

# House of Representatives Office of Program Research

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**House of Representatives  
Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee/Joint with Capital Budget Committee	Legacy Trust	Work Session & Public Hearing
September, early	TBA	Bellingham	Full Committee	1. Lake Whatcom Management Plan (work session) 2. Storm Water Management (work session and public hearing)	Work Session & Public Hearing
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee/Joint with Children & Family Services Committee	Hunger Relief and Food Distribution	Work Session
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee (joint w/ FEP)	Geoduck Recovery	Work Session & Public Hearing
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Water Quality Standards 2. Water Policy	Work Session & Public Hearing

**Project Title: Legacy Trust**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bill 1803

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Committee, in cooperation with the Capital Budget Committee, will review the issues and options involved in the creation of a new state land trust.

**Project Title: Water Policy**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Ken Hirst and Caroleen Dineen

Reference: ESHB 1317, E2SHB 1336,  
ESHB 1337, E2SHB 1338, HB  
1537, SSB 5023, SSB 5028,  
ESB 5106, SSB 5145

Other Resources: n/a

Project Description: The Committee will monitor and review the status of water policy interim negotiations.

**Project Title: Water Quality Standards**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Caroleen Dineen

Reference:

Other Resources: n/a

Project Description: The Committee will review issues regarding the state water quality standards.

**Project Title: Geoduck Harvest and Management**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bills 1247, 1238, 1239,  
1958

Other Resources: n/a

Project Description: The Committee will convene stakeholders to develop legislative recommendations to improve geoduck management and enforcement, evaluate the impact of implementing a limited entry geoduck divers license, review the role of geoduck aquaculture, and evaluate the current geoduck management process to see if efficiencies can be identified. This project will be conducted jointly with the Fisheries, Ecology & Parks Committee.

**Project Title: Hunger Relief and Food Distribution**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Ken Hirst and Caroleen Dineen

Reference:

Other Resources: n/a

Project Description: The Committee, in cooperation with the Children & Family Services Committee, will review the implementation of federal, state, and local hunger relief and food distribution programs in Washington.

Project Title: **Lake Whatcom Management Plan**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Caroleen Dineen

Reference:

Other Resources: n/a

Project Description: The Committee will receive an update on the Lake Whatcom Management Plan.

Project Title: **Storm Water Management**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Caroleen Dineen

Reference: ESHB 1689

Other Resources: n/a

Project Description: The Committee will monitor the activities of the advisory groups established by the Department of Ecology for development of Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for municipal separate storm sewer system permits as required by regulations implementing the federal Clean Water Act.

**House of Representatives  
Appropriations  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	3:30 pm	Olympia, HHR A	Full Committee	1. 2003-05 Budget Update. 2. Preview of Civil Service Reform Implementation - SHB 1268.	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	TBA	TBA

**Project Title: 2004 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2, 2004

Committee / Staff: Barbara McLain, Sydney Forrester,  
Susan Howson

Reference: ESHB 2076

Other Resources: Senate Staff

Project Description: A House and Senate joint work group with members of the Higher Education and Fiscal Committees will define legislative expectations and provide policy direction for the 2004 statewide strategic master plan for higher education currently being developed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB). The group will also examine opportunities to update the roles and responsibilities of the HECB.

**Project Title: Higher Education Performance Contracts**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Barbara McLain, Sydney Forrester,  
Susan Howson

Reference: SBH 2111

Other Resources: Senate Staff

Project Description: A joint House and Senate work group composed of legislators from the Higher Education and Fiscal Committees and representatives from public institutions of higher education and the Governor's Office will examine the experience of other states in developing and implementing performance contracts with institutions of higher education; consider the feasibility of implementing contracts in Washington; identify necessary amendments to current law; and develop guidelines and possible models for contracts.

**Project Title: Joint Legislative Task Force on Nursing Homes**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Bernard Dean, Dave Knutson

Reference: Chapter 8, Laws of 2001, 1st  
Sp. Sess. (SHB 2242), Sec. 17-  
18

Other Resources: Senate staff, DSHS

Project Description: The task force will evaluate the nursing home payment system and submit its recommendations to the Legislature.

**Project Title: Monitor Higher Education Enrollments**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Susan Howson

Reference:

Other Resources: HECB, SBCTC, OFM

Project Description: Track implementation of high demand enrollment pools to be allocated to the 2-year and 4-year public higher education institutions by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Track implementation of junior level transfer enrollments to be allocated by the Office of Financial Management to the 4-year public institutions. Monitor actual vs. budgeted enrollment levels including undergraduate/graduate enrollments and resident/nonresident enrollments.

**Project Title: Prison Capacity Study**

Priority:

Completion Date: March 15, 2004

Committee / Staff: Bernard Dean

Reference: ESSB 5404

Other Resources: Criminal Justice & Corrections  
Committee, Capital Budget  
Committee

Project Description: Monitor the Washington State Institute for Public Policy study of the relationship between prison overcrowding and construction, and the current state sentencing guidelines. The study will include recommendations on whether any changes could be made to address inmate overcrowding and the need for new prison construction.

**Project Title: Student Financial Aid, Waivers, and Institutional Financial Aid**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Susan Howson

Reference:

Other Resources: HECB

Project Description: Monitor Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) expenditures, policy, and administrative process for allocation of student financial aid. Review student tuition waivers and institutional financial aid.

**Project Title: Development of HRISD Computer System**

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference: Department of Personnel  
budget proviso

Other Resources:

Project Description: DOP will be developing a new human resources and payroll computer system during the 2003-2005 biennium with initial costs in excess of \$40 million.

**Project Title: Developmental Disabilities**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Amy Hanson, Dave Knutson

Reference:

Other Resources: DSHS

Project Description: Monitor the Department of Social and Health Service's implementation of the following efforts within the Developmental Disabilities Program: (1) compliance with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee's final recommendations regarding improved management and accountability within the DD program; (2) development and administration of multiple Medicaid waivers to replace the existing home and community-based care waiver; and (3) the on-going reorganization of the former Division of Developmental Disabilities into the Aging and Disabilities Services Administration.

**House of Representatives**

Workplan Summary - Interim 2003

Committee on: Appropriations

**Project Title: Fish Management Division**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 1, 2003

Committee / Staff: Patty Linehan

Reference: Chapter 371 Laws of 2002  
(ESSB 6387)Other Resources: Joint Legislative Audit and Review  
Committee (JLARC)

Project Description: Monitor the 2002 Supplemental Operating Budget directed JLARC study of the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fish Management Division.

**Project Title: Geoduck Harvest and Management**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Patty Linehan

Reference: House Bills 1238, 1239, 1958

Other Resources:

Project Description: Monitor the Fisheries, Ecology &amp; Parks Committee and Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Committee study of Geoduck Harvest and Management and attend interim hearings. A major aspect of the study is to examine the potential for increasing geoduck harvests on state-owned aquatic lands, which will in turn increase tideland lease revenues to the state. Staff travel will include attendance at Fisheries, Ecology &amp; Parks Committee meetings relevant to Geoduck Harvest and Management issues.

**Project Title: Medical Assistance Programs**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Amy Hanson, Dave Knutson

Reference:

Other Resources: DSHS

Project Description: Monitor the Medical Assistance Administration's implementation of budget reductions contained in the 2003-05 operating budget, including children's Medicaid premiums, increased eligibility verification efforts, and the development and administration of a preferred drug list for state purchased health care programs.

**Project Title: Monitor activities of LEOFF 2 Board**

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference: Initiative 790, HB 2197

Other Resources:

Project Description: The LEOFF 2 Board created by Initiative 790 comes into being July 1, 2003.

**Project Title: Monitor federal funds earnings in the Children's Administration**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom

Reference: SB 5404 - budget

Other Resources: DSHS - Children's Administration

Project Description: Monitor the maximization of earning federal funds in the Children's Administration to see if they hit the target the Legislature set for them. This will enable the Legislature to know if a 2004 supplemental budget item will be necessary.



**House of Representatives**

Workplan Summary - Interim 2003

Committee on: Appropriations

**Project Title: Monitor K-12 Regional Cost-of-Living Index Development**

Priority:

Completion Date: October 1, 2004

Committee / Staff: Denise Graham

Reference: ESSB 5404

Other Resources: LEAP

Project Description: The 2003-05 operating budget provides funding to the LEAP Committee to work with the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council to develop a regional cost-of-living index for school district employees.

**Project Title: Monitor policy committee review of OMWBE operations**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Amy Skei

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Trade and Economic Development Committee will review the operations of the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises during the 2003 interim. As part of a funding reduction in the 2003-05, there is expressed intent that the legislature review OWMBE's structure and function during the interim and recommend changes if necessary. Staff travel will be limited to meetings at the Olympia headquarters of the OMWBE.

**Project Title: Monitor state agency collective bargaining activities**

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: During the 2003-2005 biennium, labor organizations will be preparing to submit the first collectively bargained state agency employment agreements for the 2005-2007 biennium.

**Project Title: Monitor TANF box revenues and expenditures**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom

Reference:

Other Resources: Governor's Office

Project Description: Monitor overall TANF box spending, and specifically the actions that the Governor's office takes in the next couple of months to keep the TANF box in balance.

**Project Title: Monitor task force on gaming revenue enhancement**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 5, 2004

Committee / Staff: Amy Skei

Reference: ESSB 5404

Other Resources:

Project Description: The task force will examine possible means to enhance state revenue from gaming and submit its recommendations to the Legislature.

