informed the Legislature of a funding shortfall in the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) at the end of FY 2011. The 2010 supplemental state operating budget instructs the WorkFirst Subcabinet to work with the Legislature to design and implement fiscal and programmatic modifications to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program to provide for sustainability of services.

The Committee will be briefed on the TANF program, programmatic changes, and funding for the remainder of FY 2011.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Wendy Polzin

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**Project Title: Tobacco Prevention Activities**

**Project Goal:**

**Understand the impacts of recent reductions to the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program budget and options for continuing tobacco prevention activities.**

**Project Description:**

The Tobacco Prevention and Control Program at the Department of Health aims to reduce smoking rates through prevention, awareness, and cessation efforts. Funding for tobacco prevention and awareness activities at the Department of Health was reduced by \$22 million in the 2009-11 biennial budget.

The Committee will review available funding for tobacco prevention, the changes to the program to meet reduced budget levels, and the impacts of the decreased funding on the residents of Washington, including racial and ethnic minority populations.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Chris Blake

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**Project Title: Security Lifeline**

**Project Goal:**

**Review the implementation of the Security Lifeline Act's reforms of the General Assistance Unemployable program.**

**Project Description:**

The Security Lifeline Act, which was enacted in 2010, renamed the General Assistance Unemployable program and made various reforms including placing time limits on eligibility, requiring chemical dependency treatment for addicted clients, providing a housing voucher in lieu of a cash grant for homeless clients with addictions or mental illnesses, and expediting the transition from Lifeline benefits to Lifeline Expedited benefits.

The Committee will monitor the implementation of the Act and conduct a work session to inform the Committee about the progress that has been made and the challenges of implementation.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Erik Cornellier and Wendy Polzin

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**Project Title: ProviderOne Implementation**

**Project Goal:**

**Understand the status of the implementation of the ProviderOne payment processing system and its impact on clients and service providers.**

**Project Description:**

For several years, the Department of Social and Health Services has been working on a new payment processing system to replace the Medicaid Management Information System. This new system, called "ProviderOne," is expected to reduce costs and errors while providing greater decision support. ProviderOne is expected to be fully implemented in May 2010.

The Committee will receive an update on the implementation of the ProviderOne system and its impacts on clients and service providers.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Erik Cornellier

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**Project Title: Reforming Auditing Functions**

**Project Goal:**

**Review the various audits required of health and human services providers and ways to reduce the impacts of these audits.**

**Project Description:**

State health and human services agencies direct the service providers that they contract with to comply with several accountability measures. In recent years the Committee has held hearings on bills that would reduce the impacts of these audits on the service providers. The Department of Social and Health Services has been exploring ways to streamline its audit and oversight programs to minimize the impact on providers while maintaining its efforts to reduce erroneous billing and prevent fraud.

The Committee will monitor the agency's efforts to reduce the burden of auditing activities on service providers.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Erik Cornellier; Carma Matti-Jackson; Melissa Palmer, Wendy Polzin; Trista Zugel

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**Project Title: DSHS Restructuring**

**Project Goal:**

**Assess efforts to restructure programs at the Department of Social and Health Services and the effects on clients receiving health and human services benefits.**

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 legislative session there were several bills relating to the restructuring of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). Although none of those bills passed, DSHS has undertaken a plan to coordinate the services of several programs to meet the needs of specific client populations. In addition, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) is reorganizing its functions internally and also aligning its activities externally with the Health Care Authority.

The Committee will receive an update on the status of restructuring efforts with DSHS generally and HRSA specifically.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Chris Blake; Erik Cornellier; Carma Matti-Jackson



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## STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

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**Project Title:** State Response to Federal Health Reform

**Project Goal:**

Understand the elements of the recently enacted federal health reform legislation on state-purchased health care and the progress of the Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation.

**Project Description:**

The federal government recently enacted the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which will change the way that many people select health insurance coverage. In addition, there will be several new responsibilities that the state must assume which will require policy and fiscal decisions by the Legislature. In addition to a work group established by the Governor, a select committee of 10 legislators has been created to study the state's response to the new legislation.

Committee staff will monitor the activities of the Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** None

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Chris Blake and Erik Cornellier

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**Project Title:** Review of Residential Habilitation Center Resources

**Project Goal:**

Review current Residential Habilitation Center services and resources and understand alternatives for a more effective and efficient use of the Centers.

**Project Description:**

The Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities operates five Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs) for clients with developmental disabilities. They are Fircrest School in Shoreline, Rainier School in Buckley, Francis Haddon Morgan Center in Bremerton, Lakeland Village in Medical Lake, and Yakima Valley School in Yakima. They serve approximately 1,000 individuals, or five percent of the department's client base. These centers provide comprehensive medical and psychological care as well as habilitation and other supports.

Committee staff will conduct a review of the resources and services available at the RHCs, with a special focus on whether these resources are being fully utilized.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** None

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Trista Zugel

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**House of Representatives  
Health Care & Wellness  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Insurance Partnership Implementation</li> <li>• Oversight of the Washington Vaccine Association</li> <li>• Improving Birth Outcomes</li> </ul>	Work Session
December	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing National Health Care Reform</li> <li>• Health Care Agency Reorganization</li> <li>• Health Care Coverage for K-12 Employees through the PEBB</li> <li>• Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults</li> </ul>	Work Session/Public Hearing

**Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
May 26	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	SeaTac	Full Committee	• Implementing National Health Care Reform	Work Session
July 30	10:00 AM	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementing National Health Care Reform	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementing National Health Care Reform	Work Session
December	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementing National Health Care Reform	Work Session

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**Project Title: Health Insurance Partnership Implementation**

**Project Goal:**

Provide oversight on the implementation of the Health Insurance Partnership.

**Project Description:**

The Health Insurance Partnership (HIP) will begin accepting applications for health coverage in September 2010, and will begin providing subsidized health coverage for low-income individuals in January 2011. The Committee will monitor the development and operation of the Health Insurance Partnership and identify any issues that will need to be addressed to ensure the HIP will comply with the national health care reform legislation related to the operation of statewide health care exchanges.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Knutson

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**Project Title: Oversight of the Washington Vaccine Association**

**Project Goal:**

Oversee the development and operation of the Washington Vaccine Association

**Project Description:**

The Washington Vaccine Association was established to maintain the universal purchase and distribution of vaccines for children. The Committee will conduct a work session to receive testimony on the establishment and operation of the Association and determine what steps can be taken to improve the vaccination rates for children.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Knutson

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**Project Title: Improving Birth Outcomes**

**Project Goal:**

Identify steps that can be taken to improve birth outcomes, including a reduction in Caesarian births.

**Project Description:**

Several groups of health care providers are working on strategies to improve birth outcomes and reduce the number of babies born by Caesarian birth. The Committee will conduct a work session to receive information from the Department of Health, the Department of Social and Health Services, and health care providers to determine how to improve birth outcomes.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Knutson

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**Project Title: Implementing National Health Care Reform**

**Project Goal:**

Identify statutory and budgetary changes necessary to implement national health care reform.

