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## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Department of Fish and Wildlife Performance Review Status Update - Marbled Murrelet Habitat Conservation Alternatives	Full Committee

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## **AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Department of Fish and Wildlife Performance Review Status Update**

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**GOAL:** Receive a status update on the Department of Fish and Wildlife's performance review.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is responsible for the management of fish and wildlife resources in the state. Facing budget challenges, the Department was allotted funding in the 2017-19 Operating Budget to undergo a performance review and develop a plan to both balance revenue and expenditures, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations. The final summary of the plan is due by May 1, 2018. The Committee will invite a panel, including representatives from the Department, to provide a status update on performance review and plan development.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Rebecca Lewis

### **Marbled Murrelet Habitat Conservation Alternatives**

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**GOAL:** Review forest management and habitat conservation alternatives related to the marbled murrelet.

**DESCRIPTION:** Forest management and habitat conservation on state lands is a major responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) which manages over 5 million acres of state land; however, efforts sometimes require coordination among a myriad of other government and nongovernment entities. As a part of its forest management responsibility, the DNR uses the Washington State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to help develop and preserve habitat for certain species listed as "threatened" or "endangered" under the federal Endangered Species Act. Among those species is the marbled murrelet. Recently the DNR developed alternatives to address marbled murrelet habitat conservation on state trust lands.

The Committee will invite the DNR to provide an update on DNR's activities in 2017 related to marbled murrelet habitat conservation, and invite other state and county officials and others to discuss current related management practices.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Rebecca Lewis

## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- K-12 Public School Funding - Behavioral Health Update - Update on the Fire Season	Full Committee

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## **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **K-12 Public School Funding**

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**GOAL:** Update the Committee on Supreme Court actions related to McCleary and implementation of Engrossed House Bill 2242.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the 2012 McCleary decision, the state Supreme Court (Court) ruled that insufficient state funding caused school districts to rely on local levies for a portion of basic education costs in violation of the paramount duty clause (Article IX, section 1) of the state constitution. The Court retained jurisdiction of the case to monitor the state's progress toward meeting its Article IX obligation. The Legislature has been implementing and funding Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2261 (2009) and Substitute House Bill 2776 (2010) since then, particularly K-3 class size, all-day kindergarten, and materials, supplies, and operating costs. Compensation was the remaining category to be addressed by the Legislature in 2017 regarding its Article IX obligation as expressed in ESHB 2261 and SHB 2776.

In 2017 the Legislature adopted Engrossed House Bill 2242 which, among other things, makes significant changes to state and local funding contributions and makes policy and compensation related changes. The bill establishes a new state property tax for common schools, establishes a new school district levy lid, and limits use of school district levies and local effort assistance to enrichment programs (and not for basic education).

As part of its review of the Legislature's progress in meeting its Article IX responsibilities, the Court requires the state to submit a report after the Legislature adjourns each year. The Court then holds a hearing after plaintiffs have submitted a response to the state's report.

This item will update the Committee on any Court actions related to submission of the state's progress report and will update the committee on implementation of EHB 2242.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jessica Harrell and Kristen Fraser

## **Behavioral Health Update**

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GOAL: Update the Committee on activities related to behavioral health.

DESCRIPTION: In the past few years, there have been state and federal court rulings related to lack of timeliness in providing involuntary civil and forensic mental health evaluation and treatment services, including an order of contempt. In addition, the state is out of compliance with certain federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services rules at Western State Hospital which threatens ongoing federal funding at the facility.

Over the last several years, including 2017, the Legislature has enacted significant policy initiatives and budget enhancements related to improving mental health services provided in the community and at the state hospitals.

The Committee will review the progress made by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) in implementing the policy initiatives and budget enhancements over the last few years, and the DSHS's progress in addressing the Court actions related to mental health.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Andy Toulon

## **Update on the Fire Season**

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GOAL: Review the 2017 fire season.

DESCRIPTION: Washington has experienced record breaking fire seasons over the past several years. The Committee will receive an update on the 2017 fire season.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Dan Jones and Meghan Morris



## LEG. ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED TUITION PAYMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
April 20	Olympia	Work Session	- Legislative Advisory Committee to the Committee on Advanced Tuition Payment	Full Committee

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## **LEG. ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED TUITION PAYMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Legislative Advisory Committee to the Committee on Advanced Tuition Payment**

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**GOAL:** To provide advice to the Committee on Advanced Tuition Payment and the State Actuary regarding the administration of the GET program.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislative Advisory Committee is required by law to meet at least once annually to provide advice to the Advanced Tuition Payment (GET) Committee and the State Actuary regarding administration of the GET program including, but not limited to, pricing guidelines; the tuition unit price; and the unit payout value. The Legislative Advisory Committee met in April 2017. The Legislative Advisory Committee has not scheduled a meeting at this time but may convene based on enacted tuition policy changes.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Lily Sobolik

## BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Examining the Progress of the Task Force on Public Infrastructure and a Publicly-Owned Depository</li><li>- Reports by State Agencies on the Implementation of Previously Enacted Legislation, Significant Regulatory Issues, and Legislative Priorities for 2018</li></ul>	Full Committee

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## **BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Examining the Progress of the Task Force on Public Infrastructure and a Publicly-Owned Depository**

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**GOAL:** Examine the progress of the Task Force on Public Infrastructure and a Publicly-Owned Depository in its study of the scope of local governments' financial needs for constructing public infrastructure and the feasibility of creating a related publicly-owned depository.

**DESCRIPTION:** Legislation authorizing the establishment of a publicly-owned depository has been introduced in different forms in the House of Representatives or the Senate each biennia since 2010, and has been the subject of committee hearings in both chambers. To study the issue, the Task Force on Public Infrastructure and a Publicly-Owned Depository (Task Force) was established and funded in section 123 of the 2017-2019 Operating Budget. In the Operating Budget, the Task Force is directed to examine the scope of financial needs of local governments for constructing public infrastructure, and the feasibility of creating a publicly-owned depository to facilitate investment in, and financing of, public infrastructure systems that will increase public health and safety, and leverage the financial capital and resources of the state by working in partnership with financial institutions that benefit local communities, or with community-based organizations, economic development organizations, local governments, guaranty agencies, and other stakeholder groups to create jobs and economic opportunities within the state for public benefit. The Task Force consists of legislative members, stakeholders from local government and the financial services industry, citizens with experience in financial issues or public infrastructure, and the Attorney General, the State Auditor, the State Treasurer, the Governor, or their designees. Any recommendations identified by the Task Force involving statutory changes, funding recommendations, or administrative action will be submitted to the Legislature as draft legislation by December 1, 2017.

The Committee will hold one work session to examine the progress of the Task Force in fulfilling its duties.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Peter Clodfelter and Robbi Kesler

## **Reports by State Agencies on the Implementation of Previously Enacted Legislation, Significant Regulatory Issues, and Legislative Priorities for 2018**

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**GOAL:** Receive reports from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the Department of Financial Institutions, the Department of Licensing, and other agencies regarding the implementation of legislation from 2017, significant regulatory issues, and legislative priorities for 2018.

**DESCRIPTION:** The regulation of businesses and professions, including the insurance and financial services industries, requires continuous oversight by the Committee. Satisfying the Committee's oversight responsibility requires conferring with appropriate regulatory agencies regarding new and ongoing issues, implementation of recently enacted legislation, and proposals for new legislation. In 2017 new laws were enacted related to title insurance and other types of insurance, banking and financial services, the licensing of vehicle dealers, and related consumer protection issues, which become effective in July 2017 and require implementation by state agencies.

The Committee will hold one work session to meet with pertinent state agencies to examine the implementation of laws enacted in 2017, significant regulatory issues, and legislative proposals for 2018.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Peter Clodfelter and Robbi Kesler

## CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Cross-laminated Timber - Session Preview	Full Committee

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## **CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Cross-laminated Timber**

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GOAL: Receive updates on: (1) cross-laminated timber (CLT) projects; and (2) CLT manufacturing in Washington.

DESCRIPTION: The 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget included appropriations to the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) for K-3 classrooms, using cross-laminated and other mass timber products, in five school districts. The Committee will receive a report from the DES on final project costs and recommendations for improvement.

There are two companies considering investing in CLT manufacturing plants in Washington. The Committee will receive updates on the development of those plants.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Steve Masse

### **Session Preview**

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GOAL: Receive an update on emerging issues and bond capacity prior to session.

DESCRIPTION: The Committee will receive an update regarding bond capacity and emerging issues prior to the 2017 session. The presentation will also include a summary of prior biennia Capital Budget investments by functional area.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Melissa Palmer

## COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October 19	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Status of Marijuana-Related Scientific Research in Washington Following the Passage of Initiative 502</li> <li>- Examination of Issues Related to the Integration of the Recreational and Medical Marijuana Markets</li> </ul>	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Reports by State Agencies on the Implementation of Previously-Enacted Legislation, Significant Regulatory Issues, and Legislative Priorities for 2018	Full Committee

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## COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### **The Status of Marijuana-Related Scientific Research in Washington Following the Passage of Initiative 502**

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**GOAL:** Study the status of marijuana-related research in Washington, including the examination of: (a) funding resources and issues; (b) current research projects; (c) completed research projects and outcomes; (d) future research projects and follow-up studies; and (e) legal and financial barriers faced by researchers.