**Project Title: Monitor the Select Committee on Pension Policy**

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference: ESHB 1204

Other Resources:

Project Description: Attend meetings and observe the development of the new Select Committee on Pension Policy.

**Project Title: Participate policy committee review of small business activities at CTED**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Holly Lynde

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Trade and Economic Development Committee will be reviewing the feasibility of improving small business development within WA, as well as the feasibility of consolidating small business development programs within CTED.

**Project Title: Perpetual Care Agreement**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Patty Linehan

Reference: Senate Bill 6087 (site closure account)

Other Resources:

Project Description: Follow the efforts of the Department of Ecology as they seek approval from the United States Department of Energy to amend the Perpetual Care Agreement to allow for annual transfer payments to repay the Site Closure Account for the \$13.8 million transfer to the state general fund.

**Project Title: Research other state's funding mechanisms for children's programs**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom

Reference:

Other Resources: NCSL

Project Description: Research other states' methods for funding Children's programs including finding out if they zero-base their budgets. Propose some options for WA based on what is working elsewhere. (This was requested by Rep. Kagi.)

**Project Title: Research the efficacy of consolidating children's programs**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom, Cynthia Forland

Reference: HB 2114

Other Resources: Children and Family Services Committee staff, DSHS

Project Description: Research program service provision for the Children's Administration; to determine the efficacy of funding each of the individual programs independently, or consolidating some of the smaller programs into larger overarching programs. Determine whether consolidation will provide more flexibility in service provision. (This was requested by Rep. Kagi.)

**Project Title: Research the feasibility of criminal surcharges being used to fund rape crisis centers**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Heather Flodstrom

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Look at the Massachusetts model of charging surcharges on criminals to pay for rape crisis centers (and potentially domestic violence treatment), to see if it is transferable to Washington. If it is, then look into the details of: 1) how much \$\$ it would generate in WA; 2) how rape crisis centers are currently funded; and 3) would the funding be appropriate for domestic violence treatment/centers, etc. (This request came from Rep. Dickerson.)

**Project Title: Residential Habilitation Center Consolidation**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Amy Hanson, Dave Knutson, Marziah Kiehn-Sanford

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Coordinate with the Children and Family Services, Health Care, and Capital Committees to monitor agency consolidation of Residential Habilitation Centers as provided in the 2003-05 biennial operating budget.

**Project Title: Service credit purchase programs**

Priority: 2

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: David Pringle

Reference:

Other Resources: OSA, DRS

Project Description: One opportunity for benefit enhancements in the state pension plans is in the area of service credit purchase programs. The subject may also have implications in the area of public safety-PERS benefit enhancements. DRS may require federal approval prior to any such program being implemented.

**House of Representatives  
Capital Budget  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1) Update on the Legislative Building Renovation. 2) Update on Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants. 3) Update on the Centennial Clean Water, Water Pollution Control, and other water programs.	Public Hearing/ Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1) Preview of 2004 Legislative Session. 2) Update on master planning for juvenile rehabilitation facilities, prisons, and the capitol campus. 3) Update on the study of Military Department readiness centers.	Public Hearing/ Work Session

**Project Title: Capital Budget-Related Issues**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Charlie Gavigan, Marziah Kiehn-Sanford

Reference: SSB 5401, 2ESHB 2151, SHB 1165

Other Resources: na

Project Description: This project involves monitoring the implementation of the 2003-05 Capital Budget and studying, visiting, or monitoring other capital projects. It also involves monitoring the capital-related activities of agencies, higher education institutions and school districts, including their development of capital facilities plans and forecasts to determine future program and facility needs, and development of 2004 supplemental budget requests. Other Capital Budget items will be monitored, such as the debt limit and issuance of bonds, interest rate and revenue forecasts, the study on readiness centers, funding equipment in the capital budget, K-12 funding, and funding local/community projects.

**Project Title: Higher Education Facilities**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Charlie Gavigan, Marziah Kiehn-Sanford

Reference: SSB 5401, HB 1908, 2ESHB 2121, SHB 2184, SSB 5908, SSB 6049

Other Resources: na

Project Description: This project will monitor the implementation of the preservation facility maintenance and the backlog reduction provisions in the 2003-05 Capital Budget, the Gardner-Evans bond authorization, and JLARC's project on developing a higher education facility comparable framework. The Gardner-Evans portion of the project will seek perspectives from a variety of interested parties on the implementation of this program over the next six years, particularly its impact on capacity/access, program enhancement, and institutional mission. Other likely discussion topics on this include utilization rates, the balance between preservation of existing facilities and new facilities, the balance between the base budget and Gardner-Evans financing, and the balance between four-year and two-year institutions.

**Project Title: Human Services Facilities**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Marziah Kiehn-Sanford

Reference: SSB 5401, SHB 1165

Other Resources: na

Project Description: This project involves monitoring the development of strategic plans for juvenile rehabilitation facilities and prisons, and the consolidation of residential habilitation centers.

**Project Title: Legislative Building Renovation and Capitol Campus Master Planning**

Priority: 4

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Charlie Gavigan, Marziah Kiehn-Sanford

Reference: SSB 5401, SSB 1165

Other Resources: na

Project Description: This project involves monitoring the completion of the Legislative Building renovation and Capitol Campus master plan update by the Department of General Administration.

**Project Title: Natural Resources Programs**

Priority: 5

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Charlie Gavigan

Reference: SSB 5401, SHB 1165, 2SHB  
1698, SHB 1136, HB 2275

Other Resources: na

Project Description: This project involves monitoring various natural resource programs or projects funded in the Capital Budget, particularly the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Centennial Clean Water Program, the Water Pollution Control Program, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, the Trust Land Transfer program, the Non-Highway and Off-Road Vehicle Account program, and various projects for state parks and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This project includes a review of DNR's Legacy Trust proposal to be conducted jointly with the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

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**House of Representatives  
Children and Family Services  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Family Policy Council 2. Child Hunger	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Role of Substance Abuse in Families Involved with Child Protective Services 2. Children and Families of Individuals Involved with Corrections	Work Session

**Work Group on Deaf Education in Washington**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 17	Half Day	Olympia	Work Group	Deaf Education in Washington	Work Session
December 3	Half Day	Olympia	Work Group	Deaf Education in Washington	Work Session

**Work Group on Effective Family Intervention Strategies**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 17	Half Day	Olympia	Work Group	Effective Family Intervention Strategies	Work Session
December 3	Half Day	Olympia	Work Group	Effective Family Intervention Strategies	Work Session

**Project Title: Deaf Education in Washington**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Cynthia Forland

Reference:

Other Resources: Interpreter Services

Project Description: The committee has an ongoing interest in the education and training of hearing impaired children in the state. The committee will establish a work group consisting of parents of hearing impaired children, hearing impaired adults, researchers on hearing impairment, individuals who specialize in the education of hearing impaired individuals, representatives of local school districts, educational service districts and the Board of Trustees of the Washington School for the Deaf (WSD), and legislators to consider the respective roles of, and the relationships among, the WSD, local school districts, educational service districts, community services, and community resources in the delivery of effective education to hearing impaired children throughout the state, as well as appropriate service delivery models for those children.

**Project Title: WorkFirst Program**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Cynthia Forland

Reference: HB 1980

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee has an ongoing interest in the services provided by WorkFirst offices in the state. In particular, the committee is interested in WorkFirst intake and assessment procedures. The Legislature has passed legislation requiring that each WorkFirst recipient must be assessed after determination of program eligibility and before referral to job search, and that each recipient must receive a work skills assessment upon referral to the job search program.

Local Community Services Offices (CSOs) provide the entry point and ongoing contact point for WorkFirst recipients. Local WorkSource Centers assist WorkFirst recipients with employment. At the beginning of the year, the Targeted Wage Initiative (TWI) was implemented in four sites across the state with the goal of providing a locally driven partnership structured to better prepare individuals for the labor market and assist them in finding higher paying initial jobs as soon as possible.

**Project Title: Effective Family Intervention Strategies**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Cynthia Forland

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee has an ongoing interest in exploring effective family intervention strategies that may be implemented in the state. The committee will establish a work group consisting of researchers, service providers, representatives of the Department of Social and Health Services, and legislators to consider service delivery structures, funding distribution, and specific program outcome measures that would maximize resources and provide flexibility in responding to the needs of Washington's children and families.



**Project Title: Child Death Investigations**

Priority: 4

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee has an ongoing interest in assuring adequate investigation and reporting of child deaths. In Washington, there is no uniformity among counties in the use of coroners or medical examiners, which may lead to under-investigation of child deaths in the state. The committee will research the child death investigation and reporting process in other states in order to determine whether or not policy changes to Washington's county coroner system would be appropriate.

**Project Title: Kinship Care**

Priority: 5

Completion Date: Ongoing

Committee / Staff: Cynthia Forland

Reference: SHB 1233

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee has an ongoing interest in addressing the needs of kinship caregivers across the state. Legislation was enacted requiring the Department of Social and Health Services to: develop a kin search process; seek to establish kinship care navigator pilot projects; and establish an oversight committee to monitor, guide, and report on kinship care recommendations and implementation activities. The committee will monitor the work of the oversight committee.

**Project Title: Foster Care Education**

Priority: 6

Completion Date: Ongoing

Committee / Staff: Cynthia Forland

Reference: SHB 1058

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee has an ongoing interest in the education attainment of children in foster care in the state. Legislation was enacted requiring the Department of Social and Health Services to establish an oversight committee, composed of representatives of the Children's Administration, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and advocacy agencies, to develop strategies for maintaining foster children in the schools they were attending at the time they entered foster care. The committee will monitor the work of the oversight committee.

