



# Washington State Senate 2019 Interim Committee Work Plans and Meeting Schedules

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**2019 Senate Interim Plans**

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**AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS  
COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7411

<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE/TYPE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SUBJECTS</b>
September 11 and 12	Full Committee Tour	Port Townsend	- To be determined
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

## RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
TBA	Legislative Task Force on Fish Hatchery Budget Requests Work Session	TBA	- To be determined
TBA	Legislative Task Force on Fish Hatchery Budget Requests Work Session	TBA	- To be determined
TBA	Legislative Task Force on Fish Hatchery Budget Requests Work Session	TBA	- To be determined
July	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation Work Session	TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of Task Force work</li> <li>- Update on pilot projects</li> <li>- Discussion of topics related to the report</li> </ul>
September/October	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation Work Session	TBA	- To be determined
July	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply Work Session	Skagit County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 3 background</li> <li>- Ecology's work in WRIA 4</li> <li>- Ecology/Seattle City Light Agreement</li> <li>- Supply and demand forecast study</li> <li>- Proposal from agriculture</li> </ul>
August	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply Work Session	Skagit County	- Funding proposal discussion
TBA	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply Work Session	Skagit County	- To be determined

June	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply During Drought Work Session	Ellensburg	- Update on drought conditions - Discussion of impacts
TBA	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply During Drought Work Session	TBA	- To be determined
TBA	Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply During Drought Work Session	TBA	- To be determined

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## **AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

### **Aerial Herbicide Applications in Forestlands**

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Jeff Olsen (360) 786-7428

**REFERENCE(S):** SSB 5597 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** A work group is established in SSB 5597 to review and develop best management practices for aerial application of herbicides on state and private forestlands. The work group must review the roles of all management and regulatory agencies in approving herbicides for use and application on forestlands in Washington State. The work group must also review current herbicide application technology to increase herbicide application accuracy and other best management practices to minimize drift and exposure to humans, fish, and wildlife as well as impacts on drinking water, surface waters, and wetland areas. The work group must develop recommendations, if appropriate, for managing working forestlands through an integrated pest management approach. The work group must submit any findings, recommendations, and draft legislation, to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2019. Committee staff will monitor the progress of the work group and draft legislation as requested.

### **Boater Safety and Marine Enforcement Tour**

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**COMPLETION DATE:** September 11 and 12, 2019

**STAFF:** Karen Epps (360) 786-7424/  
Jeff Olsen (360) 786-7428

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The committee will tour various localities in Puget Sound to discuss boater safety and marine enforcement. The committee may also consider outdoor recreation more broadly. The committee extends an invitation to other senators with interest in this topic to participate in all or part of the tour. As requested by senators, legislation may be developed based on lessons learned from the tour.

### **Hatchery Scientific Review Process**

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Jeff Olsen (360) 786-7428

**REFERENCE(S):** ESSB 1109, Sec. 307(3) (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2000, Congress funded the Hatchery Reform Project, which included the creation of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG). The HSRG conducted a comprehensive review of hatchery programs and salmon and steelhead populations in Puget Sound, Coastal Washington and the Columbia River Basin. A legislative task force created in the 2019-21 operating budget must review the purpose and activities of the HSRG and develop recommendations for the Legislature to establish a replacement group or entity that will analyze state spending and projects related to hatcheries that are proposed in state operating and capital budgets. The task force must recommend a process by which the replacement organization or entity, starting with the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, contracts with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to review the agency biennial operating and capital budget requests related to state fish hatcheries prior to submission to the Office of Financial Management. This review must examine if the proposed requests are consistent with independent scientific review standards using best available science; evaluate the components of the request based on the independent needs of each watershed and the return of salmonids including naturally spawning, endangered, and hatchery stocks; and evaluate whether the proposed requests are being made in the most cost-effective manner. The task force must report its findings to the Legislature by December 1, 2019. Committee staff will provide support to the task force and assist with the report as directed. Committee staff will also draft legislation as requested.

## Legislative Task Forces and Committee on Water Issues

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Karen Epps (360) 786-7424

**REFERENCE(S):** ESSB 1102 (2019), ESSB 1622 (2019), ESSB 6091 (2018), ESSB 6095 (2018), RCW 90.86

**DESCRIPTION:** Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation. Legislation passed in 2018 established the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Resource Mitigation (Mitigation Task Force). The Mitigation Task Force must review the treatment of surface water and groundwater appropriations as they relate to instream flows and fish habitat. The Mitigation Task Force is required to develop and recommend a mitigation sequencing process and scoring system to address such appropriations. The Mitigation Task Force must make recommendations to the Legislature by November 15, 2019. The Mitigation Task Force may update its November 15, 2019 recommendations by November 15, 2020, if a majority of members determine an update is necessary.

Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply. In 2018, the Legislature passed ESSB 6095, establishing the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply (Water Supply Task Force). The Water Supply Task Force must review surface and groundwater needs and uses as they relate to agricultural uses, domestic potable water uses, and instream flows, and develop and recommend studies. The Water Supply Task Force must focus on water resource inventory areas (WRIA) 3 and 4. WRIA 3 is located in the western portion of Skagit County and WRIA 4 is located in the eastern portions of Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish counties.

Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought. The Department of Ecology declared a drought emergency in the Methow, Okanogan, and Upper Yakima River watersheds this past April. In May, the drought emergency declaration was expanded to include an additional 24 watersheds, nearly half of the state, due to worsened water supply conditions. When a drought conditions order is in effect, Ecology must provide the Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought (Drought Committee) with at least monthly reports describing drought response activities of Ecology and other state and federal agencies. The Drought Committee is authorized to make recommendations to the Legislature on budgetary and legislative actions to improve the state's drought response programs and planning.

Committee staff will provide support to the task forces and committee and assist as directed by members of the task forces and committee. Committee staff will also draft legislation as requested.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7401

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
June 2019	Full Committee Work Session and Tour	Skagit County	- Jail psychiatric services - Innovative treatment models - Tour of Justice Center and SWIFT Center
September 2019	Full Committee Work Session and Tour	Pierce County	- Public Safety Review Panel and criminal insanity detainees - Nonfelony competency to stand trial defendants - Tour of Child Study and Treatment Center
November 20-21 Assembly Days	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Involuntary detention for persons with substance use disorders - Local option behavioral health tax implementation

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
TBD	Children's Mental Health Work Group Full Committee Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
TBD	Behavioral Health Recovery System Transformation Task Force Full Committee Work Session	TBD	- To be determined

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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Children's Mental Health Work Group

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2020

**STAFF:** Kevin Black (360) 786-7747

**REFERENCE(S):** 2SSB 5903, Sec. 2 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Children's Mental Health Work Group shall meet at least two, but not more than four, times per year to identify barriers and opportunities to accessing mental health services for children and families, advise the Legislature on statewide mental health services for this population, and implement additional recommendations from the work group. The work group shall monitor the implementation of enacted legislation, programs, and policies related to children's mental health. During the 2019 interim the work group must form a subcommittee to develop a funding model for Partnership Access Line services. Four legislators must be appointed to the work group, and a final report is due on December 1, 2020.

### Behavioral Health Recovery System Transformation Task Force

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2020

**STAFF:** Kevin Black (360) 786-7747/

**REFERENCE(S):** ESHB 1109, Sec. 995 (2019)

Travis Sugarman (360) 786-7446

**DESCRIPTION:** The Behavioral Health Recovery System Transformation Task Force must receive updates, monitor, and make recommendations to the Governor, Office of Financial Management, and Legislature regarding patient and worker safety, best practices related to long-term involuntary treatment, fiscal and operational management of the behavioral health system, and implementation of the *Trueblood v. Department of Social and Health Services* settlement agreement. The Task Force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2020.

## EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7420

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
June/July	Full Committee Site Visit	Green Hill School and Touchstone Community Facility	- Institutional education including special education
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Public school language access and equity, expanded learning opportunities

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## EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Art Education

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Ailey Kato (360) 786-7434

**REFERENCE(S):** RCW 28A.150.210; RCW 28A.655.070

**DESCRIPTION:** Committee staff will summarize existing state and federal law related to arts education in early learning and K-12 education. Committee staff will identify emerging issues related to arts education including equity, expanded learning opportunities, engagement, and early learning.

Committee staff will review recent trends related to arts education in other states. Committee staff will draft legislation as directed.

### Early Learning and K-12 Education legislatively created Councils, Committees, Task Forces, Work Groups, and Advisory Groups with Legislative Members

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Ailey Kato (360) 786-7434 / Alex Fairfortune (360) 786-7416 / Ben Omdal (360) 786-7442

**REFERENCE(S):** ESB 6620, Sec. 3 (2016); 2SHB 1344 (2019); 2SSB 5903, Sec. 2 (2019); E2SSB 5828, Sec. 3 (2007); E2SSB 5329, Sec. 13 (2013); 2SSB 5973, Sec. 2 (2009); SHB 2455, Sec. 2 (2004); SSB 6544, Sec. 2 (2018); SSB 5248 (2009); E2SHB 1599, Sec. 301 (2019); 2E2SHB 1661, Sec. 1010 (2017); E2SHB 1139, Sec. 402 (2019); SSB 6428, Sec. 15 and 17 (1992); E2SHB 1600, Sec. 3 (2018)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislature has created a number of councils, committees, task forces, work groups, and advisory groups with legislators as members. Committee staff will provide direct staff support to the groups as directed by the authorizing legislation and will provide research and support to the individual legislators serving on the following legislatively created groups:

- Annual School Safety Summit
- Child Care Collaborative Task Force
- Children’s Mental Health Work Group
- Early Learning Advisory Council
- Education Accountability System Oversight Committee
- Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee
- Financial Education Public-Private Partnership
- Future of Work Task Force
- Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Mastery-Based Learning Work Group
- Oversight Board for Children, Youth, and Families
- Professional Educator Collaborative
- State Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and their Families
- Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee and Subcommittee

## Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Discrimination

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Ailey Kato (360) 786-7434

**REFERENCE(S):** RCW 28A.600.480; RCW 28A.300.042; Chapter 28A.642 RCW; SSB 5689 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** Committee staff will summarize state and federal law and model policies and procedures regarding harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination. Committee staff will gather existing data regarding this topic including data from the Office of the Education Ombuds, the Office of Equity and Civil Rights within the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, student discipline data, and the Healthy Youth Survey.

Committee staff will describe the different roles of primary contacts, compliance coordinators, Title IX officers, Section 504 coordinators, the Office of the Education Ombuds, and the Office of Equity and Civil Rights. Committee staff will develop a survey for parents and guardians regarding their familiarity and experience with policies and procedures regarding harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination.

Committee staff will draft legislation as directed.

## High School and Beyond Plans

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Ben Omdal (360) 786-7442

**REFERENCE(S):** RCW 28A.230.090; E2SHB 1599 (2019); E2SHB 2158 (2019); ESHB 1109 (2019), Sec. 501(h)(ii)

**DESCRIPTION:** Committee staff will summarize Washington's statutory requirements for high school and beyond plans and research whether other states require similar plans and how they are implementing them. Committee staff will monitor and report on the expenditure of the funding in the operating budget for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to support district implementation of comprehensive guidance and planning programs in support of high-quality high school and beyond plans.

Committee staff will work with OSPI to collect examples of high school and beyond plans and examine how different school districts are implementing them including any online systems.

Committee staff will consider how equity, expanded learning opportunities, and the business community are being considered in the development of high school and beyond plans. Committee staff will also take into account the connection between high school and beyond plans and career-connected and work-integrated learning.

Committee staff will draft legislation as directed.

## ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7406

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
September/October	Full Committee Work Session/Tour	Tacoma	- Overview of regional energy markets, including energy policies in Oregon and California
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- State information technology (IT) projects
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- The plastic economy - recycling and waste management
November 20-21	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November	Joint Committee on Energy Supply & Energy Conservation Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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## ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Statutory Work Groups and Committees Related to Energy and Technology

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Angela Kleis (360) 786-7469/

Kim Cushing (360) 786-7421

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Committee staff will monitor and provide updates on the various energy and technology work groups and committees with legislative members, which include the following:

The Joint Committee on Energy Supply and Energy Conservation. The Joint Committee reviews plans proposed by the Governor for programs, controls, standards, and priorities for the production, allocation, and consumption of energy during any current or anticipated conditions of energy supply alert or energy emergency and make recommendations back to the Governor. The Joint Committee may meet at specified times, including at least once per year or at anytime upon the call of the Chair to receive information related to the state or regional energy supply situation.

The Sustainable Aviation Biofuels Work Group. The Washington State University Office of Clean Technology must convene a work group to further the development of sustainable aviation fuel as a productive industry in Washington, and provide recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

The Energy Strategy Advisory Committee. The Department of Commerce must establish an advisory committee to review the state energy strategy in order to align it with the purposes of the Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act and the Department of Ecology's recommended greenhouse gas emissions reductions by December 31, 2020, and at least once every eight years thereafter.

Technology Services Board. The Technology Services Board is created within the Consolidated Technology Services Agency with a focus on IT strategic planning; enterprise architecture; standards and policies; and major project oversight.

### State Information Technology (IT) Projects

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Angela Kleis (360) 786-7469

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Committee staff will research and analyze targeted state IT projects with a focus on IT procurement by vendor, budget, completed feasibility studies, agency preparedness and risk assessment, project and change management resource and focus, comparable projects within Washington State, and statewide best practices. Additionally, staff will analyze, in collaboration with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), current state project manager qualifications and the visual engine used by the OCIO. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

## Data Privacy

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Angela Kleis (360) 786-7469

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** During the 2019 legislative session, the Legislature considered bills related to consumer data privacy and facial recognition technology. The European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which took effect May 2018, updated existing European consumer privacy rights. The California Consumer Privacy Act, which takes effect January 2020, affords California residents with new privacy rights. Committee staff will examine international, state, and federal privacy laws and regulations, public and private sector use of facial recognition technology, and state enforcement options for privacy laws. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

## Waste-to-Energy

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Greg Vogel (360) 786-7413/  
Kim Cushing (360) 786-7421

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Waste-to-energy (WTE) is the conversion of non-recyclable waste materials into usable heat, electricity, or fuel through a variety of processes, including combustion, gasification, pyrolysis, anaerobic digestion, and landfill gas recovery. WTE is a form of waste management, along with source reduction, recycling/reuse, and treatment and disposal. Committee staff will research and analyze modern WTE technologies and options and WTE best practices in other states and countries. Committee staff will draft legislation as requested.

## Single Use Plastic Products

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Jan Odano (360) 786-7486

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Recently many states, including Washington, and nations have proposed or enacted legislation to address the use and disposal of single use plastic products. Committee staff will review recent legislative proposals and policies, and research other proposals and policies regarding single use plastic products in select states and nations. Staff will work with agencies and other staff, as appropriate. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TRADE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7409

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TRADE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Natural disaster and resiliency activities work group

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**COMPLETION DATE:** November 2019

**STAFF:** Kellee Gunn (360) 786-7429

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** A work group is created to study and make recommendations on natural disaster and resiliency activities, convened by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. A preliminary report is due to the appropriate committees of the legislature on November 1, 2019, with a final report due December 1, 2020. Committee staff will monitor the activities of the work group and attend meetings when appropriate.