**DESCRIPTION:** Prior to the legalization of recreational marijuana by Washington and Colorado in 2012, there had been almost no scientific research conducted in the United States regarding the nature and uses of the marijuana plant, the physiological/cognitive effects of marijuana use, or the potential medical benefits of marijuana-derived products. Initiative 502 did not have provisions that explicitly funded or authorized purely scientific research regarding marijuana products, although it did authorize research focused on substance abuse prevention. However, in 2015 the Legislature passed Senate Bill 5121, which authorizes the Liquor and Cannabis Board to issue marijuana research licenses to qualified applicants. Holders of this license may lawfully produce, possess, and deliver marijuana for specified research purposes, including: (a) testing chemical potency and composition; (b) clinical investigations of the physical effects of marijuana-derived products; (c) research related to medical marijuana products; and (d) genomic and agricultural research. This legislation also authorized the University of Washington and Washington State University to engage in collaborative research projects with marijuana research licensees. In 2017 the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Bill 5131, which allows licensed research entities to purchase plants, clones, and seeds from licensed producers.

The Committee will hold one work session to examine the status of, and issues related to, marijuana-related scientific research in Washington.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Thamas Osborn and Peter Coldfelter

## **Examination of Issues Related to the Integration of the Recreational and Medical Marijuana Markets**

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GOAL: Examine legal and policy issues resulting from the integration of the recreational and medical marijuana markets.

DESCRIPTION: In 2015 the Legislature passed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052, which put the recreational and medical marijuana markets under a single licensing and regulatory system administered by the Liquor and Cannabis Board in conjunction with the Department of Health. Pursuant to this legislation, effective July 1, 2016, medical marijuana dispensaries were closed and only licensed marijuana retailers with a medical marijuana license endorsement are authorized to sell medical marijuana products to qualifying patients. The transition process has given rise to legal and policy issues regarding: (a) the production and availability of medical marijuana products; (b) the role of retailers in registering qualifying patients in the medical marijuana database; (c) the training of retailers regarding medical marijuana products; and (d) the handling of medical marijuana patient information by the the Department of Health.

The Committee will hold one work session to examine the various issues arising from the integration of the medical and recreational marijuana systems.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

## **Reports by State Agencies on the Implementation of Previously-Enacted Legislation, Significant Regulatory Issues, and Legislative Priorities for 2018**

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GOAL: Receive reports from the Liquor and Cannabis Board, Gambling Commission, Department of Agriculture, and other state agencies regarding the implementation of legislation, significant regulatory issues, and legislative priorities for 2018.

DESCRIPTION: The regulation of liquor, marijuana, hemp, vapor products, and various gambling activities involves a wide range of evolving issues that require continuous oversight by the Committee. The fulfillment of this oversight responsibility requires that the Committee confer with the pertinent regulatory agencies on a regular basis regarding new and ongoing issues, implementation of existing legislation, and proposals for new legislation. Accordingly, the Committee will hold one work session to meet with pertinent state agencies for this purpose.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Thamas Osborn and Peter Clodfelter

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- State Resources and Local Responses to Homelessness and Affordable Housing Development</li><li>- Tourism and Community Development</li><li>- Veteran Eligibility for State Parks Access Passes</li></ul>	Full Committee

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## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **State Resources and Local Responses to Homelessness and Affordable Housing Development**

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**GOAL:** Develop a better understanding of how state resources are used to support local programs to address homelessness and housing affordability, and the connection with mental health services.

**DESCRIPTION:** Homelessness and housing affordability continue to be critical issues in many communities around the state. Local governments have been faced with increasing demands on resources to address these issues. State policy provides overarching support for local solutions to address the unique circumstances in each community. The Committee considered various policy proposals in the 2017 session regarding state funding sources for homelessness services and affordable housing development.

The Committee will explore the various conditions of homelessness, the programs and facilities that serve the homeless, and the development of affordable housing to help prevent homelessness for low income families. Presentations will include housing and service providers, as well as other stakeholders invested in addressing homelessness and the affordable housing needs. The Committee will discuss the use of county document recording fees, as well as the impact such a funding source has on local communities. In addition, the Committee will look at mental health services that are being used to address homelessness and available housing solutions.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn and Kirsten Lee

### **Tourism and Community Development**

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**GOAL:** Explore the use of state resources to help promote local and regional tourism marketing and public infrastructure in rural communities.

**DESCRIPTION:** The state supports local public infrastructure projects for community and tourism development. State investment is particularly important to stimulate development opportunities in rural areas that lack ample public resources. Several efforts were made during the 2017 session to promote state investment in local development opportunities, including an expansion of the Main Street tax incentive program, the creative districts certification program, and funding for a state tourism marketing program. These efforts were designed to assist and were supported by rural local communities.

The Committee will consider proposed legislative policies for funding a statewide marketing program that would benefit local and regional tourism industries. The Committee also will examine the impact of the tourism industry on local community economic development.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn and Kirsten Lee

## **Veteran Eligibility for State Parks Access Passes**

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**GOAL:** Consider policies for offering free and reduced rate passes to veterans and military members.

**DESCRIPTION:** The state generates revenue to maintain and operate its parks and other recreational access lands through charging for access to such lands through the Discover Pass and other programs. The Legislature has provided fee exemptions from these programs for certain qualifying groups. Recent proposals have considered extending exemptions to other groups, including out-of-state military veteran groups. Washington State Parks is currently reviewing the scope of fee exemptions and the fiscal impact on state revenues. The Committee will review the research State Parks is conducting in regards to the proposals for extending fee exemptions for certain veteran and military groups.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

## EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November 15	Olympia	Work Session	- Special Education and Employment Programs for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	Full Committee (joint with Education)
November 15	Olympia	Work Session	- Serving Juveniles Sentenced in Adult Court in Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities Until Age 25	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Discussing the Next Steps for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Full Committee
TBD	TBD	Work Session	- Health Care Delivery Models	Full Committee (joint with multiple committees)

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## **EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Special Education and Employment Programs for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

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**GOAL:** Identify areas for improvement in providing employment services to individuals with developmental disabilities before turning age 21.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will convene a work session with the Education Committee focused on the intersection of secondary special education programs and the county employment programs for individuals with developmental disabilities that are administered through contracts with the Department of Social and Health Services' Developmental Disability Administration.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session (joint with Education)

**STAFF:** Luke Wickham

### **Serving Juveniles Sentenced in Adult Court in Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities Until Age 25**

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**GOAL:** Identify options for serving juveniles sentenced in adult court in Juvenile Rehabilitation facilities until age 25.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will convene a work session to hear from the Department of Social and Health Services regarding the options for serving juveniles sentenced in adult court in Juvenile Rehabilitation facilities until age 25.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Luke Wickham

### **Discussing the Next Steps for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families**

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**GOAL:** Monitor the status of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and identify any statutory changes necessary for successful implementation of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will convene a work session to discuss the next steps for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Luke Wickham

## **Health Care Delivery Models**

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**GOAL:** Review models in the health care delivery system and impacts on medical liability.

**DESCRIPTION:** The 2017-19 Operating Budget instructs the House and Senate human services, health care, and judiciary committees to hold a joint work session to review models in the health care delivery system and impacts on medical liability within the context of the Health Care Authority's Medicaid Transformation Waiver. The work session must include integrated delivery models with multiple health care providers and medical malpractice insurance carriers. In this project, staff will monitor the work session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session (joint with multiple committees)

**STAFF:** Dawn Eychaner



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WORK GROUP COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
June	Olympia	Work Session	- Children's Mental Health Work Group	Full Committee
September	Olympia	Work Session	- Children's Mental Health Work Group	Full Committee
November or December	Olympia	Work Session	- Children's Mental Health Work Group	Full Committee

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## **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WORK GROUP COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Children's Mental Health Work Group**

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**GOAL:** Review the Work Group's 2016 report recommendations and legislation enacted in 2017. Develop potential legislation for the 2018 session.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2016 the Legislature established the Children's Mental Health Work Group (Work Group) to identify barriers to accessing mental health services for children and families, and to advise the Legislature on statewide mental health services for this population. The Work Group is tasked with reviewing and developing recommendations in three primary areas related to mental health services for children: (1) assessment, eligibility, and billing; (2) workforce; and (3) child care and education. The Work Group submitted a final report with recommendations in December 2016 and the Work Group is authorized through December 2017.