**Project Description:**

National health care reform phases in several changes to the private health insurance market and public health care programs between 2010 and 2014. The Committee will work with the Governor's health cabinet and the Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation to develop and implement national health care reform.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** January 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Knutson and Jim Morishima

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**Project Title: Health Care Agency Reorganization**

**Project Goal:**

Review the reorganization of the Department of Social and Health Services and the Health Care Authority proposed by the Governor.

**Project Description:**

Governor Gregoire has proposed to reorganize elements of the Department of Social and Health Services related to mental health, chemical dependency, and health care services. In addition, the Health Care Authority and portions of the Department of Social and Health Services related to health care services will be merged under the proposal.

The Committee will review the proposed merger and reorganization to determine the impact on clients served by each program. The Committee will conduct a work session to receive information about the proposed administrative changes and determine whether statutory changes are necessary to allow for the implementation of the proposal.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** January 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Knutson

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**Project Title: Health Care Coverage for K-12 Employees through the PEBB**

**Project Goal:**

Determine whether providing health coverage for K-12 employees through the Public Employees Benefit Board is advisable.

**Project Description:**

The State Auditor is conducting a performance audit to determine whether K-12 employees should receive their health coverage through the Public Employees Benefit Board. The Committee will hold a public hearing on the Auditor's final report and recommendations.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One public hearing

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Knutson

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**Project Title: Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults**

**Project Goal:**

Identify methods to improve the abuse and neglect response system in the Department of Social and Health Services for vulnerable adults.

**Project Description:**

The Department of Social and Health Services has established a work group to address the need for continuous improvement of the state's abuse and neglect response system for vulnerable adults. The Committee will conduct a work session to explore ways to improve the existing abuse and neglect response system for vulnerable adults.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Knutson

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## JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

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**Project Title:** Implementing National Health Care Reform

**Project Goal:**

Identify state statutory and fiscal changes needed to implement national health care reform.

**Project Description:**

The Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation was established by a proviso in the state supplemental operating budget. It will review recently enacted federal legislation designed to expand health coverage and determine whether state statutory and fiscal changes are needed to ensure its implementation. The Joint Select Committee is proposing to create three advisory committees with between 12 and 15 stakeholders each. Two legislators from the Joint Select Committee will serve on each advisory committee. The advisory committees will be staffed by legislative staff. The number of advisory committee meetings is unknown, but could meet as often as monthly.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Four work sessions, plus advisory committee meetings

**Completion Date:** January 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Knutson, Jim Morishima, Chris Blake, Erik Cornellier

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**House of Representatives  
Higher Education  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher Education Finance and Accountability</li> <li>• Performance Contracts and Funding in Higher Education</li> </ul>	Work Session
December (Day before Committee Assembly)	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee joint with Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Topics in Teacher Preparation</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major Reports and Updates</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Higher Education Finance and Accountability**

**Project Goal:**

Develop a better understanding of higher education finance and methods for aligning funding with performance.

**Project Description:**

A meeting will be held jointly with the Education Appropriations Committee to receive updates on the development of a performance agreement template for all baccalaureate institutions. Topics may include updates on the detailed components of the performance indicators template, staff and agency presentations regarding how higher education is currently funded and methods for the state to shift to an outcome-based funding model rather than a system based on funding enrollments, discussion of options for identifying dedicated higher education funding sources - including the implementation of ESSB 6409, as well as an overview of current required accountability reporting and a discussion of methods for consolidating and/or removing some accountability requirements.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Andi Smith

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**Project Title: Performance Contracts and Funding in Higher Education**

**Project Goal:**

Receive updates from the baccalaureate institutions on the development of their performance agreements and begin to chart the course for future agreements.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will conduct a work session on performance agreements in higher education. The Higher Education Coordinating Board, the baccalaureate institutions, the Council of Presidents, and the Education Research and Data Center will be invited to participate in the work session.

The institutions will be asked to report on their progress in developing performance agreements, pursuant to requirements in the state operating budget, and recommend actions needed to fully implement the agreements at all baccalaureate institutions.

The Committee will be briefed on the revised, first draft of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's template of performance measures. The discussion will also be used to clarify goals of using the agreements - e.g. what does the Legislature want? What do the institutions want? Can these goals be achieved through performance agreements?

The Committee and invited stakeholders will set goals and expectations for summer work.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Andi Smith

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**Project Title: Current Topics in Teacher Preparation**

**Project Goal:**

Receive updates on initiatives and innovative programs intended to recruit, retain, and prepare high quality teachers to meet the educational needs in today's schools.

**Project Description:**

The Education Committee and the Higher Education Committee will meet jointly to receive updates on various current initiatives and innovative programs in teacher recruitment, retention, and preparation.

Topics include:

- 1) The Recruiting Washington Teachers Program, where colleges of education partner with a school district to provide a curriculum and academic support to encourage diverse high school students to consider the teaching profession;
- 2) Strategies to increase the supply of mathematics and science teachers, including review of the plans submitted by the public colleges of education in 2009 and further work to implement those plans required under legislation enacted in 2010 (E2SSB 6696 - Education Reform); and
- 3) Alternative routes to teacher preparation, including an update from the Professional Educator Standards Board on proposals from non-higher education providers and all public colleges of education, both of which were addressed in E2SSB 6696.

In addition, the Committees will invite a representative from Teach For America to make a presentation on the challenges and opportunities of operating this type of alternative route program in Washington. Several public and private colleges of education will be invited to make presentations on innovative preparation programs that are designed in partnership with local school districts or targeted to recruiting and preparing teachers to address specific needs.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session joint with Education

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Cece Clynch

**Project Title: Major Reports and Updates**

**Project Goal:**

Receive updates from various agencies and institutions on projects assigned during previous legislative sessions.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will receive updates on major reports relating to higher education. Potential topics include:

- SB 6359 requires the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to put together a plan for increasing efficiencies within the community and technical college system. Increased efficiencies may be achieved by consolidating academic programs, better coordinating of administrative functions, and merging community college districts. The Board is required to submit a preliminary report regarding the implementation plan in December 2010.
- HB 2344 required the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to conduct a performance audit of the state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College. The purpose of the audit was to create a transparent link between revenues, expenditures, and performance outcomes, and the strategic master plan for higher education. The report is due in December of 2010.
- HB 2119 required the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and several other educational stakeholder groups to report to the Legislature on student participation in dual credit programs like Running Start, College in the High School, Advanced Placement, and Tech Prep. The report must include information on the total number of students that participate and their academic performance, compared to those students who do not participate in dual credit programs. All data must be disaggregated by appropriate demographic category.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Andi Smith

**House of Representatives  
Human Services  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
June 16	10:00 AM	Olympia	Full Committee	• Strategies for Addressing the Increase in Autism Diagnoses	Work Session
June 30	12:00 PM	Monroe Correctional Facility	Full Committee	• Offender Programming at the Special Offender Unit at the Monroe Correctional Facility	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementation of Legislation regarding the Offender Re-entry Community Safety Program	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Effectiveness of Functions Overseen by the Traumatic Brain Injury Council	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Implementation of ESHB 2747 Regarding the Physical Restraint of Incarcerated Pregnant Women and Juveniles	Work Session

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**Project Title: Strategies for Addressing the Increase in Autism Diagnoses**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine the strategies used by Washington and other states in addressing the increase in the incidents/diagnoses of autism.**

**Project Description:**

In 2005, legislation created the Caring for Washington Individuals with Autism Task Force. The task force has examined practices in Washington and other states and made recommendations regarding the growing concerns and increased rate of autism diagnoses. In 2006, the task force found that change was needed in Washington's infrastructure, treatment, training, and funding, and it prepared a report which contained several recommendations to effect the necessary changes.