**Project Title: Child Hunger**

Priority: 7

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee has an ongoing interest in addressing child hunger in the state. Although poverty rates in Washington are below the national average, the prevalence of food insecurity and hunger are consistently well above the national average. The committee, in coordination with the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, will research and consider available policy options for reducing child hunger in the state, and conduct a work session on this topic during the September committee assembly.

**Project Title: Adolescents in Need of Long Term Placement**

Priority: 9

Completion Date: Ongoing

Committee / Staff: Cynthia Forland

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee has an ongoing interest in adolescents in the state whose needs are so complex that appropriate services and safe, stable homes are difficult to locate. The Select Committee on Adolescents in Need of Long Term Placement (Select Committee) was established by Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Secretary Braddock in 2002 to assess the needs of these youth. The Select Committee has issued policy and practice reform recommendations, and the DSHS has established priorities to be emphasized in response to those recommendations. The committee will monitor the work of the DSHS in implementing the recommendations of the Select Committee.

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**House of Representatives  
Commerce and Labor  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
August 13	All Day	Olympia	Full Committee	Manufacturing Partnership Update WIA Reauthorization	Work Session
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Workers' Compensation Update Cholinesterase Monitoring Report Limited English Proficiency	Work Session
November 12	All Day	Tacoma	Full Committee	Gambling and Lottery Issues Alcohol Impact Area Study Working Poor in Washington	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Cholinesterase Monitoring Report Auditor Independence Report	Work Session

**Project Title: Alcohol Impact Area**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Matt Cooper

Reference: Chapter 314-12 WAC

Other Resources:

Project Description: In 1999 the Liquor Control Board (Board) adopted rules on alcohol impact areas (AIAs). The rules defined an AIA as a geographic area within a city, town, or county that is adversely affected by chronic public inebriation or illegal activity associated with alcohol sales or consumption. The AIA also must be designated by ordinance of the government subdivision and recognized by resolution of the Board. The rules established an expanded local review process for liquor license applications and renewals inside AIAs, and allowed the Board, in specific circumstances, to restrict the off-premises sale of certain alcohol products inside an AIA. The rules require that one year after the Board recognizes the first AIA, a study of the effectiveness of the AIA rules would be conducted.

In December 2001 the Board designated the urban core of the City of Tacoma as the first AIA. As a result of the AIA designation, the Board banned the sale of thirty brands of high-alcohol, low price beer and wine products by liquor retailers located inside the AIA. In June 2003 the Board released its evaluation of the AIA in Tacoma.

During the 2003 interim, the Committee will hold one work session and possible public hearing to study AIAs in general and Tacoma's AIA in particular. The Committee will review the Board's evaluation of Tacoma's AIA, and discuss whether AIA restrictions are an effective means of addressing the problem of chronic public inebriation.

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**Project Title: Auditor Independence**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Chris Cordes

Reference: Laws of 2003, Chapter 290 (SHB 1211).

Other Resources:

Project Description: The state Public Accountancy Act does not specifically require certified public accountants or certified public accounting firms to be independent of entities they audit. Board of Accountancy (Board) rules, however, prohibit CPAs and CPA firms from having a financial interest in the entities they audit. Further, Board policy requires CPAs and CPA firms to avoid offering services where actual or perceived conflicts of interest exist.

On October 25, 2002, the Board established a process to review the Board's current independence rule and develop a draft independence rule. The draft rule is scheduled to be presented to the Board on July 26, 2003.

The federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act required the Securities and Exchange Commission to expand its rules regarding the independence of accountants from the companies they audit. These rules, adopted January 22, 2003, prohibit regulated accountants and firms from providing a wide variety of services that could result in conflicts of interest, including information technology, bookkeeping, financial systems design, personnel services, and legal services. The rules allow the provision of tax services.

In 2003 the Legislature enacted SHB 1211, which requires the Board to report to the Legislature on auditor independence by December 1, 2003.

During the 2003 interim, the Committee will monitor the Board's development of the draft independence rule and will hold a work session to receive the Board's report on auditor independence.

**Project Title: Cholinesterase Monitoring**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jill Reinmuth

Reference: Rios v. Department of Labor and Industries (2002); Laws of 2003, Chapter 255 (2SSB 5890).

Other Resources:

Project Description: In 1986, and again in 1991, farm workers engaged in mixing, loading, and applying pesticides asked the Department of Labor and Industries (Department) to adopt a mandatory blood testing program to monitor their cholinesterase levels. In 1993 the Department adopted rules recommending voluntary cholinesterase monitoring and mandating personal protective equipment. In 1997, following the issuance of a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) report, the farm workers filed a class action lawsuit against the Department. In 2002 the Washington Supreme Court issued its decision in Rios v. Department of Labor and Industries and ordered the Department "to initiate rule-making on a mandatory cholinesterase monitoring program for agricultural pesticide handlers." In 2003 the state Legislature enacted 2SSB 5890 requiring the Department and stakeholders representing agricultural employers and employees to report to the House Commerce and Labor Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee on the rule making process.

During the 2003 interim, the Committee will hold at least one work session to receive these reports from the Department and the stakeholders.

**Project Title: Gambling and Lottery Issues**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Matt Cooper

Reference: HB 2213 (2003); Laws of 2002, Chapter 349 (SSB 6560).

Other Resources:

Project Description: In 2003 the Committee discussed several proposals intended to generate revenue to help deal with the state budget deficit. For example, HB 2213 (2003) would have allowed the Lottery Commission to establish a multiple daily drawing lottery game (commonly referred to as five-minute keno). The Committee also monitored implementation of recent legislation intended to generate greater revenue such as the SSB 6560 (2002), which authorized the Lottery Commission to enter into agreements with other states to conduct the multi-state ("Mega Millions") game.

During the 2003 interim, the Committee will hold one work session to monitor the revenue projected from current gambling and lottery activities and review relevant business practices.

**Project Title: Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Outreach**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003.

Committee / Staff: Jill Reinmuth and Chris Cordes

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. Some advocates argue that these laws also prohibit restricting access to governmental services for persons with limited English proficiency.

During the 2003 interim, the Committee will hold one work session and possible public hearing on access to governmental services for employers and workers with limited English proficiency. The Committee will focus on agencies responsible for unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, and workplace safety. The Committee will review the steps that these agencies must take, and the efforts that these agencies have made thus far, to provide such access.

**Project Title: Manufacturing Partnership Update**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jill Reinmuth and Chris Cordes.

Reference: Laws of 2003, 1st Ex. Sess., Chapter 25, Section 226 (ESSB 5404); SHB 2164 (2003)

Other Resources:

Project Description: The 2003-05 operating budget includes a proviso establishing an advisory partnership on the Washington manufacturing sector as outlined in SHB 2164 and recommended in the report entitled "Manufacturing in Washington state, 1990-2002: Trends and Implications for the Industry and State." The eight members of the partnership include two representatives, one from each caucus of the House Commerce & Labor Committee. The partnership is required to study and make findings and recommendations related to the following aspects of Washington's manufacturing sector:

- The work force education and training needs of the manufacturing sector;
- The use of manufacturing skill standards to enhance work force development and human resources practices;
- The activities necessary to develop regionally strategic industry clusters; and
- Other issues identified by the partnership.

During the 2003 interim, the Committee will hold at least one work session to receive the report entitled "Manufacturing in Washington state, 1990-2002: Trends and Implications for the Industry and State," an update on the partnership's activities, and a report on the partnership's findings and recommendations.

**Project Title: Workers' Compensation**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Chris Cordes and Jill Reinmuth.

Reference: Laws of 1997, Chapter 454  
Section 211(8); RCW  
43.33A.150(2)

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Committee will continue to monitor various industrial insurance issues and receive related reports from the Department of Labor and Industries and the State Investment Board. This oversight activity will include:

-- The Department's implementation of recommendations from the 1998 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee's workers' compensation performance audit; and

-- The Board's investment activities for the Department's accident, medical aid, and reserve funds.

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**Project Title: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Reauthorization**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jill Reinmuth and Chris Cordes

Reference: P.L. 105-220; EO 99-02; H.R.  
1261 (2003).

Other Resources:

Project Description: In 1998 Congress enacted the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law No. 105-220) to prepare youth, dislocated workers, and adults for entry into the labor force, and to provide for the planning, implementation, and ongoing oversight of a comprehensive state workforce development system designed to improve workforce training, employment, literacy and vocational rehabilitation.

In 1999 Governor Locke issued Executive Order 99-02 directing the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to develop and maintain, in partnership with local workforce development councils, a state unified plan as described in the Act, and to take other steps to implement the Act.

Congress is now considering reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act. H.R. 1261 has passed the House of Representatives, and has now been referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

During the 2003 interim, the Committee will continue monitoring the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act, and its implementation in Washington.

**Project Title: Working Poor in Washington**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jill Reinmuth and Chris Cordes

Reference: Not applicable.

Other Resources:

Project Description: According to the Urban Institute, 14.7 percent of Washington residents may be characterized as the "working poor." These persons are living in a family with annual income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty line and where the average annual hours of work per adult is greater than 1,000 hours. The average working poor family's income is 41 percent above the federal poverty line. According to the federal Department of Labor, the majority of the working poor – three-fifths – are full-time workers. The state Department of Social and Health Services notes that the working poor need affordable housing, health insurance, child care, and transportation. Yet the state Employment Security Department reports that persons in lower-wage industries like accommodation and food services are the least likely to receive traditional benefits such as health insurance and retirement.