During the 2017 regular session, several of the Work Group's 2016 recommendations were enacted through the passage of ESSHB 1713 and ESSHB 1819. The Work Group will review enacted legislation and receive updates on agency plans for implementation. In addition, the Work Group will consider remaining recommendations from the 2016 report for possible legislative action during the 2018 session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Three work sessions

**STAFF:** Dawn Eychaner

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November 15	Olympia	Work Session	- Special Education and Employment Programs for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	Full Committee/Joint with ELHS
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Opportunities and Challenges Associated with Implementing the State's Educational Goal of Preparing Students for Postsecondary Education, Gainful Employment, and Citizenship	Full Committee

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## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Opportunities and Challenges Associated with Implementing the State's Educational Goal of Preparing Students for Postsecondary Education, Gainful Employment, and Citizenship**

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**GOAL:** Explore policy options for preparing students to meet the state's education goal, including: (1) reviewing federal and state requirements and options under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act; (2) examining the specific needs and challenges of small and rural school districts; and (3) developing an understanding of competency-based education, including related legal and policy considerations.

**DESCRIPTION:** As established in statute, Washington's basic education program is intended to provide students with the opportunity earn a meaningful diploma that prepares them for postsecondary education, gainful employment, and citizenship. The challenges of implementing a broad goal and associated requirements, however, requires the Legislature to contemplate numerous and interrelated federal, state, and local policy considerations, all of which are intended to promote student success.

This project will examine: (1) requirements associated with the 2015 federal Every Student Succeeds Act, including provisions related to accountability, school quality and student performance, and educator quality; (2) needs and requirements specific to small and remote school districts, including school safety and waivers from certain education requirements; (3) personalized learning, including competency-based education systems that enable students to advance through courses upon subject matter mastery rather than upon the completion of courses of a defined duration; and (4) the ongoing status of a Collaborative School for Innovation and Success (CSIS) pilot project partnership between a college of education and a school district to serve at-risk and low-achieving students.

In completing this project, the Committee intends to conduct a work session on the Consolidated Plan for Washington required by the Every Student Succeeds Act.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Ethan Moreno and Megan Wargacki

## **Special Education and Employment Programs for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

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GOAL: Review the intersection of secondary special education programs and the county employment programs for individuals with developmental disabilities that are administered through contracts with the Developmental Disability Administration.

DESCRIPTION: The Committee will participate in a work session with the Early Learning and Human Services Committee focused on the intersection of secondary special education programs and the county employment programs for individuals with developmental disabilities that are administered through contracts with the Department of Social and Health Services' Developmental Disability Administration.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Ethan Moreno and Megan Wargacki

**EDUCATION**  
**STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Educator Preparation Programs - Oversight and Needs Alignment**

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GOAL: Prepare a brief on educator preparation program oversight and alignment with current and evolving needs.

DESCRIPTION: The Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) was established by the Legislature in 2000 to adopt rules and create policies for the preparation and certification of educators. As part of its duties, the PESB has developed approval standards and evaluation indicators for the preparation programs it oversees.

The PESB plans to transition to a new indicator-based program review process throughout the next year. Some of the proposed indicators are designed to address current and evolving education system needs, including production of completers in shortage areas, completer diversity, and student perceptions of novice teachers.

The brief that results from this project will examine the current and proposed system of oversight and describe, where possible, what the PESB and educator preparation programs are doing to align programs with current and evolving education system needs.

STAFF: Megan Wargacki

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Synchronizing State Recreation Site Access Policies - The Continuing Evolution of the Growth Management Act	Full Committee

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## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Synchronizing State Recreation Site Access Policies**

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**GOAL:** Examine the access policies applicable to different categories of users of recreation sites operated by the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and the Parks and Recreation Commission each manage state lands that provide recreational opportunities to assorted user groups. Since 2011, an annual Discover Pass (\$30), a day-use pass (\$10), or a vehicle access pass issued in conjunction with the purchase of qualifying hunting or fishing licenses has been required in order for persons to obtain motor vehicle access to state recreation sites. State laws and agency policies provide free access to some recreation sites for qualifying types of user groups. For example, holders of a Lifetime Veteran Disability Pass issued by the Parks and Recreation Commission are not required to obtain a Discover Pass, day-use pass, or vehicle access pass in order to access State Parks, but are required to obtain a Discover Pass, day-use pass, or vehicle access pass in order to access recreation sites managed by the DNR or the DFW. Separate types of passes are sometimes required to access other categories of public recreational lands in Washington, including national forests and national parks.

The 2016 Operating Budget included funding for the William D. Ruckelshaus Center (Center) to assess how to improve the consistency, equity, and simplicity of access to these recreational lands. In December 2017, after collecting information and collaborating with stakeholders, the Center plans to deliver a final report on recreation land access to the Legislature.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Rob Hatfield and Jacob Lipson



## **The Continuing Evolution of the Growth Management Act**

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**GOAL:** Monitor discussions regarding the Growth Management Act facilitated by the Ruckelshaus Center pursuant to the 2017-19 Operating Budget.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the nearly three decades since the Growth Management Act was first enacted, the Legislature has, on an almost annual basis, taken action to revise and refine the state's framework of local government growth planning. This trend of annual legislative engagement in this topic continued into the 2017 session, during which the Legislature enacted several bills that addressed the types of developments permissible outside of designated urban growth areas, in rural areas, and on natural resource lands. The 2017-2019 Operating Budget includes funding for the William D. Ruckelshaus Center (Center) to collaborate with stakeholder groups to create a road map for adapting growth management policies and programs to address the challenges that are expected to accompany the state's forecasted population growth.

During the 2017 interim, the Committee will monitor and, as appropriate, engage in the initial discussions facilitated by the Center regarding the adaptability of state growth management laws, policies, and programs.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Robert Hatfield and Jacob Lipson

## FINANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Local Government Apportionment Task Force - B&O Services Classification	Full Committee

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Local Government Apportionment Task Force**

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**GOAL:** Monitor the work being done by the Local Government Apportionment Task Force in preparation for any legislation in 2018.

**DESCRIPTION:** EHB 2005, as enacted, directs the Department of Revenue (DOR) to convene a Local Business and Occupation Tax Apportionment Task Force. The legislation directs the DOR to work with cities, towns and identified business organizations to analyze the current two-factor apportionment formula and to develop an alternative apportionment method that assigns gross receipts to a local jurisdiction. Final recommendations to the Legislature are due by October 31, 2018.

The Committee will monitor the work being done by the Task Force and receive a status report at a work session during Committee Assembly. The Committee may provide feedback to the Task Force.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Richelle Geiger

### **B&O Services Classification**

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**GOAL:** Understand the delineation between services treated as taxable retail sales and those not subject to retail sales or use tax, and possibly develop legislation for 2018.

**DESCRIPTION:** Statutorily, certain services are considered retail sales while others are not. Legislation enacted in 2016 sought to clarify the taxation of amusement, recreation, and physical fitness services. With the Department of Revenue, options for defining these activities will be developed. Additionally, research on how other states define and tax similar activities will be conducted. The Committee will receive a staff briefing at a work session during committee assembly.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Serena Dolly

**FINANCE**  
**STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Implementation of Marketplace Fairness Provisions of EHB 2163**

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GOAL: Monitor the implementation of the remit or report requirements for marketplace facilitators, referrers, and remote sellers.

DESCRIPTION: EHB 2163, as enacted, provided several new revenue sources for the State General Fund. This included revisions to the duties of businesses selling goods and services via the internet to Washington residents. Beginning January 1, 2018, marketplace facilitators, referrers, and remote sellers must comply with the requirements to collect and remit sales tax or comply with the notice and reporting requirements under the Act. The Department of Revenue (DOR) will be administering the new tax program and must adopt rules and develop other administrative procedures. In addition, the DOR must develop strategies to ensure compliance with the Act's requirements.

The Committee is interested in the rulemaking and administrative procedures, as well as the DOR's plans to ensure compliance with this new tax program. These activities will be monitored and status reports will be provided to the Committee.

STAFF: Tracey O'Brien

**FINANCE  
RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

**Tax Structure Work Group**

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**GOAL:** Facilitate discussions about the current tax structure and identify any options to improve the tax structure.

**DESCRIPTION:** As part of the 2017-19 Operating Budget, a work group was created to facilitate public discussion throughout the state regarding Washington's tax structure. The work group will consist of a member from each of the major caucuses in the House of Representatives. Over the 2017 and 2018 interims, the work group will hold up to seven public meetings in geographically dispersed areas of the state. The discussion may include the advantages and disadvantages of the state's current tax structure and potential options to improve the current structure for the benefit of individuals, families, and businesses in Washington.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** Tracey O'Brien, Richelle Geiger, Rachelle Harris, and Serena Dolly

## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October 23	Seattle	Work Session	- Medical and Pharmaceutical Innovations - Current Topics in Public Health	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Private Health Insurance - Behavioral Health Integration - Opioids and Substance Use Disorders	Full Committee
TBD	TBD	Work Session	- Health Care Delivery Models	Full Committee (joint with multiple committees)

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## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Medical and Pharmaceutical Innovations

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GOAL: Obtain a better understanding of current biomedical research in the state and the costs associated with research and development and the impact on drug pricing.