The work session will examine the current strategies and best practices for diagnosing and providing services for persons with autism and their families and will look at how other states have addressed autism and its increased rate of diagnoses.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** June 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Linda Merelle

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**Project Title: Offender Programming at the Special Offender Unit at the Monroe Correctional Facility**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine programming and treatment available to offenders with special needs.**

**Project Description:**

The Special Offender Unit at the Monroe Correctional Facility houses offenders who have been diagnosed with a mental illness. It is the only facility of its kind in Washington state. During the 2010 session, SB 6610 was enacted. The bill, among other things, authorized the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), based upon an assessment of an unreasonable security risk, to transfer persons who have been found not guilty by reason of insanity to a facility run by the Department of Corrections. Persons found not guilty by reason of insanity are currently housed exclusively in facilities run by DSHS, such as state hospitals.

The work session will provide members with information regarding the staffing, programming, and treatment available to offenders who are held or who may be held at the Special Offender Unit and provide further information regarding the conditions at the facility.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** June 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Linda Merelle

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**Project Title: Implementation of Legislation regarding the Offender Re-entry  
Community Safety Program**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine implementation of legislation regarding the Offender Re-entry Community Safety Program (SHB 1201 and SHB 1300).**

**Project Description:**

The Committee will conduct a work session regarding the Offender Re-entry Community Safety Program (formerly the Dangerous Mentally Ill Offender Program) in the wake of the implementation of SHB 1201, regarding the inclusion of mental health advanced directives in offenders' release plans, and SHB 1300, regarding the release of mental health information and the scope of release of information to appropriate entities, both enacted during the 2009 session.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Linda Merelle

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**Project Title: Effectiveness of Functions Overseen by the Traumatic Brain Injury  
Council**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine the effectiveness of the functions overseen by the Traumatic Brain Injury Council and make recommendations for the development of critical services for individuals with traumatic brain injury.**

**Project Description:**

Legislation created the Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Advisory Council in 2005. The members of the council are from diverse backgrounds and organizations. Its duties include the development of (1) a comprehensive statewide plan to address the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries (TBI); (2) a comprehensive statewide information and referral network for persons with TBI; and (3) a statewide registry to collect data regarding individuals with TBI. Its duties also require it to assess the efforts of the Department of Health and Social Services in providing services for persons with TBI.

The Committee will conduct a work session regarding the effectiveness of the functions overseen by the Traumatic Brain Injury Council and recommendations for the development of critical services for individuals with traumatic brain injury.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Linda Merelle

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**Project Title: Implementation of ESHB 2747 Regarding the Physical Restraint of Incarcerated Pregnant Women and Juveniles**

**Project Goal:**

**Assess the implementation of policies regarding restraints used on pregnant women and youth.**

**Project Description:**

There are approximately 1500 women in the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) and many more women held in custody in city and county jails and juvenile detention facilities. Each year, there are approximately 35 births to women in the custody of the DOC, and one birth to a youth held in a Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration facility. Among the state and local facilities, policies regarding the use of restraints for pregnant women and youths have been inconsistent, and in some cases, nonexistent. During the 2010 session, ESHB 2747 was enacted which uniformly addresses policy requirements for restraints used on pregnant women and youth who are in custody.

The Committee will conduct a work session regarding the implementation of the policies contained in ESHB 2747 regarding personnel training and the use of restraints on pregnant women and youth who are incarcerated in the Department of Corrections, the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, city and county jails, and youth detention centers.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Linda Merelle



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## STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

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**Project Title: Allocation of Court-related Costs of Involuntary Commitment Proceedings**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine the appropriate allocation among the Regional Support Networks of the court-related costs of involuntary commitment proceedings.**

**Project Description:**

The Regional Support Networks (RSNs) are programs responsible for the administration of publicly funded mental health services in the region covered by the RSN. The administration of funding for services related to the involuntary civil commitment of persons falls within the purview of RSNs. Involuntary commitment proceedings usually begin with a 72-hour detention in a facility that has Evaluation and Treatment (E&T) beds so that a mental health professional can obtain information to submit to a court which will determine whether further detention is warranted. The RSNs that have the highest number of E&T beds provide more services to persons who may be committed than the RSNs with few or no beds. As a result, though a person may regularly receive mental health treatment from one RSN, because of a lack of E&T beds, the person may be detained in a different RSN for involuntary commitment proceedings. The RSN where the person is detained will bear the court costs and fees resulting from civil commitment hearings.

The Senate will conduct a work group, comprised of diverse representatives, that will examine options for appropriate allocation among the Regional Support Networks of the court-related costs of involuntary commitment proceedings. The members of the work group will represent RSNs, counties, prosecutors and defense attorneys, consumers, court administrators, and state agencies. Tentatively, there will be three informal meetings. House legislative staff will monitor the progress of the work group.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** None

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Linda Merelle

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**Project Title: Implementation of the Public Safety Review Panel Established Pursuant to ESB 6610 and Litigation Challenging Provisions of ESB 6610**

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor the implementation of the Public Safety Review Panel established in ESB 6610.**

**Project Description:**

An independent Public Safety Review Panel was established in ESB 6610 to review proposals by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) for conditional release, furlough, temporary leaves or movement around facility grounds for persons who have been found "not guilty by reason of insanity." The panel will consist of members appointed by the Governor. After conducting its independent assessment, the panel must provide a written determination of the public safety risk presented by the DSHS proposal, and the panel may provide an alternative recommendation. Both the DSHS proposal and the panel's assessment must be presented to the court. Legislative staff will monitor the implementation of the Public Safety Review Panel.

ESB 6610 also grants the Secretary of the DSHS the authority to place a person, who has been found "not guilty by reason of insanity" and determined to be an unreasonable safety risk, in a facility operated either by the DSHS or the Department of Corrections. Upon enactment of ESB 6610, litigation was initiated challenging the Secretary's authority under this provision. Legislative staff will monitor the progress of the litigation.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** None

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Linda Merelle

**House of Representatives  
Judiciary  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
June 8	10:00 AM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use and Accuracy of Information Disseminated in Background Checks</li> <li>• Disposition of Remains</li> </ul>	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Trust Code</li> <li>• Garnishment Laws</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeds of Trust Foreclosure</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Use and Accuracy of Information Disseminated in Background Checks**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine issues involved with the use and accuracy of information disseminated in background checks for employment and other screening purposes.**

**Project Description:**

Potential employers, landlords, and other members of the public seeking background information on a person can gather information by searching court records or paying screening companies to conduct background searches. Information in court records may include, for example, domestic violence protection orders, unlawful detainer actions, records of criminal convictions, dispositions of criminal cases, and no-contact orders. Sometimes the information gathered by companies conducting background searches may not be current or complete. For example, when a criminal conviction has been vacated, that vacation may or may not be reflected in the background search.