During the 2003 interim, the Committee will visit two communities to learn about the working poor in urban and rural areas, and on the west and east sides of the state. The Committee will examine the wage rates currently earned by low-wage workers, as well as the income levels necessary to achieve self-sufficiency and long-term economic security. The Committee will consider short-term needs such as food, housing, health care, child care, and transportation, as well as long-term needs such as retirement. Finally, the Committee will develop strategies for creating an economy that helps the working poor meet these needs.

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**House of Representatives  
Criminal Justice and Corrections  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
August	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Tribal Law Enforcement	Work Session
August 7	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Partial Confinement	Work Session
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Partial Confinement	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Tribal Law Enforcement	Work Session

**Project Title: Partial Confinement**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Yvonne Walker &amp; Jim Morishima

Reference: ESSB 5990 &amp; SHB 2105

Other Resources:

Project Description: Courts may order alternatives to total confinement for offenders sentenced to one year or less. Sentencing alternatives may include either: (1) one day of partial confinement may be substituted for one day of total confinement; or (2) for offenders convicted of nonviolent offenses only, eight hours of community service may be substituted for one day of total confinement, with a maximum conversion limit of 240 hours or 30 days. The committee will review whether partial confinement can be used as an alternative tool for felony offenses.

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**Project Title: Tribal Law Enforcement**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Jim Morishima &amp; Yvonne Walker

Reference: ESHB 1936

Other Resources:

Project Description: There have been concerns regarding the cooperation between tribal and non-tribal law enforcement in and around tribal reservations. The committee will study tribal law enforcement jurisdiction and the possible effect of extending general authority peace officer powers to tribal law enforcement officers.

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**House of Representatives  
Education  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
July 1, 2003	TBA	Spokane	Full Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. District efforts to implement the Certificate of Academic Achievement graduation requirement.</li> <li>2. Parent involvement.</li> </ol>	Work Session
September Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of the revised Essential Academic Learning Requirements</li> <li>2. The approved state plan for the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001."</li> </ol>	Work Session
October 28, 2003	All Day	Seattle	Full Committee	Lessons from North Carolina on education reform (conversation with former Governor Hunt).	Work Session
December (Early)	All Day	Olympia	Full Committee	<p>Meet with Committee members and stakeholders to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refine a governance proposal for the public schools.</li> <li>2. Refine legislation that will address the certificate of mastery graduation requirements, accountability for social studies, the arts, and health and fitness education, and refinements to the state's system of essential academic learning requirements and assessments (HB 2195).</li> <li>3. Consider legislation to revise the state's learning assistance program.</li> <li>4. Review and consider other legislation included in a proposed package of education bills.</li> </ol>	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The appropriate application of the certificate of mastery graduation requirements for students with special needs and those with limited English proficiency.</li> <li>2. Issues affecting the education of Native American students.</li> </ol>	Work Session

**Project Title: Governance**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Susan Morrissey

Reference: HCR 4404

Other Resources: May include travel from Denver for ESC staff (Todd Ziebarth)

Project Description: The committee will review the duties and organizational structures of agencies responsible for state and regional level governance for K-12 education. The committee will consider different governance models to improve the coordination and effectiveness of state and regional services provided to school districts. The study will include a review of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Academic Achievement and Accountability Commission, the State Board of Education, the Professional Educator Standards Board, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, and educational service districts.

**Project Title: High School Restructuring and Graduation Requirements**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Susan Morrissey & Sydney Forrester

Reference: HB 2124 & 2195

Other Resources: N/A

Project Description: The committee will work with principals and superintendents to determine the types of efforts and programs school districts are putting in place to ensure that middle and high school students will meet the state's academic standards and, when it is operative, achieve a certificate of mastery/academic achievement.

**Project Title: Exploring the Education Reform Lessons from Other States**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: November 30, 2003

Committee / Staff: Morrissey/Forrester

Reference: HB 2195, HB 1989

Other Resources:

Project Description: A review the lessons learned from North Carolina, Texas, Massachusetts, and other states that are considered the leaders in education reform. The committee will meet with former Governor Hunt to discuss the nationally renowned comprehensive education reform package he implemented in North Carolina. The package included coordination of the entire spectrum of education, from early childhood through college. It also included partnerships with the business community, student and school accountability, enhanced funding, state standards, and assessments.

**Project Title: Balancing the Education System's Approach to the Four Learning Goals**

Priority: 4

Completion Date: November 14, 2003

Committee / Staff: Susan Morrissey

Reference: HB 2195 & HB 2009

Other Resources: N/A

Project Description: The committee will review the efforts of school districts to meet the state's learning goals for the gateway skills of reading, writing, mathematics, and science and meet its learning goals for social studies, the arts, and health and fitness. In addition, the committee will look at the efforts of school districts to meet the fourth learning goal, which is helping students understand how to use these academic skills in the world of work once the students leave high school.

**Project Title: Parent Involvement in Education**

Priority: 5

Completion Date: December 5, 2003

Committee / Staff: Susan Morrissey &amp; Sydney Forrester

Reference: HB 2156, federal NCLB Act of  
2001

Other Resources: N/A

Project Description: The committee will review the research on the most effective ways to involve parents and the community in schools and education programs. The review will include a component on parent-partnership and other alternative programs that emphasize the parental role in education. The committee will also work with superintendents and principals to discover some of the more effective parental involvement approaches used in Washington's schools.

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**House of Representatives  
Finance  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1) Economic and revenue forecast update. 2) Status reports on interim projects.	Work Session
December	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1) Economic and revenue forecast update. 2) Status reports on interim projects.	Work Session

**Project Title: Streamlined Sales Tax Project**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Bob Longman

Reference: SB 5783

Other Resources:

Project Description: SB 5783 enacted an extensive set of changes recommended in the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. These changes affect key definitions and administrative provisions for retail sales and use taxes. These taxes supply more than 60 percent of the revenue for the state general fund. The effective date of these changes was delayed until 2004, in order to allow time for retailers and the Department of Revenue to adjust to the changes. The delayed effective date also recognizes the possibility that some further clarifying or corrective legislation may be necessary as a result of the changes. Also, the bill requires the DOR to study the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement provisions that would change which local government gets sales tax revenue for goods shipped to a customer address. These provisions attracted considerable adverse testimony in committee. This portion of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement will not be implemented in Washington unless further legislation is adopted.

This interim project includes oversight of the DOR study, reviewing any other issues of interpretation or administration that arise under SB 5783, and preparation of followup legislation for the 2004 session if necessary.

**Project Title: Municipal taxation**

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2006

Committee / Staff: Mark Matteson

Reference: HB 2030

Other Resources:

Project Description: HB 2030 made significant and controversial changes in the authority of cities to impose excise taxes on businesses. The bill requires the Department of Revenue to conduct two studies related to these changes. The first study will review revenue impacts of the apportionment and allocation methods and increased uniformity and consistency provided through the model ordinance required by the act. This report is due November 2005, with progress reports to the fiscal committees on November 30, 2003, and November 30, 2004. The second study involves review of the definitions required for the model ordinance under the act. This study report is due December 31, 2004.

This interim project includes oversight of the DOR studies and possibly drafting legislation in response to any problem uncovered in the studies.

**Project Title: Economic and Revenue Forecast**

Priority:

Completion Date: January, 2004

Committee / Staff: Rick Peterson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Economic and Revenue Forecast Council revises the state's economic and revenue forecast four times a year. The statute that created the council and the forecast process also created the Economic and Revenue Forecast Workgroup, consisting of legislative and executive agency staff. The purpose of the workgroup is to "promote the free flow of information and to promote legislative input in the preparation of forecasts." Committee staff will monitor the development of the economic and revenue forecast and participate in the Economic and Revenue Forecast Workgroup.

**Project Title: Monitoring and Evaluating the Property Tax System**

Priority:

Completion Date: January, 2004

Committee / Staff: Rick Peterson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: This project will produce a report related to the accuracy of assessment procedures by measuring the accuracy of 2002 assessed values and their conformance with the International Association of Assessing Officers standards. The report will complement similar reports that have been produced by committee staff during each of the past five years.

**Project Title: Tax Data and Modeling**

Priority:

Completion Date: January, 2004

Committee / Staff: Mark Matteson, Rick Peterson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Each session the House of Representatives must deal with a variety of proposals related to the property and excise tax systems. In order to respond adequately to inquiries and bill and amendment drafting requests, data bases and models must be updated or developed. This project will incorporate the detailed 2003 property tax data into the property tax data base, update the homeowner property tax model using the 2002 Washington State Population Survey, and update the Washington excise tax microsimulation model.



**House of Representatives  
Financial Institutions and Insurance  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	(1) Insurance Underwriting and the Claim Loss Underwriting Exchange (2) Insurance Claims Adjustment and the Colossus Program (3) Liability Insurance Study	Work Session
November TBA	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Liability Insurance Study	Public Hearing/ Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	(1) Liability Insurance Study (2) Overdraft Protection (3) Biometrics and Personal Identification	Public Hearing/ Work Session

**Project Title: Liability Insurance Study**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Thamas Osborn

Reference:

Other Resources: Staff of the Health Care and Judiciary Committees

Project Description: Today there is increasing concern across various markets and constituencies regarding the availability and cost of liability insurance. In many markets, such insurance is either unavailable or is available only at rates that are prohibitively high. The problems relating to liability insurance are widespread, and are being felt both in the State of Washington and throughout the nation. The availability of such insurance, at affordable rates, is essential to the continued operation of many businesses and is therefore critical to the well-being of the state's economy. A variety of constituent groups have approached the legislature seeking legislative solutions. The Committee will investigate the broad public policy concerns relevant to this issue, explore issues to develop an understanding of the current status of the liability insurance market, and determine the availability of such insurance across a wide variety of markets. In cases where the study becomes market specific, the chairs and ranking minority members of the appropriate committees will be invited to participate. This study will involve three meetings of the full Committee.