DESCRIPTION: During the 2017 session, the Committee considered legislation related to transparency in prescription drug pricing. In addition, the 2017-19 Operating Budget directs the Office of Financial Management to review whether the lead organization of the all payer health care claims database may collect data from drug manufacturers to bring greater public transparency to prescription drug prices.

At this work session, the Committee will seek to better understand the research and development processes that drive prescription drug costs. The work session will include a presentation on the University of Washington's Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine's current research.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Chris Blake

### Current Topics in Public Health

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GOAL: Explore efforts to modernize the delivery of public health services.

DESCRIPTION: The public health system in Washington is administered by several entities including the State Department of Health, the State Board of Health, 35 local health jurisdictions, and tribal governments. In the 2017 session, the Committee heard proposals to: (1) structure public health entities to support foundational public health services; and (2) continue hospital reporting related to contagious disease. The Committee will hear from public health entities about responding to public health challenges, including contagious disease outbreaks and interventions related to chronic disease, such as obesity.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Chris Blake

## **Private Health Insurance**

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GOAL: Receive briefings on several issues related to regulation of private health insurance.

DESCRIPTION: During the 2017 session, the Committee considered several issues related to regulation of the private health insurance market, including continuation of the Washington State Health Insurance Pool (WSHIP), reimbursement for telemedicine services, and the contents of dental plans' explanations of benefits.

The Committee will receive briefings from stakeholders regarding current issues related to private health insurance. Specifically, the Committee will: (1) study the necessity of continuing WSHIP coverage and creation of a different funding mechanism for the WSHIP; (2) receive an update on coverage of telemedicine services; (3) discuss network adequacy standards; and (4) examine carrier practices related to explanations of benefits sent to covered persons.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Jim Morishima

## **Behavioral Health Integration**

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GOAL: Monitor progress toward the full integration of physical and behavioral health in Medicaid in 2020.

DESCRIPTION: As of April 1, 2016, mental health services and substance use disorder services for Medicaid clients were merged into a single behavioral health system. By 2020, behavioral health services and physical health services must be integrated for Medicaid clients. One regional service area has already become fully-integrated and others are looking to integrate prior to 2020. The state is also considering integrating behavioral health and Medicaid staff at relevant agencies.

The Committee will receive an update on progress toward fully-integrated health care, the results from those that have already integrated, and considerations for removing obstacles for achieving integration.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Chris Blake



## **Opioids and Substance Use Disorders**

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GOAL: Receive an update regarding efforts to manage the opioid epidemic in the state.

DESCRIPTION: Prescription and non-prescription opioid abuse has become a serious public health issue in recent years. The Governor issued an executive order in 2016 directing state agencies to implement the state opioid response plan, and the Committee held a work session during the 2017 session to learn more about opioid use disorder and current efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in Washington. The Committee also considered legislation related to opioids, including bills addressing prescribing limits, the prescription drug monitoring program, medication disposal, and opioid treatment programs.

The Committee will receive an update from relevant state agencies and stakeholders regarding the status of efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and improve access to treatment for opioid use disorder.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Chris Blake

## **Health Care Delivery Models**

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GOAL: Review models in the health care delivery system and impacts on medical liability.

DESCRIPTION: The 2017-19 Operating Budget instructs the House and Senate human services, health care, and judiciary committees to hold a joint work session to review models in the health care delivery system and impacts on medical liability within the context of the Health Care Authority's Medicaid Transformation Waiver. The work session must include integrated delivery models with multiple health care providers and medical malpractice insurance carriers.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One joint work session with multiple House and Senate committees

STAFF: Chris Blake

## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS STAFF RESEARCH PROJECTS

### Dental Access

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GOAL: Identify limitations on access to dental providers and the impact on patients and the larger health care system.

DESCRIPTION: Access to dental care can be challenging for lower income populations, particularly those without dental insurance coverage. The Medicaid program recently restored dental benefits to adults; however, there is still concern regarding a shortage of providers for Medicaid enrollees. Some jurisdictions have pursued mid-level dental professionals as an option for resolving shortages of dental providers.

Staff will explore available data to help committee members better understand the availability of dental care for Medicaid enrollees and other underserved populations, and also to assist committee members in understanding options for addressing the issue.

STAFF: Chris Blake

### Sunrise Review

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GOAL: Monitor the sunrise review proceeding related to a doctorate of medical science.

DESCRIPTION: The Chair of the Health Care and Wellness Committee has requested that the Department of Health conduct a sunrise review for a proposal that would allow physician assistants to achieve a Doctor of Medical Science degree after two additional years of training in the area of primary care. In this project, staff will monitor the sunrise review proceeding and the resulting recommendations.

STAFF: Jim Morishima

### Dental Explanations of Benefits

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GOAL: Monitor an executive branch work group charged with studying dental explanations of benefits.

DESCRIPTION: The Office of the Insurance Commissioner is convening a work session to review dental explanations of benefits and to consider ways in which they can be more user friendly. Staff will monitor the work group meetings.

STAFF: Jim Morishima

## Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals

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GOAL: Understand the issues facing patients and staff at the state hospitals.

DESCRIPTION: The Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals was established to monitor, receive updates from, and make recommendations related to the role of state hospitals in the mental health system, the use of the Behavioral Health Innovation Fund, the monitoring of outcome measures, and reviews of survey results. In this project, staff will monitor the work of the Select Committee.

STAFF: Chris Blake

## **HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES**

### **Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight**

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**GOAL:** Oversee and monitor executive agencies and the Health Benefit Exchange as they implement the state's health care policy.

**DESCRIPTION:** Several agencies and entities have a role in implementing health care policy in Washington, including the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, the Department of Health, the Department of Social and Health Services, the Health Care Authority, and the Health Benefit Exchange. The Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight will provide oversight between these agencies and organizations. This oversight will include monitoring of each entity's activities to ensure they are not duplicating their efforts and are working toward a goal of increased quality of service.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One meeting

**STAFF:** Jim Morishima

### **Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability**

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**GOAL:** Review issues affecting aging and disabled populations to promote quality services and appropriate supports to these populations.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues (Committee) has been in existence for the past four years and was reauthorized for two more years in the 2017-19 Operating Budget. The Committee is charged with the responsibility of identifying strategic actions to prepare for the aging of Washington's population.

The Committee may study several issues relating to the aging and disabled communities, including issues related to health care needs, financial security, vulnerable adults, guardianships, and community design. The Operating Budget specifies that at least one meeting must be devoted to exploring legislation to allow family members to provide personal care services to persons with developmental or long-term term care needs under a voluntary, consumer-directed Medicaid service program.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One public hearing

**STAFF:** Chris Blake

## JOINT LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING & DISABILITY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability	Full Committee

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**JOINT LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING & DISABILITY  
COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

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NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Chris Blake

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>SUBJECTS</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>
TBD	Olympia	Meeting	- Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight	Full Committee

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**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

**Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight**

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**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One meeting

**STAFF:** Jim Morishima



## HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Student Success Programs at the Community and Technical Colleges	Full Committee

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## HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### **Student Success Programs at the Community and Technical Colleges**

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**GOAL:** Receive an update from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges on how appropriations received for student success programs are being used at the community and technical colleges.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the 2017-19 Operating Budget, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (State Board) received appropriations for the following programs aimed at increasing student success: \$3.2 million for expansion of the Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA) program; \$3 million to implement a Guided Pathways program; and \$1.5 million to increase enrollments in the Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) program.

The Committee will hold a work session during Committee Assembly to hear an update from the State Board about how the funds are being used, including how many new students are being served from the expansion of both the MESA and I-BEST programs, and how the State Board is implementing the Guided Pathways program.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Trudes Tango

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Firearms Issues - Civil Property Forfeiture - Court Process for Public Records Act Cases	Full Committee
December	Olympia	Work Session	- Body Worn Cameras - Traffic-Based Financial Obligations - Volk Court Decision - Truancy	Full Committee
TBD	TBD	Work Session	- Health Care Delivery Models	Full Committee

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## **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Firearms Issues**

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**GOAL:** Educate the Committee on different types of firearms and how they are regulated and key state and federal laws and regulations addressing firearms.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee has addressed legislation on a wide variety of firearms-related issues during recent legislative sessions. This legislation includes background check requirements, procedures for responding to persons who illegally attempt to purchase firearms, enhanced regulation of assault weapons, safe storage of firearms, and extreme risk protection orders, which allow a court to prohibit a person from possessing firearms under certain conditions. The Committee will hold a work session to educate the members on different types of firearms and how they are regulated and key state and federal laws and regulations addressing firearms.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Edie Adams

### **Civil Property Forfeiture**

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**GOAL:** Educate the Committee on state and federal laws related to civil forfeiture.