The Committee will have a work session involving stakeholders to examine issues related to the use and accuracy of public information, especially how that information is used and disseminated by screening companies. The Committee will review how the current law addresses the issues raised and whether a legislative response is needed.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** June 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Trudes Tango

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**Project Title: Disposition of Remains**

**Project Goal:**

**Review the law governing the disposition of remains to determine if statutory changes are needed.**

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 session, the Committee considered legislation regarding who has the right to control the remains of a deceased person. In particular, HB 2705 created a process for a person to designate who has the right to control his or her remains and also made changes to the order of priority of persons who have the right to control disposition if the decedent did not make prearrangements. HB 2705 received a hearing but did not pass out of the Judiciary Committee.

The Judiciary Committee will have a work session to discuss the current statutory framework governing disposition of remains and whether improvements to the process are needed. The work session will focus on issues and concerns raised by HB 2705, including mechanisms for a person to designate who has the right to control disposition, the order of priority of persons who have the right to control disposition in the absence of a directive from the decedent, and other procedural issues concerning the disposition of a deceased person's remains.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** June 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Edie Adams

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**Project Title: Uniform Trust Code**

**Project Goal:**

Review and discuss a proposed rewrite of the Uniform Trust Code.

**Project Description:**

The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) has developed legislation making comprehensive changes to the Uniform Trust Code to update the law governing formation and administration of trusts. The Committee will have a work session to educate the Committee members about the Uniform Trust Code and review and discuss the WSBA's proposed changes to the Code.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Courtney Barnes

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**Project Title: Garnishment Laws**

**Project Goal:**

Develop legislation to modify various laws governing garnishment proceedings.

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 session, the Committee heard HB 2523, which would make a number of changes to the laws governing garnishment proceedings. Specifically, the bill permits attorneys to issue writs of garnishment in district court that do not require answers to be filed with the court, court-issued judgments or orders to pay, or other court intervention. The bill also would make changes to garnishment laws concerning: (a) holding estimated interest during garnishment; (b) default judgments against garnishees; (c) ex parte applications for a judgment and order to pay; (d) the duration of continuing liens on earnings; and (e) the modification of statutory forms used in garnishment proceedings. HB 2523 received a hearing but did not pass out of the Judiciary Committee.

Committee members will work with stakeholders to review the changes proposed in HB 2523 and other proposed changes to the laws governing garnishment. The Committee will develop a legislative proposal on amendments to the garnishment laws based on discussions with members and stakeholders.

The Committee will have a work session on the proposed legislation in September.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Courtney Barnes

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**Project Title: Deeds of Trust Foreclosure**

**Project Goal:**

**Review the impacts of ESB 5810, which made changes to the deeds of trust foreclosure process.**

**Project Description:**

ESB 5810, enacted in 2009, made numerous changes to the deeds of trust foreclosure process impacting lenders, borrowers, and tenants living in foreclosed property.

For deeds of trust on owner-occupied residential property made between 2003 and 2007, the lender must meet and confer with the borrower to discuss alternatives to foreclosure before the lender may file a notice of default. Under the 2010 state supplemental operating budget, the Housing Finance Commission (Commission) must conduct a review of the meet and confer requirement. The Commission's review must, at a minimum, examine whether the contact requirement has resulted in an increase in the number of loan modifications and whether additional statutory provisions, such as mandatory mediation, are needed to produce effective communication between beneficiaries and borrowers. The Commission must report its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the Legislature by November 30, 2010.

In addition, ESB 5810 protects a borrower's rights to bring certain claims relating to the foreclosure process and provides that tenants living in certain foreclosed property must be given 60 days' written notice before being removed from the property.

The Committee will hear from the Commission and stakeholders, including lenders and consumer advocate groups, to review the impacts of ESB 5810.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Trudes Tango

**House of Representatives  
Local Government & Housing  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• The Growth Management Act: Reflections on the 20th Anniversary of Washington's Land Use and Planning Framework	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Shoreline Master Program Updates: Requirements of the Shoreline Management Act and Local Government Compliance Actions	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• Affordable Housing Practices in Washington	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	• City Budgets - Obligations, Practices, and Revenues	Work Session

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**Project Title: The Growth Management Act: Reflections on the 20th Anniversary of Washington's Land Use and Planning Framework**

**Project Goal:**

**Review and examine the functioning of the Growth Management Act 20 years after its initial enactment.**

**Project Description:**

2010 is the 20th anniversary of the initial enactment of the Growth Management Act. This milestone presents the Legislature with an appropriate opportunity to examine successes and limitations related to passage of the landmark act. The 20th anniversary also presents the Legislature with an opportunity to prepare for and shape the next 20 years of land use planning in Washington - planning efforts that will be guided by experiences, aspirations, and current economic realities.

In completing this project, the Committee will: review selected GMA amendments that helped shape the act's first two decades; examine efforts to meet local needs and monitor the act's implementation; consider planning trends and anticipated future needs; and solicit input from stakeholders involved in the act's realization. The Committee will conduct a work session in September.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Ethan Moreno and Thamas Osborn

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**Project Title: Shoreline Master Program Updates: Requirements of the Shoreline Management Act and Local Government Compliance Actions**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine local government efforts to comply with Shoreline Management Act requirements mandating shoreline master program updates.**

**Project Description:**

Local governments throughout Washington are amending their shoreline master programs, the locally-adopted shoreline use regulations required by the Shoreline Management Act (SMA). While some jurisdictions have completed their shoreline master program updates, most counties and cities will do so according to a staggered schedule that prescribes deadlines in 2011-2014. The Committee will review local government efforts to comply with SMA requirements and conduct a work session in September.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** September 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Ethan Moreno and Thamas Osborn

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**Project Title: Affordable Housing Practices in Washington**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine the coordination and functioning of selected affordable housing practices in Washington.**

**Project Description:**

Affordable housing practices in Washington are implemented through a combination of public and private sector entities, including the Housing Finance Commission, the Housing Trust Fund, local housing authorities, and private developers. The Committee will examine the interplay between these entities as well as the objectives they individually and collectively pursue. The Committee will also review an affordable housing report that is being prepared by the Department of Commerce and conduct a work session at the December Committee Assembly.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Ethan Moreno and Thamas Osborn

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**Project Title: City Budgets - Obligations, Practices, and Revenues**