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**Project Title: Insurance Underwriting and the Claim Loss Underwriting Exchange**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Thamas Osborn

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Increasingly, insurers are using a national database known as the Claim Loss Underwriting Exchange (CLUE) in order to access prior claims information for use in the underwriting and rating process. The CLUE database contains information about the claims history of specific properties as well as information about losses for which no claim was filed. The Committee will review issues regarding the use of the CLUE database and will examine the practices of Washington insurers regarding the use of CLUE.

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**Project Title: Insurance Claims Adjustment and the use of the Colossus program**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Thamas Osborn

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Insurance companies often use computer programs in the process of evaluating insurance claims. A program known as Colossus is routinely used within the industry in order to evaluate claims involving bodily injury. The Committee will examine issues relating to the industry's use of the Colossus program in the adjustment of insurance claims.

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**Project Title: Bank Account Overdraft Protection**

Priority: 4

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Thamas Osborn

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Many financial institutions provide customers with a type of overdraft protection that allows them to overdraw their checking accounts through the use of a debit card or an ATM machine. Customers are then charged a fee for each overdraft. The committee will examine the issues surrounding the practices of Washington financial institutions with respect to such overdraft protection.

**Project Title: Personal Identification Through Biometrics**

Priority: 5

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Thamas Osborn

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Biometrics is an evolving computer technology that enables the identification of a person by reference to his/her physiological or behavioral characteristics. The various types of biometric identification include retinal scans, face recognition, speech recognition, fingerprint matching, and hand geometry. The Committee will examine this technology as it pertains to the identification of individuals with respect to financial transactions and as a tool for the prevention of financial fraud and identity theft.

**Project Title: Monitor Interim Activity of Congress and Other State Legislatures**

Priority: 6

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Thamas Osborn

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Committee will monitor the activities of Congress and other state legislatures with respect to financial and/or insurance issues.

**Project Title: Monitor the Interim Activities of Washington State Agencies**

Priority: 7

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Thamas Osborn

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Committee will monitor the activities of the state Department of Financial Institutions, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the State Investment Board, the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency, and other agency activities related to financial and/or insurance issues.

**House of Representatives  
Fisheries, Ecology and Parks  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
June 23	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Olympia, WA	Full Committee	Geoduck Management and Marine Health. 1) Role of state agencies in geoduck management. 2) Marine Health Issues: a) Update on US. v WA (Culvert lawsuit) b) Salmon Recovery Overview.	Work Session
August (Mid)	8:00 am - 5:00 PM	Eastern Washington	Full Committee	1) View agriculture crop damage and programs. 2) Discuss non-consumptive wildlife activities. 3) Grizzly bear management issues.	Work Session
August (Late)	TBA	NW Washington	Full Committee	1) Update on marine health issues in NW Washington including Orca recovery and salmon recovery. 2) Geoduck management.	Possible Work Session
September 19	Morning	Olympia, WA	Full Committee	September Legislative Assembly: 1) Geoduck Management Reform Options (joint with AGNR) 2) Electronic Waste and Recycling 3) Hydraulic Project Approval Reform Options	Public Hearing/ Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia, WA	Full Committee	December Committee Assembly: 1) Environmental Regulatory Programs Interactions - Legislative options. 2) Wildlife Crop Damage - Review of WDFW programs and potential legislative options. 3) Hazardous Waste and Financial Assurances legislative options. (possibly joint with Senate) 4) Electronic Waste and Recycling Legislative Options.	Public Hearing/ Work Session

**Project Title: Geoduck Harvest and Management**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jason Callahan, Jeff Olsen

Reference: House Bills 1238, 1239, 1958

Other Resources: Per Discussion with Representative Linville, the Chair requests authorization for travel and per diem for Representative Rockefeller to attend geoduck meetings.

Project Description: Convene stakeholders to develop legislative recommendations to improve geoduck management and enforcement, evaluate the impact of implementing a limited entry geoduck divers license, review the role of geoduck aquaculture, and evaluate the current geoduck management process to see if efficiencies can be identified. The project will include inviting members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee to attend 2 hearings in Olympia, and potentially a third hearing held in Snohomish County. Staff will prepare summaries of the current statute and potential policy neutral code consolidation options.

**Project Title: State Parks Operations Review**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: September 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bills 1139, 1142, 1335, 1659, 1893

Other Resources:

Project Description: Review the operation of state parks facilities, study the impact of user fees on park visitation and access, review the condition of facilities and the need for long-term funding, and review the special needs of water access parks and water trail parks.

**Project Title: Hydraulic Permit Approval Review**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bills 1500, 1515

Other Resources:

Project Description: Conduct an in-depth review of the Hydraulic Project Approval program administered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, including an update of the current code's organization, the establishment of user fees, the effectiveness of current non-compliance penalties, the length of time before an approval is granted, the proper scope of the program, the Department's implementation of 2002's task force recommendations, and the ability of project applicants to appeal agency decisions. The project will include stakeholder meetings and a public hearing in Olympia.

**Project Title: Marine Health**

Priority: 4

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: n/a

Other Resources:

Project Description: Conduct a review of the various mechanisms being used to address the health of the marine environment in Washington. The review will include educating committee members about the salmon recovery infrastructure and looking to see if salmon recovery funding is effective and consistent with statutory requirements, researching marine protected areas and fisheries closure policies, studying the federal and state options to address declining Puget Sound orca populations, updating the committee on the progress of the US v. Washington culverts case, examining the interplay between the tribes and state in co-managing salmon and other marine resources, and considering the appropriate role of hatcheries.

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**Project Title: Wildlife Crop Damage**

Priority: 5

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Jason Callahan, Jeff Olsen

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: A review of the tools currently available to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for controlling wildlife damage to crops and reimbursing landowners for the damage caused by deer and elk. The project will include a hearing in Olympia and a staff report on the tools currently available to the state.

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**Project Title: Interactions Among Environmental Regulatory Programs**

Priority: 6

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: n/a

Other Resources:

Project Description: Two members of the committee will participate in the Local Government Committee's general review of the local government permitting process under the Growth Management Act, the Shoreline Management Act, and the State Environmental Policy Act. In addition to considering the interaction of statutory provisions and methods for integrating the permitting requirements of the acts, the work group will also likely review related requisites for hydraulic project permits.

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**Project Title: Electronic Waste and Recycling**

Priority: 7

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bill 1942

Other Resources:

Project Description: Review electronic waste and recycling programs in other states and industry recycling efforts. Develop statutory options to establish a state electronic waste recycling policy. The project will include stakeholder meetings organized by the chair of the committee.

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**Project Title: Hazardous Waste Facilities and Financial Assurances**

Priority: 8

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: House Bill 1743

Other Resources: Possible Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water.

Project Description: Review the current state of the law and possible options for addressing gaps in coverage. (Possible Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water.)

**Project Title: Promotion of Non-consumptive Wildlife Activities**

Priority: 9

Completion Date: September 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jeff Olsen, Jason Callahan

Reference: Senate Bills 5011, 5204

Other Resources:

Project Description: Follow the efforts of the Department of Fish and Wildlife as they promote non-consumptive, or "watchable" wildlife activities.

**Project Title: Grizzly Bear Management**

Priority: 10

Completion Date: September 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jason Callahan, Jeff Olsen

Reference: Senate Joint Memorial 8004

Other Resources:

Project Description: Study the status of Grizzly bear populations in Washington, follow the North Cascades Grizzly bear recovery efforts being undertaken by British Columbia, and examine options for Washington to prepare for increased populations north of its border.

**House of Representatives  
Health Care  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19		Olympia	Full Committee	HIPAA Update	Work Session
December 4-5		Olympia	Full Committee	1. Hepatitis C Plan 2. Workforce Shortages Report 3. Private Health Insurance Reform	Work Session



**Project Title: AIDS Omnibus Bill Rule Revision**

Priority:

Completion Date: Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference: Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will monitor the Department of Health's rule-making process that revises the AIDS Omnibus bill's rules.

**Project Title: Dental Hygienists**

Priority:

Completion Date: Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference: HB 1253 and HB 1856 Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will examine the practice of dental hygienists with regard to the expansion of independent practice for dental hygienists, impact of dentist shortages, access to dental care, and self-regulation options. The committee will also monitor the Department of Health's sunrise review activities pertaining to oral health practitioners.

**Project Title: Developmental Disabilities**

Priority:

Completion Date: Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson

Reference: HB 2261 Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will monitor agency compliance with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committees recommendations related to improving management accountability within the Division of Developmental Disabilities. The activity will include oversight of agency activities to implement the provisions of HB 2261, if it is enacted by the Legislature, and agency efforts to develop four new Medicaid waivers to serve people with developmental disabilities in the community.

**Project Title: Effects of the 2003-05 Biennial Budget on the Health Care Delivery System**

Priority:

Completion Date: Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson (jt. with Appropriations Committee)

Reference: Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will monitor the effects of the 2003-05 biennial operating budget on the health care delivery system including providers, facilities, and citizens needing health care services. The study will be conducted jointly with the Appropriations Committee.