**DESCRIPTION:** The issue of civil asset forfeiture has garnered attention around the country in recent years, and was the subject of a bill heard in Committee during the 2017 Session. This bill (HB 1016) would require that a property owner be found guilty of a felony before a court could enter a final order of forfeiture. Some states have recently amended their laws to require a criminal conviction before seized assets may be legally forfeited. Meanwhile, at the federal level, the U.S. Attorney General has recently announced a new directive on federal forfeiture practices. The Committee will hold a work session to educate members on civil forfeiture in general, and key state and federal laws in this arena.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Cece Clynn and Ingrid Lewis

## **Court Process for Public Records Act Cases**

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**GOAL:** Receive information about the idea of implementing a process similar to small claims court for disputes regarding public records requests.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Public Records Act (PRA) requires state and local agencies to make their written records available to the public for inspection and copying upon request, unless the information fits into one of the various specific exemptions in the PRA or as otherwise provided in law. Agencies must respond to a records request within five business days and provide the record, deny the request, or provide an estimate of time when the records will be available. Disputes regarding records requests are filed in superior court. Over the 2016 interim, a stakeholder group met to discuss a variety of issues related to the PRA. One suggestion made during those meetings was that courts similar to small claims courts be established to hear PRA disputes, and the Committee will hold a work session to hear about this proposal.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Cece Clynch and Ingrid Lewis

## **Body Worn Cameras**

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**GOAL:** Receive a briefing on the final report of the Task Force on Use of Body Worn Cameras

**DESCRIPTION:** The Task Force on the Use of Body Worn Cameras (Task Force) was established in 2016 to examine and report on the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement and corrections agencies. The Task Force must examine and report its findings and recommendations regarding a number of issues, including: costs assessed to persons requesting disclosure of body worn camera recordings; body worn camera policies adopted by agencies; retention and retrieval of body worn camera data; model body worn camera policies; the use of body worn cameras in health care facilities subject to federal and state health care privacy laws; and the use of body worn cameras for gathering evidence, surveillance, and police accountability. The Task Force must issue recommendations and a final report by December 1, 2017. The Committee will receive a briefing on the Task Force's final report and recommendations.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Edie Adams

## Traffic-Based Financial Obligations

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GOAL: Receive a report on the recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General work group on traffic-based financial obligations.

DESCRIPTION: Legislation enacted in 2016 (SSB 6360) required the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) to convene a work group of stakeholders to provide input and feedback on the development of a plan and program for the efficient statewide consolidation of an individual's traffic-based financial obligations into a single, affordable payment plan. The work group must provide final feedback and recommendations to the AGO no later than September 15, 2017. The AGO must submit a report detailing its recommendations and the plan and program to the Supreme Court, the Governor, and the appropriate committees of the Legislature no later than December 1, 2017. The Committee will hear a report from the AGO regarding its recommended plan and program for statewide consolidation of traffic-based financial obligations.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cece Clynch

## Volk Court Decision

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GOAL: Receive a report on the study of the Volk v. DeMeerleer court decision.

DESCRIPTION: In a 2016 Washington Supreme Court decision, *Volk v. DeMeerleer*, the Court held that a mental health professional is under a duty of reasonable care to protect foreseeable victims of his or her patient, a duty predicated on the special relationship between the mental health professional and a voluntary outpatient in the context of definite, established, and continuing treatment. The 2017-19 Operating Budget instructed the University of Washington to convene a study of the *Volk* decision and whether or not it substantially changed the law on the duty of care for mental health providers and whether it has had an impact on access to mental health care services. The Committee will hear a report from the University of Washington on the findings of the study.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Cece Clynch

## **Truancy**

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**GOAL:** Receive a report on the statewide use of detention as a means to address truancy, and learn about the role detention plays in other states' truancy laws and policies.

**DESCRIPTION:** Legislation enacted in 2016 and 2017 made changes to the truancy laws and the school and court processes to eliminate or reduce unexcused absences, requiring: (1) greater coordination between school districts and courts to establish Community Truancy Boards (CTBs) or other coordinated means of intervention; and (2) the utilization of services and other interventions, and a finding that other measures to secure compliance have been tried but not been successful, before a court may order detention for the violation of a court order related to truancy. As part of the 2016 legislation, juvenile courts are required to transmit data to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in order that accurate tracking can be done with respect to the extent to which courts order youth into a secure detention facility for the violation of a court order related to a status offense, such as truancy. The AOC is required to issue an annual statewide report on the use of detention. The Committee will hold a work session to educate the members about what the data shows with respect to the use of detention throughout the state for status offenses in general and truancy cases in particular. The Committee will also learn about the role detention plays in other states' truancy laws and policies.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Cece Clynych

## **Health Care Delivery Models**

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**GOAL:** Review models in the health care delivery system and impacts on medical liability.

**DESCRIPTION:** The 2017-19 Operating Budget instructs the House and Senate human services, health care, and judiciary committees to hold a joint work session to review models in the health care delivery system and impacts on medical liability within the context of the Health Care Authority's Medicaid Transformation Waiver. The work session must include integrated delivery models with multiple health care providers and medical malpractice insurance carriers.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Ingrid Lewis and Cece Clynych

## TASK FORCE ON USE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 19	Tacoma	Work Session	- Task Force on Use of Body Worn Cameras	Full Committee
October 16	Ellensburg	Work Session	- Task Force on Use of Body Worn Cameras	Full Committee
November	Olympia	Work Session	- Task Force on Use of Body Worn Cameras	Full Committee

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## **TASK FORCE ON USE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Task Force on Use of Body Worn Cameras**

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**GOAL:** Examine and report on issues associated with the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement and correction agencies.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Task Force on the Use of Body Worn Cameras (Task Force) was established in 2016 to examine and report on the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement and corrections agencies. The Task Force must examine and report its findings and recommendations regarding a number of issues, including: costs assessed to persons requesting disclosure of body worn camera recordings; body worn camera policies adopted by agencies; retention and retrieval of body worn camera data; model body worn camera policies; the use of body worn cameras in health care facilities subject to federal and state health care privacy laws; and the use of body worn cameras for gathering evidence, surveillance, and police accountability. The Task Force must hold public meetings in locations that include rural and urban communities and communities in the eastern and western parts of the state.

The Task Force met two times during the 2016 interim and will continue its work during the 2017 interim. The Task Force anticipates holding three meetings as needed to complete its work and issue recommendations and a final report by December 1, 2017.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Three work sessions

**STAFF:** Edie Adams

## LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October 18	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Future of Work</li><li>- Employment and Franchises</li><li>- Employment Data for Rural Areas</li></ul>	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Human Trafficking and Supply Chains</li><li>- Conversion Vending Units (food trucks) and Mobile Medical Units</li><li>- Crane Safety</li><li>- Workers' Compensation</li></ul>	Full Committee

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## **LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **The Future of Work**

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**GOAL:** Provide the Committee with background information on three evolving trends in the workplace: the use of noncompete agreements; the increase in automation in certain industries; and the independent contractor status of the contingent workforce.

**DESCRIPTION:** New technologies have changed the way people work and how goods and services are delivered. Technological advancements, such as the creation of digital platforms, have impacted the traditional employer-employee relationship and shaped what employers expect of workers.

The Committee will explore three specific topics related to the future of work: (1) the employment status of workers, specifically, when and under what circumstances a worker is an independent contractor and the ramifications of independent contractor status; (2) the expanded use of noncompete agreements and the impacts of such agreements in different employment contexts; and (3) the trend of automation and the impact on the workforce in specific industries.

The Committee will hear presentations by the Department of Labor and Industries and the Employment Security Department regarding coverage of independent contractors, including trends within transportation network companies. The Committee will also hear from experts and stakeholders on the issues of noncompete agreements and the impact of automation on the workforce.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Trudes Tango

## **Employment and Franchises**

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**GOAL:** Learn about employment relationships in the franchise context, including joint employment, and consider whether statutory changes are needed.

**DESCRIPTION:** A franchise is a business relationship under which one party, the franchisee, is granted the right by the other party, the franchisor, to sell goods or services under the franchisor's marketing plan, usually for a fee. The franchisee may or may not have employees.

Under the concept of joint employment, more than one entity may share in the legal responsibility for employees, such as under wage and hour laws. Various tests apply to determine if joint employment exists, and whether joint employment exists depends on the particular facts.

Some states, including Wisconsin, Utah, and Texas, have statutorily declared that a franchisor is not an employer of the franchisee's employees or of the franchisee under particular employment laws. A 2017 bill, HB 1881, would have provided that a franchisor is not the employer of a franchisee or of the franchisee's employees for purposes of the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, the Minimum Wage Act, and several other laws.