**Project Goal:**

**Examine city budgeting practices, including selected obligations, revenue sources, and expenditure limitations.**

**Project Description:**

Washington's cities and towns are the primary local government for approximately 62% of the state's 6.7 million residents. The complexities of meeting community expectations and providing critical governmental services for this segment of the state's population amidst a changing economic climate has created new and exacerbated challenges for municipal leaders. The Committee will examine city: efforts to comply with obligations and revenue trends; infrastructure needs; and principal revenue sources and statutory limitations associated with revenue sources. The Committee will also conduct a work session at the December Committee Assembly.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Ethan Moreno and Thamas Osborn

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**House of Representatives  
Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 9	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime Victims Compensation</li> <li>• Sex Offenders &amp; Sexually Violent Predators</li> </ul>	Public Hearing/ Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bail Workgroup</li> <li>• Civil Gang Injunctions</li> <li>• Legalization of Marijuana</li> </ul>	Public Hearing/ Work Session

**Project Title: Crime Victims Compensation**

**Project Goal:**

**Review the overall Crime Victim's Compensation Program and make recommendations for programmatic and funding changes relating to benefit distributions to victims.**

**Project Description:**

The Washington Crime Victims' Compensation Program (Program) administered by the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) provides benefits to innocent victims of criminal acts. Generally, persons injured by a criminal act in Washington, or their surviving spouses and dependents, are eligible to receive benefits (burial costs, medical treatment, and lost wages) under the Program provided that:

- the criminal act for which compensation is being sought is punishable as a gross misdemeanor or felony;
- the crime was reported to law enforcement within one year of its occurrence or within one year from the time a report could reasonably have been made; and
- the application for crime victims' benefits is made within two years after the crime was reported to law enforcement or the rights of the beneficiaries or dependents accrued.

The L&I is required to operate the Program within the appropriations and the conditions and limitations on the appropriations provided for this Program. The L&I reports that it will have exhausted its current appropriation for crime victims compensation as of April 2010. However during the 2010 legislative session, SB 6504 was enacted to set limits for total claim payments for a single claim for crime victims' compensation. The reduction in crime victims' compensation took effect April 1, 2010, for all claims of criminal acts occurring after July 1, 1981, and will remain in effect until July 1, 2015.

The PSEP Committee will review the current amount of funding available to the Crime Victim's Compensation program, the total amount disbursed to victims each year, and the total amount paid in overhead and administrative costs each year. The Committee will also study crime benefit programs in other states with regard to the number of employees administering the program, overhead costs, and the amount in benefits distributed each year to victims.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** January 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Yvonne Walker

**Project Title: Sex Offenders & Sexually Violent Predators**

**Project Goal:**

**Study and make recommendations regarding the costs of committing sexually violent predators.**

**Project Description:**

In 2010 SHB 2534 was enacted which repealed the sex and kidnapping offender reporting requirement and instead required law enforcement to verify sex and kidnapping offenders' addresses in person. The Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) recommended this policy change in response to State v. Ramos, which held that local law enforcement may not assign a risk level to a sex offender. In addition, several bills passed in the 2010 legislative session addressed the commitment of sexually violent predators. SB 6308 limited computer access by committed sexually violent predators. ESB 6870, which was not considered by the PSEP Committee, capped the number of evaluations that are reimbursed by the state. An earlier version of the bill also repealed staffing ratios at Secure Community Transition Facilities.

The PSEP Committee will study various issues surrounding sex and kidnapping offenders, including but not limited to the costs of committing sexually violent predators (including staffing ratios and evaluation costs), the current issue of sexting (the sending of sexually explicit messages or photographs electronically, primarily between mobile phones), and possibly the implementation of sex and kidnapping offender registration fees. The PSEP Committee will consult with the SOPB, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, and the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** January 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Alexa Silver

**Project Title: Bail Workgroup**

**Project Goal:**

**Study and make recommendations regarding bail practices and procedures.**

**Project Description:**

In response to the shooting of four Lakewood police officers by Maurice Clemmons in November 2009, the PSEP Committee held a work session and passed bills related to the availability of bail, including a constitutional amendment to permit the denial of bail to a person charged with an offense punishable by life in prison. SSB 6673, enacted during the 2010 legislative session, established a work group to make recommendations regarding bail practices and procedures. The work group, composed of 26 members, must submit a report to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Supreme Court by December 1, 2010.

The PSEP Committee will work with the Bail Workgroup to review all aspects of bail, the pretrial release system, county practices, the federal system, stakeholders' interests, risk assessment tools, bail bond pricing, and legal and constitutional restraints in granting and denying bail.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** January 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Alexa Silver

**Project Title: Civil Gang Injunctions**

**Project Goal:**

**Study and make recommendations regarding whether to authorize local jurisdictions to seek civil injunctions to prevent criminal street gang activity.**

**Project Description:**

A criminal street gang or gang member is any person or ongoing organization or group of persons, whether formal or informal, who has a common name or identifying sign or symbol, who has as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, and whose members or associates individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal street gang activity. Due to the increase in the number of gang-related incidents in Washington, E2SHB 2712 was enacted in 2008 which increased criminal and civil penalties for those offenders that commit crimes that are related to or for the benefit of a criminal street gang. A provision of original bill that was not enacted related to civil gang injunctions.

The provision relating to civil gang injunctions authorized local jurisdictions to seek a civil injunction to prevent criminal street gang activity, whether it is a private or public nuisance, upon a showing of the following elements by a preponderance of the evidence: (1) a gang is named as a defendant and contains at least five members, at least two of whom possess active leadership roles at the time of application, and that any person sought to be enjoined is an active or current member of the gang; (2) the gang is a cohesive organization with a historical relationship to the described geographical area for at least the past five years with known leadership, membership, and criminal practices; (3) the defendants and other gang members have committed, during the five years immediately prior to the filing of the petition, a pattern of criminal street gang activity; (4) a significant number of non-gang members residing within the described geographical area are in reasonable fear of their physical security or of significant damage to their property; and (5) the plaintiffs have engaged in prevention and intervention services to divert gang members from gang activity.

The PSEP Committee will study the issues relating to civil injunctions and will make recommendations regarding whether the issue should be pursued during the 2011 legislative session.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** January 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Yvonne Walker

**Project Title: Legalization of Marijuana**

**Project Goal:**

**Study and make recommendations regarding whether marijuana should be legalized to possess for persons over the age of 21.**

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 legislative session the PSEP Committee considered HB 1177 and HB 2401 that would have legalized marijuana and subjected the possession of marijuana to the same rules, regulations, and penalties as those that apply to alcohol. Under the bills, marijuana would no longer have been considered a controlled substance under the Uniform Controlled Substance Act and may have been sold in state and contracted liquor stores to adults (similar to alcohol) and regulated by the Liquor Control Board (LCB).

The PSEP Committee will review the bills and discuss whether the legalization of marijuana is an issue that should be pursued during the 2011 legislative session.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Yvonne Walker





**House of Representatives  
State Government & Tribal Affairs  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Records Act</li><li>• Veterans' Issues</li><li>• Elections and Campaign Finance Court Cases</li></ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Public Records Act**

**Project Goal:**

**Brief the Committee on the costs of large public records requests and how agencies provide those requests.**

**Project Description:**

During the past few sessions, the Committee has heard from many public entities regarding the increase in large public records requests. Several bills were heard during the 2010 session dealing with large and nuisance requests:

HB 2910 proposed discretionary awarding of costs by a court to a person who prevails in court and allowed that fees awarded in such action be deposited in the Archives and Records Management Account.