### Financial Institutions and Insurance Emerging Issues

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Clint McCarthy (360) 786-7319

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Senate Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade Committee will monitor emerging issues in the following areas: financial services, economic development, insurance, trade, and tourism issues. During the November legislative assembly, the Committee will examine in more depth upcoming legislative issues. Committee staff will provide support and assistance as directed by committee members and draft legislation as requested.

## HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7456

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
July	Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight	Olympia	- Accountable Communities of Health update and WSIPP presentation on Universal Health Care Report
September	Full Committee Tour	TBD	- Continuing care retirement communities tour
November	Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight	Olympia	- Update on HCA and HBE progress toward establishing a public health insurance option and standardized qualified health plans and an update on OFM's transition plan for the APCD
November Assembly Days	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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## HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Evan Klein (360) 786-7483

**REFERENCE(S):** E2SHB 2572, Sec. 3 (2014)

**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 (Authority), and the Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange). The Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight will provide oversight between these agencies and organizations. This oversight will include a review of recent efforts by Accountable Communities of Health, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy's report on single-payer and universal health care systems, the Authority's and Exchange's progress towards establishing a public health insurance option and standardized qualified health plans, and an update on the Office of Financial Management's plan to transition the state all-payer health care claims database to the Authority.

### Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disabilities

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**COMPLETION DATE:** June 30 2021

**STAFF:** LeighBeth Merrick (360) 786-7445

**REFERENCE(S):** ESHB 1109, Sec. 204 (12) (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability was established in 2013 and will continue through June 2021. The Committee is charged with making recommendations and identifying key strategic actions to prepare for the aging of Washington's population. The Committee may focus on issues relating to the health care needs of aging people and people with disabilities; financing mechanisms for long-term services and supports; advance care planning and advance care directives; needs of the aging demographic impacted by reduced federal support; protecting the rights of vulnerable adults; promoting client safety through residential care services and protecting aging people and people with disabilities from physical abuse and financial exploitation; and housing, land use, and transportation planning for communities to adapt to the aging demographic.

### Continuing Care Retirement Community Tour

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**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2019

**STAFF:** LeighBeth Merrick (360) 786-7445

**REFERENCE(S):** E2SHB 1296 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Health and Long Term Care Committee will tour three Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) in western Washington to learn more about CCRC services, including health and long-term care, CCRC financing, and CCRC resident contracts.

The Committee extends an invitation to other senators with interest in this topic to participate in all or part of the tour. As requested by senators, legislation may be developed based on lessons learned from the tour.

## Work Group on Establishing a Universal Health Care System

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**COMPLETION DATE:** November 2020

**STAFF:** Evan Klein (360) 786-7483

**REFERENCE(S):** ESHB 1109, Sec. 211 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Health Care Authority was directed to convene a work group on establishing a universal health care system in Washington. The work group must include legislators, consumers, patients, the general public, patient advocates, representatives of business and labor, health care providers, health care facilities, health insurance carriers, and state agencies. Committee staff will monitor the work group on behalf of members of the Health & Long Term Care Committee.

The work group must study and make recommendations on how to create, implement, maintain, and fund a universal health care system available to all Washington residents. The work group must submit a preliminary report on its findings and recommendations to the legislature by November 15, 2019, and a final report by November 15, 2020.

## Nurses in Long-Term Care Settings

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**COMPLETION DATE:** June 30, 2021

**STAFF:** LeighBeth Merrick (360) 786-7445

**REFERENCE(S):** ESHB 1109, Sec. 221 (9) (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2018, the Legislature directed the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) to convene and facilitate a work group to assess the need for nurses in long-term care settings. The work group, which includes legislators, agency and industry representatives, and the state long-term care ombuds, submitted an initial report to the Legislature in December 2018.

The 2019-21 operating budget authorized NCQAC to continue the work group. The work group's priorities are to identify data sources to ensure workers achieve timely training, testing, and certification; work with regional workforce developmental councils to project worker shortages and on-going demands; establish revised nursing assistant training; recommend requirements to improved skilled nursing facility staffing models and address deficiencies in resident care; and create a competency-based common curriculum for nursing assistant training. Committee staff will monitor the work group on behalf of the members of the Health & Long Term Care Committee.

The NCQAC must submit an interim report with the work group's findings and recommendations by November 15, 2019 and a final report by November 15, 2020.

## Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Greg Attanasio (360) 786-7410

**REFERENCE(S):** SB 5415 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Governor's Indian Health Advisory Council was created to develop a biennial Indian Health Improvement Advisory Plan by November 1st of each odd-numbered year with a goal of improving Indian health care delivery systems and raising the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Advisory Council will be comprised of voting members from each tribe, urban Indian organizations, four legislators, and a representative from the Governor's Office. The Advisory Council will also include non-voting members from relevant government agencies and Indian health organizations.

The Advisory Council must also provide oversight of the Indian Health Improvement Reinvestment Account to ensure that expenditures are consistent with the Advisory Plan; facilitate better understanding among its members of the Indian health system, American Indian and Alaska Native health disparities and historical trauma, and tribal sovereignty and self-governance; and provide oversight of state contracting and delivery of health related services to address their impacts on American Indians and Alaska Natives and relationships with Indian health care providers. Committee staff will monitor the Advisory Council on behalf of the members of the Health & Long Term Care Committee.

## International Medical Graduate Workgroup

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**COMPLETION DATE:** June 2020

**STAFF:** Greg Attanasio (360) 786-7410

**REFERENCE(S):** 2SSB 5846 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The International Medical Graduate Work Group is established to develop strategies and recommendations for reducing barriers for international medical graduates to obtain residency positions in Washington, including pre-residency training. The Work Group will be comprised of international medical graduates, representatives from the Washington Medical Commission, Washington medical schools, organizations representing international medical graduates, health care providers, and health carriers. The Work Group must submit recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2019. Committee staff will monitor the Work Group on behalf of the members of the Health & Long Term Care Committee.

## Telemedicine Collaborative

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Evan Klein (360) 786-7483

**REFERENCE(S):** SB 6163 (2018); SSB 5386 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Collaborative for the Advancement of Telemedicine was created to enhance the understanding of health services through telemedicine. The Collaborative is convened by the University of Washington Telehealth Services and participants include four legislators, representatives of the academic community, hospitals, clinics, health care providers, insurance carriers, and other interested parties. Committee staff will monitor the Collaborative on behalf of the members of the Health & Long Term Care Committee.

The Collaborative must develop a telemedicine training to be available by January 1, 2020, for use by health care professionals who use telemedicine technology. The Collaborative must also submit a report by December 1, 2021, including recommendations, on improving reimbursement and access to services. The Collaborative terminates December 31, 2021.

## HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7415

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November 20-21	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Income share agreements

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## HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Technology Transfer Policies

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Kellee Gunn (360) 786-7429

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Technology transfer is the process that universities and other research organizations use to translate research discoveries and scientific findings into new products, technologies, drugs and other services that benefit the public.

Committee staff will research current state and federal laws pertaining to technology transfer, state university rules and regulations relating to technology transfer, and institutional infrastructure to promote and improve technology transfer.

### Career Connect

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Kellee Gunn (360) 786-7429

**REFERENCE(S):** HB 2158 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** House Bill 2158 establishes a career connected work group consisting of certain state agency representatives to coordinate strategies on developing and promoting a statewide system of career connected learning. The Employment Security Department is responsible for administering a career connected learning grant program, in consultation with the work group and the Governor's Office, to create career connected learning opportunities that result in college credit.