The Committee will learn about franchises and employment laws, hear comments on HB 1881 from stakeholders, and consider whether statutory changes are needed.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Joan Elgee

## **Employment Data for Rural Areas**

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**GOAL:** Obtain information regarding rural employment and related data.

**DESCRIPTION:** Employment issues in rural areas of the state may differ from issues in urban areas. To help the Committee understand unique issues faced in rural areas, the Employment Security Department will present comparisons to include population, labor force, employment, unemployed persons, unemployment rate, housing costs, and median hourly wages.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Joan Elgee

## **Human Trafficking and Supply Chains**

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GOAL: Receive a report from the University of Washington Women's Center.

DESCRIPTION: A proviso in the 2015 Operating Budget (ESSB 6052) directed the Department of Commerce to contract with the University of Washington's Women's Center (Center) to research supply chain policies related to labor practices of businesses. The proviso directed the Center to recommend how to evaluate and monitor supply chain management and how the state may design legislation on global ethical sourcing practices that is comprehensive, pragmatic, and enforceable, and present its study to the Committee.

The Committee will receive a report from the Center.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Joan Elgee

## **Conversion Vending Units (food trucks) and Mobile Medical Units**

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GOAL: Receive a report from the Vendor and Mobile Medical Unit Advisory Committee.

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Labor and Industries (Department) regulates factory assembled structures, including conversion vending units (food trucks) and mobile medical units. Legislation enacted in 2016 (SHB 2443) required out-of-state food trucks to meet Washington's standards, and addressed when plan review is required. The legislation also directed the Department to convene an advisory committee to advise the Department on which food trucks to exempt from plan review by rule and to recommend any statutory changes to the Legislature by September 30, 2017.

The Committee will receive a report from the Vendor and Mobile Medical Unit Advisory Committee.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Joan Elgee

## Crane Safety

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**GOAL:** Provide an overview of the Department of Labor and Industries' crane certification program.

**DESCRIPTION:** Responding to a 2006 tower crane collapse in Bellevue, legislation was enacted to add statutory requirements to the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) related to construction crane safety. The requirements became effective January 1, 2010. The Department of Labor and Industries (Department) adopted rules to implement the statutory requirements, and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) is responsible for implementation and enforcement. The DOSH certifies cranes used in the construction industry. This certification program also requires that crane operators meet established guidelines to become qualified to operate cranes.

The Committee will hear from the Department regarding the certification program, compliance with certification in the construction industry, and other safety-related concerns.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Trudes Tango

## Workers' Compensation

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GOAL: Review data and information on specific workers' compensation topics.

DESCRIPTION: Several workers' compensation topics are of interest to the Committee.

Workers' compensation covers occupational diseases that meet a statutory definition as interpreted by the courts. In 2012 the Upjohn Institute, under contract with the Department of Labor and Industries (Department), released a report on occupational disease claims. The report included a review of the incidence of occupational disease claims.

Studies show that early return to work reduces disability and the costs to the workers' compensation system. Small businesses, however, may not have the flexibility to create light duty positions for injured workers, and there is interest in options for small businesses.

Employers that meet certain financial criteria may self-insure rather than be part of the state system. The Department provides oversight and receives some data from self-insured employers. In collaboration with a business labor advisory committee, the Department has developed a new audit model for self-insured employers.

Physicians and certain other medical providers must be part of a medical provider network to provide care to injured workers after the initial visit. Becoming a network provider does not require a provider to accept injured workers as patients.

The Department will present data on occupational disease claims, describe the status of efforts to create options for small businesses and return to work, describe data available from self-insured employers and the new audit model, and provide data on availability of providers.

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Joan Elgee

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 25	Olympia	Work Session	- Boundary Review Boards	Full Committee
October 30	Olympia	Tour & Work Session	- Little Houses and Micro-Housing Communities	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Local Mandates and Revenue Funding	Full Committee

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## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Boundary Review Boards**

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**GOAL:** Reviewing the actions and role of boundary review boards.

**DESCRIPTION:** Boundary review boards (boards) are local government entities that guide and control the creation and growth of municipalities in metropolitan areas. Boards must review and approve, disapprove, or modify proposed actions, including actions pertaining to the creation, incorporation, or change in the boundary of any city, town, or special purpose district.

During the 2017 session, the Committee held hearings on HB 1682 and SB 5652. The proposed legislation permitted boards to allow affected jurisdictions to enter into agreements necessary to address conflicts with the board's factors and objectives prior to ruling on an annexation proposal. In addition, when reaching a decision on a proposal, a board must consider the effect of the proposal on mutual fiscal interests and must consider the logical and reasonable nature of annexation boundaries to ensure that they do not create unincorporated islands or peninsulas.

Although both bills had some support, there were concerns. The Committee will bring the pertinent stakeholders together, in a round table fashion, to work out outstanding issues prior to the 2018 session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Yvonne Walker and Cassie Jones

## **Little Houses and Micro-Housing Communities**

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GOAL: Tour of Little House/Micro-Housing Community.

DESCRIPTION: In Washington, tiny homes with or without wheels are considered park model recreational vehicles (PMRV) and are approved only for temporary/recreational use in the state. The International Residential Code (IRC) addresses dwelling units and requires that “permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation” be provided in a dwelling, along with other requirements such as heating, mechanical, and energy efficiency provisions.

Generally, local municipal (zoning and utility) codes prohibit tiny homes from being placed in residential zoned neighborhoods and often create significant barriers against them, especially if a person wants to live in a tiny home on a permanent basis. Exceptions in state law (RCW 35.21.684 and RCW 36.01.225), however, allow a PMRV to be used as a permanent residence if it is located in a mobile home park, hooked up to utilities, and meets the other requirements of the applicable statute. In addition, many cities and nonprofits have allowed and built tiny home villages as an alternative housing solution for homeless families and individuals.

Officials from the State Building Code Council and several local municipal attorneys will be invited to the work session to provide an overview of state regulations for tiny homes and local zoning ordinances for placement.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Yvonne Walker and Cassie Jones

## **Local Mandates and Revenue Funding**

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GOAL: Discuss the feasibility of a comparative review of constitutional and statutory obligations and revenue capacity of various local government entities.

DESCRIPTION: During the 2017 legislative session, the Committee held a hearing on HB 2011. The proposed legislation required the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to study the comparative constitutional and statutory obligations and revenue capacity of local governments. The Committee will review and pursue the potential goals of this bill by working in conjunction with the Washington State Association of Counties, the Association of Washington Cities, and the WSIPP. The discussion will center on the feasibility of initiating a study of: (1) how mandated state services provided by local governments compares with the various revenue sources of local government; and (2) how to reduce unfunded state mandates on local governments.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Yvonne Walker and Cassie Jones

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
October 11	Burien	Work Session	- Offender Reentry - Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Emerging Adult Offenders - Parenting Sentencing Alternatives	Full Committee

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Offender Reentry**

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**GOAL:** Evaluate state and local programs for offenders reentering the community after being released from correctional facilities.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will evaluate state and local programs and other efforts to facilitate reentry of offenders released from correctional facilities. The Committee will assess the need for policy changes to improve successful reentry and reduce recidivism. To that end, the Committee will receive a briefing from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy on the study directed by Second Substitute House Bill 2791 (2016), which will include a comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of current reentry programs. The Committee will receive an update from the Washington Statewide Reentry Council on its 2017 activities and receive possible recommendations for legislation action.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard

### **Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program**

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**GOAL:** Enhance the Committee's understanding of options for diverting offenders from the criminal justice system by learning about King County's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion pilot program.

**DESCRIPTION:** Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a pre-booking diversion pilot program addressing low-level drug and prostitution crimes in two locations in King County. The program was developed by a coalition of law enforcement, public officials, and community groups, and allows law enforcement officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug or prostitution activity to community-based services in place of jail and prosecution. Services include housing, healthcare, job training, treatment, and mental health support. The goal of the program is to improve public safety, while reducing the criminal behavior of program participants.

The Committee will receive a briefing from LEAD program organizers in order to better understand the program and learn about any outcome data that has been generated to this point.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Omeara Harrington

## **Emerging Adult Offenders**

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**GOAL:** Highlight considerations for responding to emerging adults in the criminal justice system and examine potential policy approaches.

**DESCRIPTION:** In the criminal justice context, the term "emerging adults" generally refers to criminal offenders between the ages of 18 and 25. This population constitutes a disproportionately large portion of the overall population of criminal offenders, and has been the subject of national study in recent years. Experts are examining the developmental features and other unique characteristics of this group in order to understand how to encourage positive change among individual offenders, thereby reducing recidivism and enhancing public safety.

The Committee will receive briefings from experts and local criminal justice system actors regarding the emerging adult offender population. Through these briefings, the Committee will gain an understanding of the unique characteristics and challenges of this population, and explore potential responsive policy options.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard and Omeara Harrington

## Parenting Sentencing Alternatives

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**GOAL:** Evaluate the current parenting sentencing alternatives and assess whether to expand access to other offenders.