**Project Title: Hepatitis C**

Priority:

Completion Date: Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference: HB 1638/SB 5039 Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will monitor the Department of Health's efforts to develop a statewide plan to prevent and manage hepatitis C in Washington.

**Project Title: HIPAA Implementation**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will monitor issues facing state agencies, insurers, and health care providers as they implement HIPAA privacy and transaction standards, including current DSHS rulemaking activities to become HIPAA-compliant.

**Project Title: Liability Insurance**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson, Thamas Osborn

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will coordinate with the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee to explore options to address the availability and affordability of liability insurance for health and human services providers.

**Project Title: Patient Safety**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference: HB 1865

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Committee will explore protection strategies for health care consumers including burden of proof requirements in disciplinary actions against health care providers and methods to reduce medical errors.

**Project Title: Prescription Drug Assistance Program**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson

Reference: HB 1214 and SB 5904

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will monitor agency development and implementation of a preferred drug list for state purchased health care programs and related citizen assistance programs.

**Project Title: Private Health Insurance Reform**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson

Reference: HB 2261

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will monitor activities of the Insurance Commissioner's Office and the Washington Health Foundation related to improving health insurance coverage in Washington.

**Project Title: Public Retiree Health Insurance**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson

Reference: SB 5777 (Laws of 2002)

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will review the implementation of chapter 319, laws of 2002, and identify barriers to its effective implementation. Committee staff will meet with carriers, political subdivisions, retirees, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and the Health Care Authority to identify problems and propose solutions for consideration in the 2004 legislative session.

**Project Title: Regulation of Boarding Homes and Adult Family Homes**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson

Reference: SB 5733 and HB 1779

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will monitor the implementation of proposed boarding home rules and review ways to protect residents of boarding homes and adult family homes. The activity will include a review of current issues related to the inspection and complaint investigation process.

**Project Title: Residential Habilitation Center Consolidation**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson (jt w/Approps, CB, and C & FS)

Reference: SB 5971

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will coordinate with the Appropriations, Capital Budget, and Children and Family Services Committees to monitor agency consolidation of Residential Habilitation Centers as provided in SB 5971 and the 2003-05 biennial operating budget.

**Project Title: Rural Health Topics**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Dave Knutson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will examine the challenges faced by health care systems and providers in rural parts of north central Washington. The review will include the effects of public and private reimbursement policies, the availability of health care providers, rural economic conditions, the challenges involved in maintaining a safety net of rural hospitals, and transportation issues facing rural communities in north-central Washington.

**Project Title: School Health Topics**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will examine the current status of school health services and resources with a focus on options for improving school nurse to student ratios.

**Project Title: School Nutrition**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference: HB 1866

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will coordinate with the Education Committee to examine different options for improving the nutritional content of meals and competitive foods available in public schools. The project will examine the link between school nutrition and obesity and the onset of childhood diseases.

**Project Title: Specialty Hospitals**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference: HB 2083/SB5949

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will review the impact of specialty hospitals on the delivery of health care and their effect on the certificate of need process and develop policy options for their use in Washington.

**Project Title: Workforce Shortages**

Priority:

Completion Date:

Committee / Staff: Chris Blake

Reference: HB 1852

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will coordinate with the Higher Education Committee and Commerce and Labor Committee to monitor the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board's work to develop a strategic plan to address health care personnel shortages.

**House of Representatives  
Higher Education  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
July	TBA	Olympia	Strategic Plan Work Group	1. Findings and recommendations on strategic master plan. 2. Overview of other HECB roles and responsibilities.	Work Session
July	TBA	Olympia	Performance Contracts Work Group	1. Experience of other states. 2. Topics for inclusion in contracts.	Work Session
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Strategic Plan Work Group	Options and alternatives for HECB roles and responsibilities.	Work Session
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Performance Contracts Work Group	Guidelines and models for contracts.	Work Session
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Washington State Institute for Public Policy Branch Campus Report	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Strategic Plan Work Group	Findings and recommendations on HECB roles and responsibilities.	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Performance Contracts Work Group	Findings and recommendations on performance contracts.	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Update on High Demand and Transfer Enrollments from 2003-05 Budget	Work Session

**Project Title: 2004 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: January 2, 2004

Committee / Staff: Barbara McLain, Sydney Forrester,  
Susan Howson

Reference: ESHB 2076

Other Resources: Senate Staff

Project Description: A House and Senate joint work group with members of the Higher Education and Fiscal Committees will define legislative expectations and provide policy direction for the 2004 statewide strategic master plan for higher education currently being developed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The group will also examine opportunities to update the roles and responsibilities of the HECB.

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**Project Title: Higher Education Performance Contracts**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Barbara McLain, Sydney Forrester,  
Susan Howson

Reference: SHB 2111

Other Resources: Senate Staff

Project Description: A joint House and Senate work group composed of legislators from the Higher Education and Fiscal Committees and representatives from public institutions of higher education and the Governor's Office will examine the experience of other states in developing and implementing performance contracts with institutions of higher education; consider the feasibility of implementing contracts in Washington; identify necessary amendments to current law; and develop guidelines and possible models for contracts.

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**Project Title: Higher Education Branch Campuses**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: September 2003

Committee / Staff: Barbara McLain

Reference: 2001-03 Operating Budget  
Proviso

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Washington State Institute for Public Policy was directed by the 2002 Legislature to conduct a study of the mission and roles of the five higher education branch campuses. The Higher Education Committee will monitor the progress of the study and discuss the Institute's final report at the September Committee Assembly.

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**House of Representatives  
Judiciary  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Local government civil liability.	Work Session
September, week of Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Work Group	Childhood sexual abuse.	Work Session
September, week of Committee Assembly	TBA	Olympia	Work Group	Videotaping of custodial interrogations.	Work Session
November	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Local government civil liability.	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1. Videotaping of custodial interrogations - review of draft legislation. 2. Report on the Supreme Court's "Court Funding Task Force."	Work Session

**Project Title: Local Government Liability**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Edie Adams and Trudes Hutcheson

Reference: HB 1274, HB 1764, HB 2051,  
HB 2126, SB 5673, and SB 5728

Other Resources:

Project Description: Local governments have identified increasing civil liability exposure as a major concern and have come to the Legislature for help in addressing this concern. In the 2003 session, the committee heard a number of bills dealing with local government civil liability in several specific areas. These bills and areas of concern include: HB 1274 dealing with post-judgment interest; HB 1764 dealing with liability for the conduct of defendant's placed on pretrial supervision; SB 5673 dealing with jail liability for the conduct of released offenders; HB 2126 dealing with liability for long-term in-home care services provided by Area Agencies on Aging; and HB 2051 dealing with the inability to introduce evidence of failure to wear a seatbelt. In addition, SB 5728 addressed local government liability more generally by eliminating joint and several liability, placing limitations on attorneys' fees, and capping damage payments in civil actions involving local government entities.

The committee will engage in a comprehensive look at the issue of increasing local government liability and possible solutions to the problem. In addition to looking at the specific areas of concern mentioned above, the committee will examine local government liability generally by examining the statutory and case law changes that have led to the current liability exposure of local governments. The committee will explore ways to address excessive liability exposure while maintaining a balance with the rights of victims of government negligence to seek redress for their injuries. The committee hopes to accomplish this through research and work sessions involving input from representatives of local governments and other interested stakeholders. The committee will coordinate with the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee and the Health Care Committee to the extent that aspects of the project raise issues of concern to those committees.

**Project Title: Childhood Sexual Abuse**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: October, 2003

Committee / Staff: Edie Adams

Reference: HB 1040 and HB 1089

Other Resources:

Project Description: Last session the committee heard two bills dealing with childhood sexual abuse. HB 1040 removed the statute of limitations for bringing a civil cause of action for childhood sexual abuse. HB 1089 removed the statute of limitations for bringing criminal charges based on childhood sexual abuse. These two bills generated a great deal of discussion about how the current statutes of limitations in the civil and criminal contexts may serve to prevent victims of childhood sexual abuse from seeking redress and prevent abusers from being held accountable for their actions and about the important role that statutes of limitations play in the justice system. A work group consisting of four representatives (three members of the committee and Rep. Ahern) and interested stakeholders will meet to continue the discussion on the issue with a goal of developing legislation supported by all stakeholders.



**Project Title: Videotaping of Custodial Interrogations**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Edie Adams

Reference: HB 1932

Other Resources:

Project Description: Last session HB 1932 dealing with videotaping of custodial interrogations was referred to the committee but never heard. A work group of four representatives and interested stakeholders will meet to examine the desirability and feasibility of videotaping law enforcement custodial interrogations, with a goal of drafting legislation for the December committee assembly meeting. The work group will examine the efforts of the Seattle Police Department in instituting videotaping of custodial interrogations, review the use of videotaping in other aspects of the criminal justice system, and research the extent to which other states have adopted legislation dealing with videotaping of custodial interrogations.