Committee staff will monitor the career connected learning cross-agency work group and attend meetings where appropriate. Staff will also observe the development of the career connected learning grant program and monitor the use of grant funds by recipients.

### Community and Technical College Counselor Task Force

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Alicia Kinne-Clawson (360) 786-7407

**REFERENCE(S):** HB 1355 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** House Bill 1355 establishes a task force on community and technical college counselors to examine issues relating to staffing ratios. The task force is staffed by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and requires senate membership.

Committee staff will monitor the task force. The report, including findings and recommendations, is due to the Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee by December 1, 2020.

## Workforce Education Investment Act Implementation and Advisory Council

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Alicia Kinne-Clawson (360) 786-7407

**REFERENCE(S):** HB 2158 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** House Bill 2158 established the Washington College Grant and made changes to the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship, veteran's tuition waiver programs, Working Connections Childcare, and the Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program. In addition, the Washington Student Loan Repayment program and several new programs under Career Connect were established. The workforce board is required to establish an advisory council for the workforce education investment account.

Committee staff will monitor implementation of these changes to higher education programs as well as the establishment of the Workforce Education Investment Account Advisory Board. Staff will also monitor state agency spending plans for new investments in programs and high demand degrees.

### Higher Education Data

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**COMPLETION DATE:** November 2019

**STAFF:** Alicia Kinne-Clawson (360) 786-7407

**REFERENCE(S):** ESHB 1109 (2019); HB 2158 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The 2019-21 operating budget as well as HB 2158 required higher education institutions to take additional steps in data sharing and transparency in both student outcomes and accounting data. The 2019-20 operating budget created a higher education data work group to be facilitated by the Ruckelshaus Institute. In addition, the operating budget directed the Office of Financial management to begin working with higher education institutions to create standards and procedures to allow the institutions to report additional revenue, spending, and allotment information to the state's accounting system.

Committee staff will monitor the Ruckelshaus data workgroup as well as the OFM higher education accounting practices work.



## HOUSING STABILITY & AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7402

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
October 2019	Full Committee Work Session	Spokane, WA	- Workforce housing - Homelessness diversion programs
October 2019	Full Committee Tour	Eastern WA	- Tour of various committee related sites
November Assembly Days	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Interaction of federal/state housing programs - Housing issues for senior citizens - Implementation of select 2019 legislation

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## HOUSING STABILITY & AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Landlord-Tenant Laws

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Brandon Popovac (360) 786-7465

**REFERENCE(S):** ESSB 5600 (2019); ESHB 1582 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** Two pieces of legislation impact the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act (RLTA) and Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord Tenant Act (MHLTA), respectively.

ESSB 5600 modifies the RLTA by increasing the notice to pay or vacate for failure to pay rent from 3 days to 14 days, requiring a landlord to first apply tenant payments to rent before other charges, requiring a tenant to pay into court or to the landlord within five court days after a judgment for default in the payment of rent any rent due, court costs, late fees not to exceed \$75, and attorneys' fees if awarded, to have their tenancy restored, authorizing the court to exercise discretion to stay a writ restoring the premises to the landlord based on good cause and evidence of several factors with the burden of proof on the tenant, and providing a revised, reader-friendly eviction summons. ESSB 5600 also expands eligibility of the Landlord Mitigation Program to include landlord claims for reimbursement in eviction cases where the court has exercised discretion and there is a total or partially unpaid judgment for rent, late fees, attorneys' fees, and costs, as applicable. Staff will attend eviction court hearings both before and after the effective date of this legislation in order to monitor its effects on the court process, as well as monitor use and access to the Landlord Mitigation Program by eligible landlords and tenants. Staff will also provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

ESHB 1582 modifies the MHLTA by increasing notice to pay or vacate for failure to pay rent from 5 days to 14 days, increasing notice to comply with park rules or vacate from 15 days to 20 days, requiring 30 days' notice before a new or amended park rule takes effect with a 3-month compliance grace period, authorizing the solicitation of park tenants by housing and low-income assistance organizations, and adding new lease content requirements. ESHB 1582 also requires the Department of Commerce to convene a work group to make recommendations to the Legislature by June 30, 2020, regarding mobile home park rental agreement terms, closure or conversion notices, and amendments, changes, or additions to mobile home park rules under the MHLTA. Staff will monitor the work group process and its progress and attend meetings if possible. Staff will also provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

### Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs

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**COMPLETION DATE:** October/December 2019

**STAFF:** Brandon Popovac (360) 786-7465

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Two pieces of legislation require the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs (OHY) to provide recommendations and develop a plan concerning youth experiencing homelessness. Specifically, ESHB 1109 requires OHY to make recommendations to the Legislature by October 31, 2019, regarding the rights for unaccompanied homeless youth and young adults for appropriate care and treatment in licensed and unlicensed residential runaway and homeless youth programs. SSB 6560 (2018) requires OHY and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to jointly develop and issue a plan to the Legislature by the end of 2019, including legislative recommendations, to ensure that by the end of 2020 no unaccompanied youth is discharged from a publicly funded system of care into homelessness. Staff will monitor OHY efforts and attend meetings as necessary in these areas and provide information, support, and drafting services to members as requested.

## HUMAN SERVICES, REENTRY & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7414

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
September/ October 2019	Full Committee Tour/Work Session	SW Washington	- Correctional facilities, juvenile detention facilities, and child welfare advocacy
November Assembly Days	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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## HUMAN SERVICES, REENTRY & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Department of Children, Youth and Families Oversight Board

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Alison Mendiola (360) 786-7488

**REFERENCE(S):** 2E2SHB 1661 (2017); <http://ofco.wa.gov/dcyf-oversight-board/>

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2017, the Legislature created the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) and the Oversight Board for DCYF. The purpose of the Board is to monitor and ensure that DCYF achieves the stated outcomes of chapter 6, Laws of 2017 3rd sp. sess., and complies with administrative acts, relevant statutes, rules, and policies pertaining to early learning, juvenile rehabilitation, juvenile justice, and children and family services. Members of the Board include two senators and two representatives from the Legislature. Staff will provide support to the legislative membership of the board.

### Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Alison Mendiola (360) 786-7488

**REFERENCE(S):** E3SHB 1482 (2018); <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/health-care-human-services/workfirst-poverty-reduction-task-force>

**DESCRIPTION:** This task force oversees the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and WorkFirst programs and collaborates with the Poverty Reduction Work Group to develop and monitor strategies to prevent and address adverse childhood experiences and reduce intergenerational poverty. The task force directs the Department of Social and Health Services to develop a five-year plan to address intergenerational poverty and promote self-sufficiency, with the plan due to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2019. Eight legislative members are appointed to the task force along with eight members from state agencies. Staff will provide support to the legislative membership of the task force.

## LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7426

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
July	Full Committee Tours	Wapato, Richland & Walla Walla	- Two-day tour of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural farm</li> <li>• WSU Viticulture and Enology Program - Wine Science Center</li> <li>• Port of Walla Walla - small business incubator</li> <li>• Walla Walla Community College - Enology and Viticulture and workforce training</li> </ul>
July	Full Committee Tours	Seattle & Vancouver	- Tours of marijuana processors
September	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Work Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Commerce report on independent contractor employment in Washington State (ESHB 2299, 2018)</li> <li>• Department of Labor and Industries report on Comprehensive Catastrophic Care Management Project</li> <li>• Improving the Health and Safety of Temporary Agency Workers</li> </ul>
November 20-21	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Work Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Labor and Industries presentation on crane safety</li> <li>• Suicide prevention for construction workers</li> <li>• Asbestos education, mitigation, and abatement</li> </ul>

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## LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Cannabis Science Task Force

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Richard Rodger (360) 786-7461

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Legislation established the Cannabis Science Task Force. Membership includes representatives from the departments of Ecology, Agriculture, Health, and the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB). The agency members select additional members who include: (1) representatives with expertise in chemistry, microbiology, toxicology, public health, and/or food and agricultural testing methods from state and local agencies and tribal governments; and (2) nongovernmental cannabis industry scientists.