**DESCRIPTION:** Research shows children of incarcerated parents are significantly more likely to end up in the criminal justice system. Parenting sentencing alternatives aim to stop the cycle of criminal activity by providing participants with an opportunity to maintain family bonds and be productive contributors to their families and to the community.

Substitute Senate Bill 6639 (2010) created two parenting sentencing alternatives to prison confinement for some nonviolent inmates who have minor children. The judicial sentencing alternative, referred to as the Family and Offender Sentencing Alternative (FOSA), allows judges to waive a sentence for eligible offenders and impose twelve months of community supervision along with conditions for treatment and programming. Judges maintain the authority to require a participating offender to appear in court to evaluate progress and address violations. The partial confinement program, referred to as the Community Parenting Alternative (CPA), allows eligible offenders to reside in the community under electronic monitoring surveillance through the Department of Corrections (DOC). The CPA program requires the offender to reside with a sponsor at an approved address. Offenders are bound by the DOC infraction system and may be terminated from the program and returned to prison. Both programs operate with the participation of the Department of Social and Health Services' Children's Administration.

The Committee will review the current parenting sentencing alternatives, including current practices and outcomes, and evaluate the possibility of expanding access to parenting sentencing alternatives.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard

## SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION BEST PRACTICES TASK FORCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 14	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementation of Sexual Assault Kit Initiatives</li> <li>- Best Practices for State and Local Responses to Sexual Assault</li> <li>- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners</li> <li>- Anonymous Sexual Assault Kits</li> </ul>	Full Committee
November 6	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Best Practices for State and Local Responses to Sexual Assault</li> <li>- Anonymous Sexual Assault Kits</li> </ul>	Full Committee

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# SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION BEST PRACTICES TASK FORCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

## Implementation of Sexual Assault Kit Initiatives

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GOAL: Monitor and foster successful implementation of legislation.

DESCRIPTION: Multiple bills have passed relating to sexual assault and sexual assault kits (SAKs) since the formation of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Best Practices Task Force (Task Force), including SHB 1068 (2015), 2SHB 2530 (2016), SHB 2711 (2016), and ESHB 1109 (2017). In addition, the state appropriated funds in the 2015-17 and 2017-19 Operating Budgets to expand capacity for testing SAKs and address related policy items. The Task Force will review all legislation passed to date and monitor implementation by receiving reports from participating agencies and organizations.

The Task Force will receive a briefing from the Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force, created by SSB 5719 (2015), on its final report to the Legislature. The Task Force will assess whether its recommendations should be considered in the development of SAK policies and best practices.

The Task Force will review federal and state proposals to establish a Survivors' Bill of Rights insofar as those rights are connected to SAK collection, testing, and usage. The Task Force will also evaluate whether changes to the statute of limitation could improve prosecution rates and outcomes for cases with SAK evidence.

The Task Force will evaluate the need for legislation in 2018 and other actions in order to achieve the Task Force's mandate.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session

STAFF: Kelly Leonard and Omeara Harrington



## **Best Practices for State and Local Responses to Sexual Assault**

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**GOAL:** Improve state and local practices for responding to sexual assault and ensure all sexual assault kits are tested in Washington.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Task Force will pursue remaining work outlined in its 2016 Annual Report (see "Ongoing Task Force Efforts for 2017" on page 19 of the report). The Task Force will seek to build a state and local coalition to address gaps in sexual assault investigations and sexual assault kit (SAK) testing by engaging with stakeholders and encouraging state and local reforms. To that end, the Task Force will continue its efforts to evaluate current practices and develop best practices for responding to sexual assault, including centralized resources and services for victims, victim advocacy, victim notification protocols, and training for professionals involved in responding to sexual assault.

The Task Force will collaborate with its member organizations and local jurisdictions on nonlegislative solutions and evaluate the need for legislative solutions in the 2018 legislative session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard and Omeara Harrington

## **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners**

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**GOAL:** Review current practices and training for sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) and develop proposals for expansion of SANE services.

**DESCRIPTION:** A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse trained to provide evidentiary examinations of victims of sexual assault. Access to SANEs is critical for the collection of evidence in sexual assault criminal cases. Sexual assault nurse examiners can also enhance a survivor's capacity for recovery through providing victim-centered, trauma-informed care at an early point of contact.

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) provides SANE certification to nurses who: complete training that meets the IAFN SANE Education Guidelines; meet certain clinical practice requirements; pass an examination; and comply with ongoing training requirements. SANE certification is not required in Washington, and the exact number of SANEs in the state is unknown. The Harborview Medical Center is the only facility in the state currently offering SANE training.

Substitute House Bill 2711 (2016) directed the Office of Crime Victim's Advocacy (OCVA) to study access to SANE training and services and report findings to the Legislature. Furthermore, in 2016 the state appropriated funds to the OCVA to contract for expanded SANE training. The Task Force will receive a full briefing on the study and will evaluate the best approaches to expand and maintain access across the state. The evaluation will include consideration of HB 2101 (2017), HB 2102 (2017), and other possible legislative and nonlegislative actions.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard and Omeara Harrington

## **Anonymous Sexual Assault Kits**

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**GOAL:** Develop policy recommendations for collecting, processing, and storing anonymous sexual assault kits.

**DESCRIPTION:** Sexual assault survivors may receive a medical forensic exam without reporting the crime to law enforcement. The associated unreported sexual assault kits (SAKs), also referred to as "anonymous SAKs," allow important evidence to be collected without pressuring a survivor to immediately decide whether to file a report. Many jurisdictions, including law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and other medical care facilities, report challenges related to anonymous SAKs. Challenges include storage, testing, destruction, and victim notification.

State law does not provide guidance on or otherwise mandate storage or testing of anonymous SAKs. In 2016 the Task Force created an informal work group to address challenges with anonymous SAKs while preserving the rights of survivors. The Task Force will continue to explore the issue and consult with experts. The Task Force will develop policy recommendations to address challenges with anonymous SAKs for the 2018 legislative session.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** Two work sessions

**STAFF:** Kelly Leonard and Omeara Harrington

**STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>SUBJECTS</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>
September	Olympia	Work Session	- Update on Current Issues in State Information Technology Systems	Full Committee
October	Olympia	Work Session	- Current Issues in Election Law	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Agency Rulemaking: Process and Improvements - Agency Reports Ordered by the Legislature	Full Committee

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## **STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Update on Current Issues in State Information Technology Systems**

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**GOAL:** Review current projects and trends within state information technology systems and consider policies for IT development and management.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee oversees the management of state information technology systems and the coordination of developing IT within state government. This includes incorporating new technology into the state IT systems. The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is responsible for developing the state IT infrastructure. The Technology Services Board advises the OCIO and other state agencies on IT policy development. The Department of Enterprise Services also is involved procuring and coordinating IT resources for state agencies. The Committee regularly receives information from these agencies on state IT policies.

The Committee will receive updates on several current IT projects under consideration and their development. The OCIO will present on the status of a project to create a centralized software system for the state technical and community colleges. The Technology Services Board will present on the development of its oversight processes. Finally, the Committee will consider the potential development of IT policy related to the integration of autonomous vehicle technology within state government.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

### **Current Issues in Election Law**

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**GOAL:** Review state election policy and consider issues involving election administration and resources.

**DESCRIPTION:** State election administration is governed by state law and the Committee oversees election policies established and implemented at the state and local levels, as well as in coordination with federal standards and guidelines. Recent policies the Committee has considered have included the schedule of state election dates, including the presidential primary, as well as voter registration efforts and election turnout. The work session will explore the setting of the state and presidential primary dates, as well as the impact on voter registration and turnout.

Preparations will begin soon for election redistricting at the state and federal level to coincide with the 2020 national census. The upcoming redistricting period has drawn attention to policies and practices locally and on a national level. In addition, several high profile lawsuits challenging the politicization of redistricting methods are currently under review in the federal courts. The Committee will discuss state preparation for redistricting, as well as national policies and trends in election redistricting law, and will include presentations from state officials and national organizations.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

## **Agency Rulemaking: Process and Improvements**

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**GOAL:** Review problems and concerns with the rulemaking process and consider proposals to improve upon the rulemaking system.

**DESCRIPTION:** Certain state agencies are authorized by the Legislature to make rules that carry out their statutory functions. Agencies with such rulemaking authority must follow certain procedures in creating rules and may not exceed the scope of the authority delegated by the Legislature. Agency rules can be challenged and reviewed in court, as well as through the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee.