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**House of Representatives  
 Juvenile Justice and Family Law  
 Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 17, 2003	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Juvenile sex offenders in schools.	Work Session
September 18-19		Olympia	Full Committee	Domestic Violence A. Progress report from various organizations working to address domestic violence issues. B. Report from the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence on the December 2002 Domestic Violence Fatality Review.	Work Session
October	TBA	SeaTac	Full Committee	Discussing changes to the juvenile justice system with juvenile court judges and administrators during the judges' conference (probably in SeaTac).	TBA
November	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Domestic violence and law enforcement.	Work Session
December 4-5		Olympia	Full Committee	A. Recommendations for legislation addressing juvenile sex offenders in schools. B. Discussion on juveniles found not guilty by reason of insanity.	Work Session

**Project Title: Adolescent mental health**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum

Reference: HB 1320; HB 1612

Other Resources:

Project Description: For the past two sessions, the committee held several work sessions and hearings to explore the issues in mental health treatment for minors. The issues included a parent's ability to seek treatment for his or her minor child, a child's ability to refuse treatment, and education and training of mental health treatment providers. The committee will continue to examine these unresolved issues. The committee will also examine how the providers, agencies, and other organizations are implementing the new requirements regarding notification (HB 1612).

**Project Title: An examination of the juvenile justice system**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum and Trudes Hutcheson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will begin a discussion with juvenile court judges and administrators regarding the need, if any, for legislative changes in the juvenile justice system. After the conversation with the judges and administrators, the committee may contact other interest groups (prosecutors, defense attorneys, and child advocates) for input.

The committee will meet with the judges and administrators during the juvenile court judges association's summer conference in SeaTac. The committee will also hold a work session to discuss the feasibility of implementing any suggested changes.

**Project Title: Domestic violence and law enforcement**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Trudes Hutcheson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Due to recent events, domestic violence issues have been prominent. In particular, there has been much attention given to the unusual issues that might arise when an alleged abuser is a member of law enforcement. The committee will explore the issues and research what policies and procedures currently exist in various law enforcement agencies. The committee will work with interest groups, including victim advocates and law enforcement agencies, to determine if changes would be beneficial. The committee will hold two work sessions to begin the discussion and explore the issues.

**Project Title: Juvenile sex offenders attending schools**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will examine how the state can achieve a balance between meeting its obligation to educate all children while ensuring the safety of other students. The committee will research the existing practices in various school districts and explore possible alternatives for developing reasonable educational planning for juvenile sex offenders. The committee will work with JRA, DSHS, OSPi, school districts, and others. The committee will hold a work session to discuss options and legislation.

Project Title: **Juveniles found not guilty by reason of insanity**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Sonja Hallum

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will examine the policy and procedural issues involved when juveniles who have been charged with an offense are found not guilty by reason of insanity. Currently, there are no statutes or procedures specifically addressing the treatment, placement, or supervision of this category of juveniles. The committee will examine the laws for adults found not guilty by reason of insanity and will discuss whether those laws, when applied to juveniles, meet the needs of juveniles and the goals of the juvenile justice system.

**House of Representatives  
Local Government  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
June 19	Afternoon	Spokane	Full Committee	Work Session in conjunction with Association of Washington Cities 2003 Annual Conference, Thursday, June 19, 1:30-3:30, on Local Government Finance: A Case Study of City and County Financing.	Work Session
June 20	Half Day	Newport, Pend Oreille County	Full Committee	Travel from Spokane to Newport, Pend Oreille County, to hold Work Session on Planning under the Growth Management Act: A Study of how the Growth Management Act is working in Pend Oreille County.	Work Session
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Update on the Washington Supreme Court Case regarding municipal annexations; update on Shorelines issues; and review of studies on concurrency by the Puget Sound Regional Council and the University of Washington.	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1) Planning Under the Growth Management Act: A study of how the Growth Management Act is working in Olympia and Thurston County. 2) Local Government Finance: A Case Study of City and County Financing.	Public Hearing/ Work Session

**Joint Work Group on Permitting Processes**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Work Group	It is anticipated that the Joint Work Group will review the general permitting requirements of the Growth Management Act, the Shoreline Management Act, the State Environmental Policy Act, and hydraulic projects.	TBA
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Work Group	" "	TBA

**Project Title: Planning Under the Growth Management Act**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Ethan Moreno and Amy Wood

Reference: N/A

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Committee will review the Growth Management Act (GMA) planning requirements and goals related to improving growth practices, encouraging economic development, and protecting the environment in counties planning under the GMA.

**Project Title: Local Government Finance**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Amy Wood

Reference: N/A

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Committee will examine a variety of city and county finance issues, including but not limited to: (1) local government taxing authority and limitations and (2) the fiscal impacts of annexations and incorporations.

**Project Title: Local Government Permitting Processes - Joint Work Group**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 31, 2003

Committee / Staff: Ethan Moreno and a staff member from the Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee

Reference: N/A

Other Resources:

Project Description: A joint work group comprised of members from the Local Government and the Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committees will review local government permitting processes under the Growth Management Act, the Shoreline Management Act, and the State Environmental Policy Act. In addition to considering the interaction of statutory provisions and methods for integrating permitting requirements of the acts, the work group will also likely review related requisites for hydraulic project permits.

**House of Representatives  
State Government  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Work session on the design-build and general contractor/construction manager methods of public works contracting, followed by a public hearing.	Public Hearing/ Work Session
December 3	9:00 am	Olympia	Full Committee, JT with Technology, Telecommunications & Energy	Technology and privacy issues involved with internet voting.	Work Session
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Work session on election-related issues, such as the timely mailing of ballots to voters, efficient ballot counting practices, and timely election results.	Work Session

**Project Title: Alternative Public Works Contracting Procedures**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: September 2003

Committee / Staff: Katie Blinn and Marsha Reilly

Reference: 1511, 1567, 1788 1891, 2056,  
and 2112.

Other Resources: JLARC

Project Description: Work session at the September Committee Assembly on the design-build and general contractor/construction manager methods of public works contracting, followed by a public hearing.

**Project Title: Election issues**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Katie Blinn and Marsha Reilly

Reference: 1093, 1094, 1106, 1156, 1157,  
1431, 1560, and 2026.

Other Resources:

Project Description: Work session at the December Committee Assembly on election-related issues, such as the timely mailing of ballots to voters, efficient ballot counting practices, and timely election results.



**House of Representatives  
Technology, Telecommunications, and Energy  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 11	All Day	Seattle	Full Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presentation on Energy Issues.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Minister of the Ministry of Energy and Mines, British Columbia, Canada.</li> <li>b. Industry participants and energy officials.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Report from the City of Seattle on the South Lake Union Biotechnology Initiative.</li> <li>3. To be determined</li> </ol>	Public Hearing/ Work Session
September 15 or 17	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Briefing on innovations in eGovernment.	Work Session
September 19	10:00 am	Olympia	Full Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Briefing on dam relicensing.</li> <li>2. Briefing on least-cost planning process for utilities.</li> </ol>	Work Session
December 3	9:00 am	Olympia	Full Committee, JT with State Government	Technology and privacy issues involved with internet voting.	Work Session
December 4 or 5	8:00am	Olympia	Full Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update on implementation of investing in innovation grant program.</li> <li>2. Update on the review of the state's energy strategy.</li> </ol>	Work Session

**Project Title: Update of the State's Energy Strategy**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Pam Madson

Reference: HB 1005

Other Resources:

Project Description: The state's energy strategy was adopted in 1994 and each biennium, a report is submitted to the Governor and Legislature on the status of implementation of the strategy. Given the dramatic changes in the energy landscape since 1994, the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development began a process to update the state's energy strategy during 2002. A set of guiding principles was established. The Department will continue to develop recommendations for changes to the state energy strategy to include input from interested parties, including legislative members. The committee will monitor the department's efforts to update the state's energy strategy. The committee may also meet with various interest groups including the energy policy committee of the Association of Washington Business. The committee may also explore issues involving public/private partnerships for the development of new electrical generation.

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**Project Title: Encouraging use and development of renewable resources**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Pam Madson

Reference: SHB 1544; E2SHB 2119

Other Resources:

Project Description: During the 2003 Legislative session, bills dealing with renewable resource portfolio standards for electricity providers and with a greenhouse gas emissions registry were introduced and discussed. In addition, the committee received briefings on a wind energy siting policy that is developing for some natural resource agencies. Some bills passed dealing with alternative energy fuels while other fuel sources were introduced as being in the developing stages. The committee will continue discussions with interested parties and stakeholders on renewable resource portfolio standards and on a state greenhouse gas emissions registry. Committee work will include briefings on actions taken by state agencies and by federal executive agencies and congress. Committee members will explore possible legislation for the 2004 session.

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**Project Title: Developing legislative options for dealing with unsolicited e-mail (SPAM)**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Pam Madson; Matt Cooper

Reference: HB 1885

Other Resources:

Project Description: Though Washington state has a law that prohibits fraudulent and deceptive e-mail messages, efforts continue to improve the ability of e-mail recipients to screen unwanted e-mail messages. The Committee heard testimony during the 2003 legislative session on additional ways to regulate commercial messages and improve the implementation of the current law. The committee will explore possible legislation for the 2004 legislative session that may include new and additional technologies that allow transmission of electronic mail messages.

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**Project Title: Distribution of petroleum products**

Priority: 4

Completion Date: December 15, 2003

Committee / Staff: Pam Madson; Matt Cooper

Reference: N/A

Other Resources:

Project Description: In early 2003, gasoline prices in the state increased sharply. The Technology, Telecommunications, and Energy Committee and the Commerce and Labor Committee held a joint hearing on petroleum pricing. Certain practices were described that resulted in varied pricing and gasoline availability. The committee will explore the effects on price and availability of petroleum products and may develop legislation.