Ecology must chair the task force. The task force must collaborate on the development of appropriate laboratory quality standards for cannabis testing laboratories and establish two work groups as follows: (1) a proficiency testing program work group; and (2) a laboratory quality standards work group.

The task force must submit reports to the Legislature by December 1, 2020 and December 1, 2021. LCB may adopt rules to address recommendations in the task force reports. Committee staff will monitor the task force, provide updates, and draft legislation as directed.

### Labor and Commerce Emerging Issues

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Jarrett Sacks (360) 786-7448 / Richard Rodger (360) 786-7461 / Susan Jones (360) 786-7404

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee staff will monitor emerging labor and commerce issues, provide research and analysis as directed by the committee members, and draft legislation as requested.

### Pesticide Application Safety Committee

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Susan Jones (360) 786-7404

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** 2019 legislation established the pesticide application safety committee. The committee is composed of legislative members; certain agency heads; the dean of WSU's College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences; the director of the UW Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center; and the pesticide safety education coordinator at the WSU cooperative extension. The committee must provide an annual report to the Legislature, which may include recommendations.

The first priority of the committee is to explore how state agencies collect and track data and consider the feasibility and requirements of developing a shared database. The committee may also evaluate and recommend policy options related to certain issues. An advisory work group is created to collect information and make recommendations to the full committee on topics requiring unique expertise and perspectives. Committee staff will monitor the committee's activities, provide updates, and draft legislation as directed.

## Problem Gambling Task Force

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Susan Jones (360) 786-7404

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** An appropriation was provided in the operating budget for the Gambling Commission to contract for a facilitator to staff and assist with a joint legislative task force on problem gambling. The joint legislative task force is composed of legislative members, certain agency representatives, and stakeholders. The task force must: (1) review findings of the Gambling Commission's 2018-2019 problem gambling study and report; (2) review existing prevention, treatment, and recovery services to address problem gambling and gambling disorders in this state by public, private, and nonprofit entities; (3) review existing programs, services, and treatment to address problem gambling and gambling disorders in other states and the federal government; and (4) make recommendations to the Legislature on a number of specified topics. The task force must submit a preliminary report of recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by November 1, 2020, and a final report by November 30, 2021. Committee staff will monitor task force meetings, provide updates, and draft legislation as directed.

## LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7455

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
June 11	Full Committee Work Session	Longview, WA	- Uniform Guardianship, conservatorship, and other protective arrangements act.
September	Full Committee Work Session	Bremerton or Port Townsend, WA	- Revisions to the Washington Non-profit Corporations Act, Ch 24.03 RCW - Women on corporate boards - Uniform Electronic Transactions Act
October	Full Committee Work Session	Wenatchee, WA	- Child sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation through online advertising - Cyberstalking
November Assembly Days	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia, WA	- Concealed pistol licenses and update on the Washington State firearm background check system - WSBA restructuring - Draft guardianship legislation

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## LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Evaluation of State Sentencing Laws & Practices

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2020

**STAFF:** Shani Bauer (360) 786-7468

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2018, the Legislature provided funding to the Sentencing Guidelines Commission (SGC) to conduct a comprehensive review of the sentencing reform act. The SGC has worked over the last year and a half and is expected to submit a report to the Legislature by July 1, 2019. In the 2019-21 budget, the Legislature established the Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force, including a broader range of stakeholders. The Task Force is directed to review state sentencing laws, including the report of the SGC, and develop recommendations for:

- reducing sentencing implementation complexities and errors;
- improving the effectiveness of the sentencing system; and
- promoting and improving public safety.

The Task Force must submit an initial report to the Governor and appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 31, 2019, with a final report due December 31, 2020. Staff will attend meetings, update members on progress, and draft legislation as requested.

### Evidence Reliability Work Groups

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Melissa Burke-Cain (360) 786-7755

**REFERENCE(S):** SSB 5714 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** Unreliable eyewitness testimony and exaggerated or false informant testimony can be factors leading to wrongful conviction. Law enforcement organizations, prosecutors, defense counsel, and the courts help mitigate the potential for wrongful convictions by applying evidence based best practices derived from academic research and trial experience. Senate Bill 5714 creates two work groups to develop uniform guidelines and training standards in order to reduce the potential for wrongful conviction resulting from unreliable testimony.

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) administers the work group on eyewitness evidence. This work group will develop a training curriculum for law enforcement officers and a pilot program to evaluate and implement the training curriculum. WASPC will consult with the University of Washington Tacoma and the Criminal Justice Training Commission on the eyewitness evidence work.

The University of Washington Law School administers the work group on incentivized informant testimony in consultation with the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA). This work group will adopt model guidelines and a training curriculum on the reliability of informant testimony. The informant testimony work group will coordinate training for prosecutors and defense counsel on the model guidelines. The WAPA, the Washington Defender Association, and the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers will assist with the model guidelines training.

The work group on eyewitness evidence must submit a report to the Legislature no later than November 30, 2019. The work group on incentivized informant testimony must complete the guidelines and training curriculum by November 30, 2019. Both work groups terminate on December 31, 2022. Committee staff will monitor the work groups' activities, identify issues and develop options to address them, and draft legislation as requested.

## Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Best Practices Advisory Group

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Melissa Burke-Cain (360) 786-7755

**REFERENCE(S):** SHB 1068 (2018); 2SHB 1166 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** A sexual assault victim seeking medical care may receive a medical forensic exam preserving physical evidence in a sexual assault kit (SAK) for later laboratory testing. Washington continues to face a backlog of untested SAKs because of limited laboratory capacity to test the volume of kits produced each month. The evidence from tested kits is useful to law enforcement and prosecutors in solving cold cases as well as new sexual assault cases.

House Bill 1166 (2019) authorized the legislative Task Force to continue as an Advisory Group administered by the Attorney General's Office. The SAFE Advisory Group's duties include reviewing best practice models for managing all aspects of sexual assault examinations and reducing the number of untested sexual assault kits in Washington. The Washington State Patrol will develop and implement a high throughput laboratory providing additional capacity to test SAK kits.

The Advisory Group must report annually to the Legislature and the Governor. Committee staff will support legislators and Advisory Group members by identifying issues and options to address them, as requested.

## Strategies for Raising Awareness and Responding to Hate Crime Offenses

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**COMPLETION DATE:** July 2020

**STAFF:** Shani Bauer (360) 786-7468

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2019, the Legislature tasked the attorney general with convening a Multidisciplinary Hate Crime Advisory Working Group to develop strategies toward raising awareness of and responses to hate crime offenses. The Working Group must recommend best practices for preventing hate crimes and hate crime incidents, increasing identification and reporting of hate crimes and hate incidents, strengthening law enforcement and prosecutorial response, and supporting victims of hate crime and hate incidents. The Working Group must hold at least four meetings and issue a report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than July 1, 2020. Staff will monitor the work of the Working Group.