HB 3031 allowed for agencies to require payment of personnel costs by a requestor of a public record for requests that exceed five person-hours in a calendar month to complete.

HB 2583 established a procedure for the requester of a public record and an agency to confer on disputes prior to filing court action. If the requestor refused the conference, the court would have discretion to reduce or eliminate any award of costs and daily penalties.

HB 2582 allowed public agencies to respond to a public records request by providing an Internet address providing the location of the requested records.

The Committee will hear from several agencies regarding how large public records requests are handled within the agency.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Pam Madson and Marsha Reilly

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**Project Title: Veterans' Issues**

**Project Goal:**

**Familiarize the Committee with the programs currently available for veterans and look at future needs of veterans.**

**Project Description:**

The Committee will review programs currently available for veterans and conduct a work session with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, veterans, and veteran groups regarding future needs of veterans.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Marsha Reilly

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**Project Title: Elections and Campaign Finance Court Cases**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on the status of court cases related to elections and campaign finance.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will be briefed on the various court cases involving elections and campaign finance. A work session will include a briefing of court cases and possible legislation needed to incorporate any court decisions.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010 Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Marsha Reilly and Pam Madson

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**STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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**Project Title: State Motor Pool**

**Project Goal:**

Identify agency policies for use of state motor pool.

**Project Description:**

The Committee is interested in agency policies regarding motor pools, particularly: centralization and consolidation of motor pools with other agencies; coordinated use among agencies, such as transportation to and from meetings in Seattle and other localities; availability in remote areas; and overnight and long term use.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** None

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Marsha Reilly and Pam Madson

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**House of Representatives  
Technology, Energy and Communications  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
November	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Technology in State Government</li> </ul>	Work Session
November	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net Metering</li> <li>• Standard Offer Contract for Renewable Energy</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Technology in State Government</li> <li>• Clean Energy Leadership Council</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Information Technology in State Government**

**Project Goal:**

Review ongoing reform efforts related to the provision of information technology in state government.

**Project Description:**

The state has undertaken a variety of efforts in recent years to examine opportunities to improve the administration and coordination of information technology (IT) in state government. In 2010, the state enacted legislation that requires: (1) detailed IT expenditure reporting; (2) the development of an enterprise-based strategy for IT; and (3) a review of IT governance issues, as well as review of the state's plan to consolidate state data centers and office space.

During the 2010 interim, the Committee will monitor efforts led by the Department of Information Services (DIS) and the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to coordinate shared services initiatives, review IT governance issues, implement IT expenditure reporting requirements, and develop an enterprise-based strategy for IT. The Committee will receive periodic updates from the DIS and the OFM in anticipation of legislative action in 2011.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Kara Durbin

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**Project Title: Net Metering**

**Project Goal:**

Review the state's net metering policy and consider possible legislation for 2011.

**Project Description:**

Net metering allows electricity customer-generators to offset their consumption of electricity purchased from their local utility with electricity generated by their own renewable systems.

During the 2010 session, the Committee considered legislation that would increase the eligible generating capacity of a net metering system and permit electric utility customers to participate in net metering through virtual net metering. Virtual net metering allows the electricity produced by a single renewable energy system to be credited to the benefit of multiple customer-generators without requiring the system to be physically connected to each customer-generator's meter.

During the 2010 interim, the Committee will review past legislative efforts and consider how to design legislation that would increase the eligible generating capacity of a net metering system and allow customer-generators to participate in virtual net metering.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Scott Richards

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**Project Title: Standard Offer Contract for Renewable Energy**

**Project Goal:**

Design a standard offer contract for Washington and consider possible legislation for 2011.

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 session, the Committee considered legislation that would establish a standard offer contract policy for Washington. A standard offer contract, sometimes referred to as a feed-in tariff, provides renewable energy generators a guaranteed price for the electricity supplied to electric utilities and a streamlined process for connecting the renewable energy system to the electric distribution grid.

The Committee will review past legislative efforts, feed-in tariff laws of other states, and information prepared by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and design a standard offer contract program for Washington.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Scott Richards

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**Project Title: Clean Energy Leadership Council**

**Project Goal:**

Receive a briefing from the Clean Energy Leadership Council on their final report and consider legislative action for the 2011 session.

**Project Description:**

In the 2009 session, legislation was enacted creating the Clean Energy Leadership Council (Council). The stated purpose of the Council is to prepare a strategy for growing the clean energy sector in the state.

The Committee will: (1) participate in discussions with members of the Council and other relevant stakeholders; and (2) review the Council's final report and determine what legislation, if any, may be needed to encourage development in the clean energy sector.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Scott Richards and Kara Durbin

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## STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

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**Project Title:** Universal Service

**Project Goal:**

**Monitor stakeholder discussions regarding universal service and determine whether legislative action is needed.**

**Project Description:**

Universal service generally refers to policies that make available communications services to all citizens at reasonable rates. Federal universal service programs are funded by mandatory contributions made by telecommunications carriers and other providers of telecommunications to the federal Universal Service Fund (USF). State universal service programs, which supplement the federal programs, may be funded explicitly with fees passed on to consumers or implicitly through various rate-funding strategies. In Washington, a formal state universal service program has not been implemented. Instead, universal service is funded through a variety of funding mechanisms, including access charges and rate averaging.

Committee staff will participate in workshops held by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission on this topic and brief interested committee members on the outcome of the workshops.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** None

**Completion Date:** January 2011

**Staff Assigned:** Kara Durbin

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**House of Representatives  
Transportation  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
December Committee Assembly	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ferry Labor Relations Update</li><li>• Update on the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Lane Project</li><li>• Vessel Construction Update</li><li>• Toll Adjudication and Administration</li><li>• Revenue and Budget Update</li></ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Ferry Labor Relations Update**

**Project Goal:**

**Summarize for the Committee the outcome of ferry labor negotiations and the results of studies and reports on ferry labor fringe benefits.**

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 legislative session HB 3209 was enacted which included changes to statutes and procedures regarding ferry collective bargaining agreements. The Committee will receive an overview of these changes and will also receive an update on the implementation and results of the most recent collective bargaining agreements between the Office of Financial Management and the Washington State Ferries' employee unions. Specific items the Committee will consider include:

1. Results from a study that is to compare the federal Jones act and Washington's industrial insurance act. The comparison is to include: medical, time-loss, vocational and disability benefits available to injured workers as well as costs payable by the state of Washington and employees.
2. Results from a study that compares the processing time of grievances and hearings at the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) and the Marine Employee Commission (MEC). The results will include recommendations regarding whether or not the necessary expertise exists at the PERC to administer the grievances and hearings currently administered by the MEC.
3. Review of travel pay policies provided in the collective bargaining agreement, particularly those concerning relief pool travel policies.
4. Overview of the approved collective bargaining agreements.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Debbie Driver

**Project Title: Update on the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Lane Project**

**Project Goal:**

**Update Committee on the project's deliverables and critical path for 2010.**

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 legislative session, ESSB 6392 was enacted. This bill establishes four workgroups. One workgroup will be convened to develop additional recommendations for transit connections. A report on this work is due October 1, 2010. A second workgroup will develop recommendations for financing high capacity transit throughout the SR 520 corridor with recommendations due by January 1, 2011. A third workgroup will address project mitigation for the Washington park arboretum. Its report is due December 31, 2010. A fourth workgroup is tasked with developing refinements to WSDOT's preferred alternative. This work has a due date of December 31, 2010.