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**House of Representatives  
Trade and Economic Development  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18-19	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Update on Small Business Forums	TBA
December 4-5	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	Update on Small Business Forums.	TBA

**Project Title: Small Business Forums**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: November 2003

Committee / Staff: Tracey Taylor

Reference:

Other Resources: Video Teleconference

Project Description: The committee members, in teams of two or three, will host one or two meetings this interim to examine issues facing small businesses in Washington state. A team will focus on one of the following subjects: (1) access to capital; (2) licensing requirements and state regulations; (3) public contracting; and (4) economic development and small businesses. The meetings will include small business owners from many different industries and business sizes as well as various economic development and business organizations. An update of the findings and recommendations from each team will be shared with the full committee during the September and December Committee Assembly Days.

**Project Title: Industries of the Future**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Tracey Taylor

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will review issues surrounding Washington's industries of the future, including technology transfer, facilitating the development of businesses, and biotechnology centers.

**Project Title: Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Tracey Taylor

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will review the operations of the Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises, including focusing on its work with small businesses.

**Project Title: Economic Development and Business Development Programs**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Tracey Taylor

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will review the economic development and business development programs offered by the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

**Project Title: Committee Updates**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Tracey Taylor

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Many of the committee members will be serving on various task forces and work groups dealing with issues related to trade and economic development. This includes higher education, Boeing, and trade issues. The committee will receive updates from its members on the progress the groups are making in dealing with these issues.

Project Title: **International Competition**

Priority: 2

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Tracey Taylor

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will review the issues surrounding international competition for companies, including wages, location, marketing, environmental requirements and other related topics.

Project Title: **Human Investment**

Priority: 3

Completion Date: December 2003

Committee / Staff: Tracey Taylor

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will receive an update on workforce training programs and will examine issues surrounding "permanent part-timers."

**House of Representatives  
Transportation  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
September 18, 2003	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	House Transportation Committee Hearing:  * Briefing on ferry security issues * Briefing on Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Program (TPEAC) * Progress report on transportation efficiency measures adopted in 2003 session * Other business	Public Hearing/ Work Session
October 9, 2003	All Day	Olympia	Full Committee	* Transportation System Needs Analysis (Parts 1 & 2 of 4) * Innovative Transportation Solutions Review (Part 1 of 3)	Work Session
November 5, 2003	All Day	Olympia	Full Committee	* Transportation System Needs Analysis (Part 3 of 4) * Innovative Transportation Solutions Review (Part 2 of 3)	Work Session
December 4, 2003	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	* Transportation System Needs Analysis (Part 4 of 4) * Innovative Transportation Solutions Review (Part 3 of 3)	Work Session
December 5, 2003	Afternoon	Olympia	Full Committee	House Transportation Committee Hearing:  * Report on HOV lane policies in Washington * Reports from Work Groups (5 of the 10 work groups will report back to the Committee at this meeting; remainder to report back in January, 2004) * Other business	Public Hearing/ Work Session

**Project Title: Commerce Corridor Analysis (cont'd from 2002)**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: June 30, 2005

Committee / Staff: Jay Alexander (Lead)

Reference: SHB 1163, 2003 session  
Section 305 (9)

Other Resources: WSDOT; private consultant  
(contracted through WSDOT);  
Senate Committee Services staff

Project Description: The 2003-05 biennial transportation budget provides \$500,000 to conduct a study of a north-south commerce corridor in the state of Washington. This appropriation is a continuation of a feasibility study conducted during the 2002 interim. The Washington Commerce Corridor is a north-south corridor starting in the vicinity of Lewis county and extending northerly to the Canadian border. The corridor would be developed, financed, signed, constructed, and operated by a private sector consortium.

The Legislative Transportation Committee makes appointments to the Commerce Corridor working group.

**Project Title: Transportation Infrastructure Finance Alternatives (TIFA) Committee (cont'd from 2002)**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Gary Lebow; Jeff Doyle

Reference: 2002 Supp Trans Budget

Other Resources: WSDOT (primary staff support to  
TIFA Committee, per statute); Senate  
Committee Services staff

Project Description: A Legislative Oversight Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House and Secretary of the Senate, will analyze issues related to innovative financing strategies for transportation infrastructure investments. There are three major work plan objectives: 1) To educate legislators on a range of project financing alternatives, various models of partnerships and institutional arrangements for capitalizing transportation projects; 2) To create an action plan that recommends a legislative framework for using alternative financing and 3) to achieve consensus by involving and informing a wide range of federal, state, regional and local officials in the development and support of the study recommendations.

**Project Title: Transportation Tax Exemptions Working Group (cont'd from 2002)**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jerry Long (Lead)

Reference: 2002 Supp. Transp Budget

Other Resources: Senate Committee Services staff

Project Description: The working group will reexamine tax exemptions and tax preferences related to transportation revenues, funds and accounts. The majority of the work was completed prior to the 2003 session. Legislation related to the working group's recommendations will be reviewed and modified (if warranted).



**Project Title: Aviation System Study**

Priority:

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Melissa Beard (lead); Jerry Long

Reference: Adopted by LTC 7/9/2003

Other Resources: Senate Committee Services; WSDOT

Project Description: Evaluation of the Department of Transportation, Aviation Division's role and mission in the state's aviation system, including its role in providing search and rescue operations, pilot education, and enforcement of taxes and fees associated with aviation activities. Additionally, the evaluation includes examining the capital funding of the state's aviation system including an analysis of appropriate funding levels and methods of financing.

**Project Title: Ferry System Capital and Operating Program Review**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jay Alexander (Lead); Jerry Long

Reference: Approved by LTC, 7/9/2003

Other Resources: Washington State Ferries; Senate Committee Services staff

Project Description: Complete review of operating and capital investment plans, programs and major projects for both passenger and auto ferry service. Particular attention will be given to terminal preservation and development, ferry system financial plans, and possibilities for continuing passenger-only ferry service.

**Project Title: Highways of Statewide Significance Work Group**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Reema Griffith (Lead); Gene Baxstrom

Reference: Approved by LTC, 7/9/2003

Other Resources: Senate Committee Services staff

Project Description: RCW 47.06.140 requires that Highways of Statewide Significance (HSS) be defined and designated according to specific criteria. Highways with this particular designation may qualify for certain state or regional transportation funding. This work group will review the current statutory criteria, and make recommendations for changes to the RCWs (if changes are warranted).

**Project Title: Innovative Transportation Solutions Review**

Priority:

Completion Date: December 5, 2003

Committee / Staff: TBD

Reference: HTC Interim Work Plan

Other Resources:

Project Description: The committee will review emerging transportation technologies and leading edge practices from other parts of the United States and abroad. The review may include all modes of transportation; techniques in planning and financing; and the application artificial intelligence and ITS (intelligent transportation systems) to improve the movement of people and goods.

**Project Title: Statewide Transportation Planning Process & Central Puget Sound Agency Coordination**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Gene Baxstrom (Lead); Reema Griffith

Reference: Adopted by LTC, 7/9/2003

Other Resources: Senate Committee Services staff

Project Description: This work group will analyze and recommend possible revisions to the statewide transportation plan under RCW 47.01.071. Possible recommendations arising from this review include:  
a) Propose changes to 47.06 RCW, on statewide transportation planning;  
b) Propose changes to 47.05 RCW, on priority programming for highway development;  
c) Improve the needs analysis process in RCW 47.05.030;  
d) Integrate the needs analysis process in RCW 47.05.030 and the benchmark measures of RCW 47.01.012 (section 101, chapter 5, Laws of 2002); and  
e) Develop guidelines for regional transportation planning organizations to incorporate state policies into long-range transportation plans.

The second part of the review will include an analysis ways to streamline and improve decision-making among agencies in the central Puget Sound area responsible for transportation planning, investment and services. The review would focus on the potential for a single body, perhaps directly elected, to oversee development of the region's transportation plan, as well as coordination of services and capital investment among public transportation providers and local and state road jurisdictions. The potential for the assumption of governance of certain regional and/or local transportation responsibilities would also be considered.

**Project Title: Transportation Budgeting Process Work Group**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Gary Lebow (Lead); Jeff Doyle, Jerry Long

Reference: Adopted by LTC, 7/9/2003

Other Resources: Senate Committee Services staff

Project Description: Develop a revised budgeting format for the Omnibus Transportation Budgets adopted by the Legislature. The revised format should help improve understanding and communication of legislative policies and priorities, including projects, as reflected in the budget document.

**Project Title: Transportation System Needs Analysis**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: Phase I: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: TBD

Reference:

Other Resources: TBD

Project Description: The House Transportation Committee will hold a series of meetings to identify gaps in the state's transportation system.

Each meeting will analyze an element of the state's transportation system to determine: 1) the state's strategic interest in the particular projects, programs or mode; 2) costs and funding responsibilities; and 3) identification of unmet needs or specific policies that might be impairing performance.

Four (4) House Transportation Committee work sessions are planned: one each in September, October, November and December. Specific agendas for these meetings will be developed after further scoping and consultation with members. The September and December committee assembly meetings will be used for two of the four planned meetings.

Project Title: **WSDOT Financial System Study**

Priority: 1

Completion Date: December, 2003

Committee / Staff: Jay Alexander; Jerry Long

Reference: ESHB 1163 (2003); Approved  
by LTC, 7/9/2003

Other Resources: Senate Committee Services staff;  
WSDOT; private consultant

Project Description: This study will assess Washington State Department of Transportation's current information technology systems and planning for system and application modernization. ESHB 1163 (2003) provides \$715,000 to the DOT for this purpose.