## Washington Impaired Driving Advisory Council (WIDAC)

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Tim Ford (360) 786-7423

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** WIDAC provides a comprehensive strategy for preventing and reducing impaired driving behaviors. WIDAC serves as an advisory body to the Washington Traffic Safety Commissioners. WIDAC seeks to enhance traffic safety through coordinated planning, training, programs, and research to reduce the incidence of impaired driving in line with the State Strategic Highway Safety Plan: Target Zero. WIDAC is composed of non-legislative members including state and local agency representatives with traffic safety responsibilities.

Staff will attend meetings, update members on issues related to impaired driving, and draft legislation as requested.

## Washington State Task Force Against the Trafficking of Persons

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Melissa Burke-Cain (360) 786-7755

**REFERENCE(S):** SB 5884 (2015); RCW 7.68.350

**DESCRIPTION:** Human trafficking continues as a local and global human rights problem. Washington uses a multifaceted policy response to prevent and reduce human trafficking. Washington's state and local agencies and service providers help trafficking victims escape from their traffickers, educate the public about trafficking, and investigate traffickers and prosecute them. The Task Force measures and evaluates these efforts. In 2016 the Task Force formed six standing subcommittees—business outreach, survivor voices, victims' services, systems coordination, housing, and public outreach. The Task Force meets two to three times per year, most recently on May 2, 2019. The subcommittees study trafficking survivors' needs for health care, human services, legal assistance, job training, education, and victim compensation. The Task Force makes recommendations for legislation and resources to improve the state's anti-trafficking efforts. Committee staff supports legislators by identifying issues and developing options to address them, and drafting legislation as requested.

## Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Tim Ford (360) 786-7423

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act repeals existing state guardianship laws and third party custody laws, and replaces them with the Uniform Act which covers guardianships, conservatorships, and protective arrangements for both minors and adults.

Staff will support and coordinate work session activities to address errors and omissions or other proposed changes to the Uniform Act, and prepare draft legislation as requested.

## Revisions to the Washington Non-profit Corporations Act

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Tim Ford (360) 786-7423

**REFERENCE(S):** RCW 24.03

**DESCRIPTION:** The Washington State Bar Association Business Law section has proposed revisions to the state law governing non-profit entities. Staff will compile the proposed revisions, identify and meet stakeholders, coordinate committee work session activities on the topic, and prepare draft legislation as requested.

## Washington State Firearm Background Checks

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Shani Bauer (360) 786-7468

**REFERENCE(S):** I-1639; SHB 1949 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** Two developments in the last year will change the firearms background check process in Washington state effective July 1, 2019. First, the passage of I-1639 requires a law enforcement background check for the purchase and sale of any semiautomatic assault rifle. Second, the FBI recently conducted an audit of Washington's background check process and determined that federally licensed firearm dealers (FFLs) may not conduct NICS background checks for any handgun purchases, including purchasers who have a CPL. Background checks for all handgun purchases must now go through local law enforcement.

Recognizing the challenges in the current system, the legislature passed SHB 1949, requiring the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether Washington should move to a single point of contact system for conducting firearm background checks. OFM must submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature no later than December 1, 2019.

Staff will monitor the implementation of the current changes and the work of OFM in conducting a feasibility study.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7467

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
June/July 2019	Full Committee Tour	Kingston, WA	- Rural Character and LAMIRDS
June/July 2019	Full Committee Tour	Eastern Washington	- Rural Character and LAMIRDS

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Local Government Authority

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Greg Vogel (360) 786-7413

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2019, the Senate Local Government Committee considered legislation relating to the ability of local governments to exercise powers where no clear statutory authority is provided.

Over the interim, staff will look into the powers of cities, counties, and special purpose districts where those powers have not been clearly granted to them by the Legislature.

### Review of Recent and Pending Court Appeals

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Bonnie Kim (360) 786-7316 /  
Greg Vogel (360) 786-7413

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2019, the Senate Local Government Committee considered legislation on topics that were either impacted by recent court decisions or involved pending court appeals.

Over the interim, staff will track and review court decisions and pending court cases impacting local governments.

### ELUHO Expert Testimony

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Bonnie Kim (360) 786-7316

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2019, the Senate Local Government Committee considered legislation relating to the Growth Management Hearings Board and planning jurisdictions' ability to retain expert testimony in petitions before the board.

Over the interim, staff will conduct a statutory review of how the three boards (the Growth Management Hearings Board, Pollution Control Hearings Board, and Shorelines Hearings Board) under the Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office (ELUHO) address expert testimony.

## STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7473

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
June 2019	Full Committee Joint w/House State Gov't and Tribal Affairs Work Session	TBD	-Tribal-State Relations
June 2019	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Implementation of Election Legislation - Voter Turnout Trends - Planning for the 2020 Presidential Primary
October 2019	Full Committee Work Session	Renton	- Voting by Incarcerated Persons - Census/Redistricting Update
Assembly Days 2019	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- Public Disclosure Commission and Campaign Finance - State Agency Citizen Engagement Process

### RELATED INTERIM COMMITTEES

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November 2019	Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined
TBA	Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs Work Session/Tour	TBA	- To be determined
TBA	Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs Work Session	TBA	-To be determined
TBA	Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs Work Session	TBA	- To be determined
TBA	Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs Work Session	TBA	- To be determined

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## STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### Tribal-State Relations

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Melissa Van Gorkom (360) 786-7491

**REFERENCE(S):** RCW Chapter 43.376; SHB 2951 (2018); 2SHB 1713 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** A complex legal system informally called Indian law governs the rights of Indian tribes. Under Indian law, tribes exercise significant independent sovereign authority. This is particularly the case in "Indian country," a term defined in Federal law to include reservations and certain off reservation land held in trust by the United States government for tribes and tribal members. Washington and several other states currently exercise limited state jurisdiction in Indian country pursuant to a 1953 federal act delegating authority to the states. Missing persons is one area where multiple jurisdictions may often be involved. The Legislature required the Washington State Patrol (WSP) to conduct a study in 2018 to determine the scope of the problem, identify barriers, and explore ways of creating partnerships for improved reporting and investigation of missing native women. In 2019, the Legislature required WSP to develop a best practice protocol for law enforcement response to missing persons reports for indigenous people.

Committee staff will attend the annual Centennial Accord meeting to listen to issues of mutual concern for the tribe and the state, follow efforts to address missing indigenous people, including recommendations from the WSP report due July 1, 2019, and schedule work sessions and draft legislation as requested.

### Public Records Act

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Sam Brown (360) 786-7470

**REFERENCE(S):** ESB 6617 (2018); SB 5784 (2019); <http://leg.wa.gov/JointCommittees/Archive/LTFPR/Pages/default.aspx>; <https://www.atg.wa.gov/sunshine-committee>

**DESCRIPTION:** In January 2018, the Thurston County Superior Court held in *Associated Press v. Legislature*, that the offices of individual state legislators are state offices, and thus agencies, for the purposes of Public Records Act (PRA) interpretation, subject to the PRA's disclosure requirements. That case is pending appeal to the Washington Supreme Court. In response, several pieces of legislation have been introduced to clarify the Legislature's records disclosure obligations, including ESB 6617, which was ultimately vetoed. A 15-member task force convened last interim and produced recommendations for any future legislation regarding legislative records disclosure obligations.

The Sunshine Committee is a 13-member committee created in 2007 to review all exemptions from public disclosure requirements. The Sunshine Committee makes annual recommendations to the Legislature whether to maintain, modify, or terminate each exemption. The Sunshine Committee will hold meetings in 2019.

Committee staff will monitor the progress of the *Associated Press* litigation. Committee staff will also monitor Sunshine Committee meetings during the interim. Research support will be provided and legislation will be drafted as requested.



## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Melissa Van Gorkom (360) 786-7491

**REFERENCE(S):** RCW 49.60.400 (I-200); I-1000 (2019); ESHB 1109, Sec. 221 (2019); <http://wastate.disparity-study.com/>; <http://wsdot-faa.disparity-study.com/>; <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2017/09/11/OEO-DisparityStudy-2017.pdf>; <https://www.atg.wa.gov/ago-opinions/use-race-or-sex-conscious-measures-or-preferences-re>

**DESCRIPTION:** In 1998, the voters approved Initiative 200 (I-200), titled the Washington State Civil Rights Act, which prohibits the state from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment to an individual or group based on specified characteristics in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting. In 2017, the Attorney General issued an opinion on the use of race- or sex-conscious measures or preferences to remedy discrimination in state contracting. There are ongoing efforts by the state to conduct disparity studies to determine if an agency has sufficient basis for implementing race- and gender-conscious contracting remedies. In 2019, the Legislature passed Initiative 1000 (I-1000) which amends I-200; establishes a Governor's Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and requires the Office of Program Research and Senate Committee Services to prepare a joint memorandum and draft legislation regarding any necessary changes to the statute to bring nomenclature and processes in line with I-1000.

Committee staff will follow efforts to implement I-1000 and develop a memorandum within three months of the effective date to provide a list of statutes that may be impacted, including recommendations from the commissions and other identified stakeholders, and draft legislation as requested.

## Voting by Incarcerated Persons

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Sam Brown (360) 786-7470

**REFERENCE(S):** SSB 5076 (2019); SB 5207 (2019); 2SSB 5287 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2019, the Legislature considered various pieces of legislation regarding the ability of persons in state custody to receive information about voter registration, vote, and where persons in state custody are determined to reside for redistricting purposes. While some states presently allow persons incarcerated in state facilities to participate in elections, Illinois and California considered legislation this year to enhance the ability of persons in county jails, not yet convicted of offenses, to vote.

Staff will research jurisprudential and constitutional frameworks in Washington and peer states regarding the ability of persons in prisons and jails to register to vote and to vote. Staff will engage with stakeholders, and draft memoranda and legislation as directed.

## Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Melissa Van Gorkom (360) 786-7491

**REFERENCE(S):** RCW 44.04.325; Committee webpage

**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislative Oral History Advisory Committee (LOHAC) is a bipartisan, bicameral committee created in 1991 to advise the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives on the conduct of the Legislature's oral history program. LOHAC responsibilities include selection of oral history subjects, selection of transcripts and historical material for publication, and providing advice on technical matters related to production of legislative oral histories.

Committee staff will work with House staff to schedule public hearings and work sessions and provide any research assistance as requested by LOHAC members.

## Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

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**COMPLETION DATE:** OnGoing

**STAFF:** Sam Brown (360) 786-7470

**REFERENCE(S):** RCW 73.04.150; Committee webpage

**DESCRIPTION:** The Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs (JCVMA) is a bipartisan committee formed to study and explore veterans' and military issues. The JCVMA is comprised of 16 members from the House of Representatives and the Senate empowered to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on veterans' issues, active military forces issues, and National Guard and reserve component issues. Committee staff will work with House staff and schedule public hearings, work sessions, and tours for the JCVMA. Legislation will be drafted as requested.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7300

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
TBD	Full Committee Work Session	TBD	- To be determined
November 20-21	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### 2019 Legislative Budget Notes

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Fall 2019

**STAFF:** Hayley Gamble (360) 786-7452

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Legislative fiscal staff in the Senate and House will work together with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee staff to publish the Legislative Budget Notes (LBN) by the fall of 2019. The LBN is a publication that represents the official record of legislative action on the omnibus operating, transportation, and capital budgets. It is used by legislators, legislative staff, state agencies, and the general public to determine the legislative intent behind the hundreds of policy changes embedded in the three major documents.

### 2019 Transportation Project Tours

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Through 2019

**STAFF:** Kelly Simpson (360) 786-7403

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** At the Chair's direction, staff will tour various transportation projects and activities around the state, possibly including select state ferry routes. The main priority is to (1) learn more about certain transportation projects and activities, (2) hear from frontline staff at the Department of Transportation and the Washington State Patrol regarding their duties and legislative requests, and (3) hear about various local transportation needs. It is expected that tours will occur once per month.

### Implementation of E2SHB 2042 (Advancing green transportation adoption)

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Implementation status update by December 1, 2019

**STAFF:** Kim Johnson (360) 786-7472

**REFERENCE(S):** E2SHB 2042 Sec. 3, 16, 17 (2019); ESHB 1160 Sec. 214 (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** In the 2019 biennial transportation budget, the Legislature directed and provided funding for WSDOT to implement the following programs identified in E2SHB 2042 related to electric and alternative fuel vehicles:

- A pilot program to provide clean alternative fuel vehicle use opportunities to underserved communities and low to moderate income members of the workforce not readily served by transit or located in transportation corridors with emissions that exceed federal or state emissions standards;
- A clean alternative fuel vehicle charging and refueling infrastructure program; and
- A study, by Department of Commerce, to identify opportunities to reduce barriers to electric vehicle adoption by lower income residents of the state through the use of vehicle and infrastructure financing assistance.

Committee staff will monitor the progress of the implementation of the programs by WSDOT and the study by Department of Commerce, as well as attend any public meetings related to the study.

## JLARC Bridge Preservation Cost Estimation Follow-Up Study

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**COMPLETION DATE:** September 2019

**STAFF:** Erica Bramlet (360) 786-7321

**REFERENCE(S):** JLARC Work Plan

**DESCRIPTION:** In July 2018, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee directed its staff to follow up on a 2013 study of WSDOT's bridge preservation cost estimating originally required in that year's transportation budget (ESSB 5024). The analysis will look at whether WSDOT followed recommendations from the legislative auditor to improve long-term estimates of bridge preservation needs. Committee staff will monitor progress on this study and have updates available by the 2020 legislative session.

## Vehicle Subagents Issues in Washington

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Status update by December 2019

**STAFF:** Bryon Moore (360) 786-7726

**REFERENCE(S):** ESHB 1160 - Sec 204 (4) (2019)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislature directed the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) to conduct a study regarding vehicle subagents in Washington state. The study must include the relevant statutes, rules, and/or regulations related to vehicle subagents, the current process of selecting and authorizing a vehicle subagents, the annual business expenditures borne by each of the vehicle subagent, and other issues related to the businesses operations, oversight, and services of vehicle subagents. In conducting the study, JTC must consult with the Department of Licensing, a representative of county auditors, and a representative of vehicle subagents. The JTC must issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the transportation committees of the Legislature by September 30, 2020. Committee staff will monitor progress on this study and have updates available by the 2020 legislative session, as well as attend any public meetings related to the study.

## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7715

DATE	COMMITTEE/TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECTS
November Committee Assembly	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	- To be determined

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## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

### 2019 Legislative Budget

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Fall 2019

**STAFF:** Ways & Means Committee (360) 786-7715

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Legislative fiscal staff in the Senate and House will work together with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee staff to publish the *Legislative Budget Notes* (LBN) in the summer of 2019. The LBN is a publication that represents the official record of legislative action on the omnibus operating, transportation, and capital budgets. It is used by legislators, legislative staff, state agencies, and the general public to determine the legislative intent behind the hundreds of policy changes embedded in the three major documents.

### 2020 Citizen's Guide to K-12 Finance

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**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2020

**STAFF:** Kayla Hammer (360) 786-7305 /  
Jeff Naas (360) 786-7708

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Ways & Means Committee and Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee will update the *Citizen's Guide to K-12 Finance*. This document serves as a resource for members, legislative staff, and the general public. The document focuses on frequently asked questions regarding K-12 finance.