In addition to creating workgroups, ESSB 6392 removes the restriction that SR 520 bond revenue can be used only on the floating bridge and bridge landings. As a result, bond revenue can now be used to fund improvements on the eastside of the bridge (from Medina to SR 202) as well as on the Westside of the bridge (from Interstate 5 to Medina). ESSB 6392 also sets aside \$200 M of bond revenue exclusively for the Westside and to fund effective transit connections.

The 2010 state transportation budget provides a total of \$2.6 B for the SR 520 bridge replacement and HOV project. Of this amount, \$2 B is funded by SR 520 bond sales. That said, it must be noted that the total project is expected to cost \$4.6 B and therefore, an additional \$2 B in revenue must be identified to fully fund the project.

The existing SR 520 bridge is a vulnerable structure that could fail during an earthquake or severe windstorm. As a result, the goal is to have the new bridge open by 2014. To make this opening date, the Legislature authorized the project to begin construction on bridge pontoons. Construction of the casting site is expected to begin later this year and pontoon construction should begin in 2011. In addition, the DOT has issued Requests for Qualifications for the Medina to SR 202 (east side) portion of the project and plans to have a design-builder for the project selected by the end of 2010. For the I-5 to Medina (west side) portion of the project, during 2010, the DOT expects to identify the preferred alternative design and finalize environmental documentation.

During the December Committee Assembly, the Transportation Committee will receive an update on the status of the four workgroups, the project timeline and costs, the Eastside improvement project, SR 520 corridor financing, and refinement of the Westside design for the SR 520 bridge replacement and HOV project.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Christie Parker and Dave Munnecke

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**Project Title: Vessel Construction Update**

**Project Goal:**

**Update Committee on status of delivery and construction of 64-car class ferry vessels.**

**Project Description:**

The state transportation capital budget for the Washington State Ferries includes funds for three new 64-car class ferries. The first of these ferries, the Chetzemoka, is scheduled to begin service in late summer of 2010. The Committee will receive a review of the final sea trials of the new ferry boat and a report on the first few months of actual performance. Construction of the second 64-car class ferry is scheduled to begin during the 2010 interim. Thus, the Committee will also receive an update on the costs, construction highlights, and timeline for the second 64-car class ferry.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Debbie Driver

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**Project Title: Toll Adjudication and Administration**

**Project Goal:**

**Status report on DOT's implementation of toll violation adjudication and photo toll collection and enforcement processes.**

**Project Description:**

During the 2010 legislative session, ESSB 6499 was enacted, which made a series of significant modifications to the current toll collection processes:

1. Allows for the issuance of photo tolls, where the identity of the user of the facility is determined by means of the license plate on the vehicle and the toll is paid through a prepaid account or after receipt of a toll bill;
2. Rather than issuing toll violations immediately, users of a photo toll enabled facility will have 80 days to pay the toll due prior to the issuance of a toll infraction;
3. Toll infractions will be issued by the Department of Transportation rather than the Washington State Patrol; and
4. If a user decides to challenge an infraction, the adjudication will also be handled by the Department of Transportation, rather than the local court system.

The Department of Transportation intends to utilize contractors for the issuance of photo tolls, but plans to handle the adjudication of toll infractions with Department personnel. Since both of these functions will be new to the Department's Toll Operations Division, ESSB 6499 has a contingent effective date and will not take effect until the Secretary of the Department of Transportation certifies that the tolling operations center and photo toll system are fully operational.

During the December Committee Assembly, the Transportation Committee will receive an update on the implementation of the toll violation adjudication and the photo toll collection and enforcement processes, as well as the expected certification date for the toll operations center and photo toll system.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Munnecke and Christie Parker

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**Project Title: Revenue and Budget Update**

**Project Goal:**

**Update Committee on transportation revenue forecast and budget projections.**

**Project Description:**

Revenue Forecast:

The Legislature during the 2011 session will develop agency budgets for the 2011-13 biennium along with financial plans and possibly a 2011 supplemental budget for the 2009-11 biennium. The purpose of the revenue update is to inform the Committee on changes in the forecast for the 2009-11 biennium which may affect 2009-11 agency budgets and what revenue will be available for the 2011-13 biennium budget along with the associated financial plans looking forward for the next 16 years.

The update will include a forecast for the next 16 years along with a comparison of the November 2010 forecast compared to the February 2010 forecast.

The majority of transportation revenue (83%) is derived from fuel tax (62%) and licenses, permits, and fees (21%). The remainder of the revenues is from ferry fares (7%), toll revenue (2%), driver related fees (5%), and other revenues (3%). The revenues are forecasted quarterly. The Legislature begins the budget process with the November forecast and completes the budget based on the March forecast in a long session and the February forecast in a short session.

The forecasts are based on several economic indicators which include the State's personal income, population, drivers moving in and out of Washington, inflation, projected future fuel prices, crude oil price trends, consumer spending, vehicle registration trends, and fuel efficiency.

Since the 2003 Nickel and the 2005 Partnership packages were enacted, revenues have increased at a slower rate than forecasted.

Revenue forecasts are down for the 2009-11 biennium based on the February 2010 forecast as compared to the March 2009 forecast. For the 16-year period (2009-2025), forecasts are down (\$551 million) which is primarily fuel tax and license, permits and fees, vehicle sales tax, rental car tax and tolls. Ferry fares and driver related fees were up.

Budget Update and Outlook:

In anticipation of the 2011-13 biennial transportation budget development, staff will provide a report on the status of implementation of the 2009-11 budget and on the budget outlook going forward. The status report for the current biennial budget will cover program expenditure activity and progress toward meeting Legislative goals in the budget. The report will also cover issues that have arisen since enactment of the 2010 supplemental budget that the Legislature may address in the 2011 session.