The Committee oversees the statutory rulemaking process and has considered recent proposed legislation to address inefficiencies and proliferation attributed to rulemaking. The Committee will review the agency rulemaking process and consider proposed policies for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of rulemaking within the scope of legislative delegation.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

## **Agency Reports Ordered by the Legislature**

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**GOAL:** Review recently completed or on-going reports ordered by the Legislature regarding committee-related business.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Committee will identify and select reports ordered by the Legislature that have been completed in the past year, as well as the progress of on-going reporting requirements. The Committee will seek input from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee, the State Auditor, and the Secretary of State's Office, among other agencies. The reports will be selected later in the interim, as the Committee coordinates with relevant agencies on which reports are prepared and ready for review.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Sean Flynn

## TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
September 19	Olympia	Work Session	- Energy Supply and the Transmission and Distribution Interface	Full Committee
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	- Invasive Technologies and Issues in Internet Privacy and Cyber Security - Telecommunications and Broadband	Full Committee

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## TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### **Invasive Technologies and Issues in Internet Privacy and Cyber Security**

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GOAL: Survey emerging "invasive" technologies and identify issues in Internet privacy and cyber security.

DESCRIPTION: Surveillance and other invasive technologies--such as drones, biometrics, and radio-frequency identification (RFID) tags--are capable of looking into formerly private spaces, transforming routine activities of daily life into data points that may be accessed and aggregated by commercial or public institutions. The Committee last held a work session on such invasive technologies in the fall of 2013. The Committee will hold a work session that revisits the short-, medium-, and long-term outlook for invasive technologies, provides an overview of what has been done legislatively to address these technologies to date, and identifies other issues in Internet privacy and cyber security.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session (Committee Assembly)

STAFF: Lily Smith

### **Telecommunications and Broadband**

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GOAL: Develop metrics for determining adequate levels of service for broadband.

DESCRIPTION: During Committee Assembly, the Committee will hold a work session on the following:

(1) The development of metrics for determining adequate levels of service for broadband by identifying what the necessary functions are for economic development, where the state is currently in attaining adequate levels of service, and how the state is currently investing in broadband.

(2) A report on the state's progress in developing E911 programs and next-generation technology.

NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS: One work session (Committee Assembly)

STAFF: Lily Smith

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	SUBJECTS	COMMITTEE
November Committee Assembly	Olympia	Work Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Washington State Department of Transportation's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program</li><li>- Autonomous Vehicle Regulation</li><li>- High-Occupancy Vehicle Lane Policy</li><li>- New I-5 Bridge Spanning the Columbia River</li></ul>	Full Committee

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## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Washington State Department of Transportation's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program**

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**GOAL:** Review the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) experience with the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program and the completion of a \$791 million construction program funded primarily through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009.

**DESCRIPTION:** In June 2009 the FRA launched the HSIPR Program with the goal of transforming America's transportation system through the creation of a national network of high-speed rail corridors. Congress made approximately \$8 billion available for this effort initially through the ARRA, providing an additional \$2.1 billion through annual appropriations in fiscal year (FY) 2009 and FY 2010.

The WSDOT originally received approximately \$590 million in ARRA funds for improvements to the state's existing intercity rail service, the Amtrak Cascades, a 467-mile rail corridor from Vancouver, B.C., to Eugene, OR, with 300 miles in Washington. Washington later received an additional \$161.5 million in ARRA funds redistributed from other states, plus additional funds through the appropriations process. Overall, the total received was approximately \$791 million.

The construction program funded 20 high-speed rail projects on the corridor. A condition for the receipt of the ARRA funds was the achievement of three negotiated service outcomes after the completion of the construction program: two additional daily round trips between Seattle, WA, and Portland, OR, for a total of six; 88 percent on-time reliability; and a 10-minute reduction on travel between Seattle, WA, and Portland, OR.

At its November meeting, the Committee will hear from the WSDOT on its experience implementing the FRA's HSIPR Program and the management of its \$791 million construction program.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Paul Ingiosi

## Autonomous Vehicle Regulation

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**GOAL:** Receive an update from the Office of the Governor on the Autonomous Vehicle Work Group established and the pilot programs authorized under the Governor's June 2017 executive order, and assess anticipated impacts of autonomous vehicles on tort law and automobile insurance.

**DESCRIPTION:** The development of autonomous vehicle technology is advancing at a rapid pace. Testing of this new technology on public roadways and in research facilities is underway in a number of states. The commercial use of automated systems that are able to conduct parts of the driving task and to monitor the driving environment in certain environments and under certain conditions will likely occur within the next several years. Autonomous vehicles equipped with this new technology will have automated driving systems that are able to conduct a variety of driving tasks in place of human drivers.

This shift in the capabilities of vehicles and the responsibilities of their drivers necessitates a reconsideration of the landscape of federal and state laws and regulations that govern the use of motor vehicles. The introduction of automated driving systems will impact motor vehicle and equipment standards, tort liability, insurance requirements, rules of the road, driver's licenses, vehicle registration and titling, privacy, and a range of other areas. While the federal government has jurisdiction over laws related to motor vehicle and equipment standards, states have jurisdiction over the majority of other areas that will be impacted.

In 2016 the federal government issued federal automated vehicles policy guidelines, and, as of mid-2017, the U.S. Congress is considering a number of bills that address the regulation of autonomous vehicles. Also as of mid-2017, roughly one in three states has passed legislation on this topic, although no single approach has predominated to date. In addition, three governors have issued executive orders on autonomous vehicles, including Governor Inslee, who issued Executive Order 17-02: Autonomous Vehicle Testing and Technology in Washington State and Autonomous Vehicle Work Group in June of 2017.

The Committee will receive an update from the Office of the Governor on the Autonomous Vehicle Work Group and autonomous vehicle testing pilot programs authorized under the Governor's autonomous vehicle executive order. The Committee will also examine the implications of autonomous vehicles on tort law and automobile insurance.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jennifer Harris

## High-Occupancy Vehicle Lane Policy

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**GOAL:** Receive an overview and update on state high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)-lane policy in HOV and high-occupancy tolled (HOT)/express toll lanes.

**DESCRIPTION:** High-occupancy vehicle, HOT, and express toll lanes are currently in use on Interstate 5, Interstate 90, Interstate 405, State Route 16, State Route 167, and State Route 520. High-occupancy vehicle lanes may only be used by carpools, vanpools, buses, motorcycles, and any vehicle carrying the set minimum number of people (depending on the highway and/or time of day). High-occupancy tolled and express toll lanes permit tolled general access and non-tolled HOV-compliant access (provided the vehicle has a Good to Go! Pass).

Under federal law (applicable to federal-aid highways) and state law, the WSDOT has the authority to establish occupancy requirements for vehicles that use HOV lanes. Under state law, the Washington State Transportation Commission (Commission) is the tolling authority for the state, and the WSDOT typically works with the Commission to establish occupancy requirements for vehicles that use HOT or express toll lanes. Subject to certain exceptions, two or three occupants per vehicle (depending on the facility, day of the week, and time of day) are required in HOV lanes and, when no toll is paid, in HOT and express toll lanes. Federal law requires that HOV, HOT, and express toll lanes on federal-aid highways meet minimum average operating speeds of 45 miles per hour at least 90 percent of the time during morning and evening weekday peak periods. Minimum vehicle occupancy requirements are set to meet or exceed minimum operating speeds.

The WSDOT is conducting a review of its HOV lane policy. This review includes an examination of the exemptions from minimum occupancy requirements set by state law and administrative rule, including consideration of the following: an exemption for taxicab vehicles designed to transport individuals with a mobility disability (consideration required by Substitute Senate Bill 5018); and an exemption for vehicles that deliver or collect blood, tissue, or blood components (consideration required by Substitute Senate Bill 5837). The WSDOT is also collecting data on violations of HOV-lane occupancy requirements at four different locations along I-5 to assess the frequency with which such violations are occurring during peak-use periods.

The Committee will be provided with an overview of current HOV, HOT, and express toll lane access practices and an update on the findings of the WSDOT's policy review and assessment of HOV-lane occupancy requirement violations.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** Jennifer Harris

## **New I-5 Bridge Spanning the Columbia River**

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**GOAL:** Receive an update regarding the joint legislative action committee for construction of a new I-5 bridge and the WSDOT planning inventory.

**DESCRIPTION:** Substitute Senate Bill 5806 established a joint 16-member Oregon-Washington legislative action committee regarding the construction of a new I-5 bridge spanning the Columbia River. The legislative action committee has equal membership from each state, legislative chamber, and caucus, and was tasked with a variety of purposes related to development of a replacement structure. The legislative action committee must convene its first meeting by December 15, 2017, and provide a report to the legislature of each state regarding its findings and recommendations by December 15, 2018.

The 2017-19 Transportation Budget included a \$350,000 appropriation to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to conduct an inventory of the existing planning data related to related to the project. The WSDOT must provide a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2017, detailing the findings of this inventory.

The Committee will be provided with an overview of the activities of the legislative action committee, as well as an overview of the planning inventory conducted by the WSDOT.

**NUMBER & TYPE OF MEETINGS:** One work session

**STAFF:** David Munnecke

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