### 2020 Citizen's Guides to the State Operating and Capital Budgets

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**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2020

**STAFF:** James Kettel (360) 786-7459 /  
Richard Ramsey (360) 786-7412

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Senate Ways & Means Committee and Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee will publish an updated version of the *Citizen's Guide to the Budget* for the 2020 legislative session and a new guide to the capital budget. The guides are published on an annual basis for use by members, legislative staff, and the public to answer basic questions about the Washington State operating and capital biennial budgets. The guides will be published at the start of the 2020 legislative session and will be available with the committee, as well as online.

### 2020 Legislative Guide to Washington State & Local Taxes

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**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2020

**STAFF:** Jeff Mitchell (360) 786-7438 /  
Alia Kennedy (360) 786-7405

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Committee staff will create a *Legislative Guide to Washington State and Local Taxes*. The guide will serve as an overview of Washington's full tax structure for members, legislative staff, and the public. The 2020 update will incorporate the *Legislative Guide to Washington State Property Taxes* that was separately published in prior years. The update will also include additional information regarding local government taxation, including local school levies. The guide will be published at the start of the 2020 legislative session and will be available from committee staff, as well as online.

## 4 Year Balanced Budget & Outlook

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Sarian Scott (360) 786-7729

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Beginning with the 2013-2015 biennium, Ch. 8, laws of 2012 (SSB 6636) requires that budgets at time of passage be projected to be balanced for current and following biennia based on a maintenance level projection. Each November, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC) must submit a budget outlook document for state revenues and expenditures for the general fund and related funds for the current biennium and the next biennium. The ERFC must also prepare a budget outlook document for the Governor's proposed budget and for the budget enacted by the Legislature. To assist the council in preparing the state budget outlooks, a State Budget Outlook Work Group is created, consisting of one staff person from the Office of Financial Management, the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee, the Office of the State Treasurer, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, the Caseload Forecast Council, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. Staff will participate in the work group and provide technical assistance.

## Caseload Forecast Council Technical (Staff) Workgroups

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Ways & Means Committee (360) 786-7715

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** Staff will monitor changes and trends and provide input regarding caseload forecasts for entitlement programs for the public schools, medical assistance, long-term care, developmental disabilities, foster care, adoption support, general assistance, corrections and juvenile rehabilitation. The caseload forecasts are used to develop the majority of the budgets for these programs. The work groups meet periodically and include staff from the Senate Ways & Means Committee, House Appropriations Committee, Caseload Forecast Council, Office of Financial Management, the Department of Social and Health Services, and other caseload-driven agencies.

## Joint Committee on Employment Relations

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Amanda Cecil (360) 786-7460

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Joint Committee on Employment Relations, created in 2002 as part of the Personnel System Reform Act, was modified in Senate Bill 5969 (2017) and directed to meet at least six times per year. The first meeting was held December 19, 2017. During the 2019 calendar year the Committee must meet prior to the start of bargaining to identify goals and objectives for the bargaining process that the Governor may take in to consideration. A meeting must also be convened following the Governor's budget submittal to advise the Committee on appropriations and legislation necessary to implement the agreements. Committee staff will provide support to JCER and monitor activity.



## Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply

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**COMPLETION DATE:** December 2019

**STAFF:** Karen Epps (360) 786-7424 /  
Jed Herman (360) 786-7346

**REFERENCE(S):** ESHB 1102 (2019); ESSB 6095 (2018)

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2018, the Legislature passed ESSB 6095, establishing the Joint Legislative Task Force on Water Supply (Water Supply Task Force). The Water Supply Task Force must review surface and groundwater needs and uses as they relate to agricultural uses, domestic potable water uses, and instream flows, and develop and recommend studies. The Water Supply Task Force must focus on water resource inventory areas (WRIA) 3 and 4. WRIA 3 is located in the western portion of Skagit County and WRIA 4 is located in the eastern portions of Whatcom, Skagit, and Snohomish counties.

## Legislative Advisory Committee to the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Committee

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Danny Masterson (360) 786-7454

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislative Advisory Committee is required by law to meet at least once annually to provide advice to the 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 has not scheduled a meeting at this time, but will likely convene based on enacted tuition policy changes.

## Local Government Finance and Distributions

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**COMPLETION DATE:** November 2019

**STAFF:** Jeff Mitchell (360) 786-7438 /  
Alia Kennedy (360) 786-7405

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** In the 2014 interim, staff developed a reference guide to the over \$750 million dollars in state distributions to local governments, primarily cities and counties. This information is available at the [fiscal.wa.gov](http://fiscal.wa.gov) website. The reference guide is intended for use by members, legislative staff, local governments, and the public, of state shared revenues, distributions, grants and loan programs that benefit local governments. Staff will continue working with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) to develop more complete information on the variety of different forms of assistance to local governments, better search capabilities, and mapping tools.

In addition to the LEAP site, Washington state has a myriad of local government entities with varying degrees of local and state-level funding mechanisms. These local governmental entities include general-purpose governments such as cities and counties, and special purpose districts, such as fire protection, flood control, irrigation, and library districts. Collectively, these local governmental entities are referred to as taxing districts. The Ways & Means Committee will get an introduction during the November Assembly Days to local government finance, which includes: an introduction to the types of local taxing districts and their governance structures; a description of the primary revenue sources for various taxing districts, including state-shared resources; and a description of historical changes in local tax authority and local taxation levels.

## Major Legal Principles Applicable to Washington State and Local Taxation

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**COMPLETION DATE:** January 2020

**STAFF:** Alia Kennedy (360) 786-7405

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** In addition to administrative, economic, and other practical considerations that apply to state and local taxation, there are a number of legal considerations that must be kept in mind with respect to any change in tax policy. These considerations derive from both the state and federal constitutions. In January, the Ways & Means Committee will get an introduction to the major legal principles applicable to Washington state and local taxation.

## Tax Structure Work Group

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**COMPLETION DATE:** Ongoing

**STAFF:** Jeff Mitchell (360) 786-7438 /  
Alia Kennedy (360) 786-7405

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** The 2001-03 operating budget bill created a Washington State Tax Structure Study Committee to study the elasticity, equity, and adequacy of the state's tax system and develop multiple alternatives to the existing tax system. The Committee submitted a final report in November 2002 that laid out a framework of tax principles used in the analysis of Washington's tax structure, evaluated Washington's tax structure at the time against the backdrop of these principles, and recommended numerous alternatives to improve Washington's tax structure.

The 2017-19 Operating Budget directed a Tax Structure Work Group to facilitate public discussions throughout the state regarding Washington's tax structure and report the results to the fiscal committees of the Legislature, upon request.

The 2019-21 operating budget bill (section 137 of Ch. , laws of 2019 (ESHB 1109)) reauthorizes and expands the membership and scope of the Work Group. Over the course of several biennia, the Work Group will engage in the following tasks: update the data and research that informed the recommendations of the 2001-03 Tax Structure Study Committee, make preliminary recommendations to improve Washington's current tax structure, engage in a series of public meetings to solicit stakeholder and taxpayer feedback, and prepare a final report for submittal to the legislature. Staff will monitor and provide support to the Work

## Understanding the Washington State Budget Universe

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**COMPLETION DATE:** November 2020

**STAFF:** Kayla Hammer (360) 786-7305

**REFERENCE(S):**

**DESCRIPTION:** In the 2015 interim, staff developed an "Understanding the Washington State Budget Universe" map. This map has been continually updated after each biennial budget. Staff work with Legislative Support Services graphic design staff to produce the map. The map is made available to senators and to the public for purchase.