The outlook portion of the report will provide a projection of activity and needs based on the adopted 2009-11 budget, on budgetary issues that have arisen, and on other agency-identified needs as provided in the preliminary executive budget development process. The outlook will also seek to anticipate fiscal changes to the long-term financial plan for transportation.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December Committee Assembly

**Staff Assigned:** Jerry Long and Mark Matteson



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<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
May 21	10:00 AM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington State Quality Award Performance Management Approaches</li> <li>• Smart Government Approaches to Making Government More Efficient and Effective</li> <li>• Review of Budget Timelines and Process</li> <li>• Reforming Selected Government Programs/Services</li> </ul>	Work Session
May 27	1:30 PM	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington State Quality Award Performance Management Approaches</li> <li>• Smart Government Approaches to Making Government More Efficient and Effective</li> <li>• Review of Budget Timelines and Process</li> <li>• Reforming Selected Government Programs/Services</li> </ul>	Work Session
June 22	1:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reforming Selected Government Programs/Services</li> </ul>	Work Session
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the Implementation of 2010 Supplemental Operating Budget and ESSB 6503 (temporary layoffs)</li> <li>• Update on Implementation of Health Care Reform</li> <li>• Update on Education Reform</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly - Wednesday	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reforming Selected Government Programs/Services</li> </ul>	Work Session
December Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outlook for 2011-13</li> <li>• Update on Collective Bargaining for 2011-13</li> <li>• Update on Liquor Control Board Activities</li> </ul>	Work Session

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**Project Title: Washington State Quality Award Performance Management Approaches**

**Project Goal:**

Provide the Committee with a better understanding of best practices and principles for administering and monitoring performance of state programs to achieve highly effective and efficient provision of services.

**Project Description:**

Committee members will be briefed on the Washington State Quality Award's principles and practices for superior organizational/agency performance. In addition to strategic planning and implementation of the plan to effectively and efficiently deliver services, this project will focus on efforts to achieve results by establishing performance standards/measures and monitoring and assessing these to measure results. These measured results can be used for accountability and making adjustments to improve performance.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** May 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Susan Howson

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**Project Title: Smart Government Approaches to Making Government More Efficient and Effective**

**Project Goal:**

Brief the Committee on national smart government efforts and similar approaches in other states to make government more efficient.

**Project Description:**

Representatives of the State Auditor's Office Performance Audit Program will present information on national efforts and practices from other states aimed at supporting "smart government" policies and priorities. The discussion will highlight different analytical frameworks to increase government efficiency and effectiveness that could be utilized to evaluate specific programs, proposed government reforms, and to allocate resources.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** May 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Melissa Palmer

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**Project Title: Review of Budget Timelines and Process**

**Project Goal:**

Remind Committee members of the operating budget development process and timelines.

**Project Description:**

The 2011 Legislature will consider a supplemental state operating budget to the 2009-11 biennium that ends on June 30, 2011, and will enact the biennial budget for the 2011-13 biennium that begins on July 1, 2011. The Committee will be briefed on the process and timelines, including caseload and revenue forecasts, agency budget development, preparation of the Governor's budget proposal, and the development of the House and Senate proposals.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Two work sessions

**Completion Date:** May 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Dave Johnson

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**Project Title: Reforming Selected Government Programs/Services**

**Project Goal:**

Identify and analyze a manageable number of specific agency programs/services that may not be effectively or efficiently delivering services and propose ways to make improvements.

**Project Description:**

In May, the Committee will identify through brainstorming discussions among members (at two work sessions) a manageable number of programs/services to focus on during the interim.

In June, the Committee will seek specific information from agencies whose programs were identified in the May work sessions. This information may include how the program fits into the strategic plan of the agency, the history of the program, how the program currently is delivered, describing services and clients, what performance measures and monitoring process the agency uses, and how the agency views its overall performance in providing the program/service.

In December, the committee will finalize a work product with findings related to the selected programs/services being reviewed and proposals/recommendations based on these findings.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** Four work sessions

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Charlie Gavigan, Dave Johnson, and other staff to be determined based on programs/services selected for review.

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**Project Title: Update on the Implementation of 2010 Supplemental Operating Budget and ESSB 6503 (temporary layoffs)**

**Project Goal:**

**Update the Committee on implementation of selected items in the 2010 supplemental operating budget and ESSB 6503.**

**Project Description:**

The 2010 supplemental state operating budget makes numerous changes to agency appropriation levels, requires a variety of studies/reports, makes assumptions related to federal revenue, requires that agencies achieve savings from information technology, printing, and other efficiencies, and assumes savings from ESSB 6503 (temporary layoffs).

The Committee will be briefed on the implementation of selected items in the 2010 supplemental operating budget and ESSB 6503.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Dave, Johnson, David Pringle, and other WAYS staff.

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**Project Title: Update on Implementation of Health Care Reform**

**Project Goal:**

**Update the Committee on the impact of federal health care reform on Washington State and the work of the Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation.**

**Project Description:**

In 2010, the U.S. Congress passed and the President signed legislation making significant changes to health care and government financed health care benefits. The impacts over the next few years on states, including Washington, will be significant. Recently the Governor created an executive branch Health Care Cabinet and the Legislature created the Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation.

The Committee will be briefed on how this legislation is impacting Washington State, particularly on possible implications for the state operating budget.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Chris Blake, Erik Cornellier, David Pringle, Carma Matti-Jackson, Wendy Polzin, Trista Zugel, Melissa Palmer

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**Project Title: Update on Education Reform**

**Project Goal:**

Monitor the implementation of enacted education reform legislation.

**Project Description:**

ESHB 2261 established a framework for a new definition of basic education and funding formulas, to be phased-in over the next several years. As part of the implementation, the legislation established a number of workgroups and created the Quality Education Council (QEC). The Committee will monitor the continued implementation of education reform and the work of the QEC.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Ben Rarick, Kristen Fraser, and Wendy Polzin

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**Project Title: Outlook for 2011-13**

**Project Goal:**

Provide a preview of major budget items facing the 2011 Legislature.

**Project Description:**

The 2011 Legislature will consider a 2011 supplemental operating budget for the 2009-11 biennium that ends June 30, 2011, and must adopt a 2011-13 biennial budget for the biennium that begins July 1, 2011. The Committee will be briefed on the budget outlook facing the 2011 Legislature, including recent revenue and caseload forecasts.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Charlie Gavigan and Dave Johnson

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**Project Title: Update on Collective Bargaining for 2011-13**

**Project Goal:**

Provide an update on funding requests related to the collective bargaining process for the 2011-13 biennium.

**Project Description:**

The Personnel System Reform Act of 2002 (PSRA) authorized collective bargaining for certain state employees. The Governor's Labor Relations Office bargains with representatives of state employees under the provisions of the PSRA; bargaining typically takes place in the summer and early fall of even-numbered years. State law requires that to be considered for the Governor's budget proposal, agreements must be reached by October 1; the Legislature either accepts or rejects any funding requests for the agreements included in the Governor's budget proposal. The Committee will be updated on the collective bargaining results for the 2011-13 biennium.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** David Pringle

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**Project Title: Update on Liquor Control Board Activities**

**Project Goal:**

Update the Committee on the interim activities of the Liquor Control Board.

**Project Description:**

The Committee will be updated on activities and issues related to the Liquor Control Board, including the plan required in the 2010 supplemental state operating budget to convert at least 20 low performing state liquor stores to contract stores.

**Number & Type of Meetings:** One work session

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff Assigned:** Sara del Moral

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