

# SENATE COMMITTEE SERVICES

## 2010 Interim Work Plan and Meeting Schedule



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June 4, 2010



DATE: June 4, 2010

TO: Washington State Senators and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Richard Rodger, Director (786-7401)  
Senate Committee Services

SUBJECT: Senate Committee Services 2010 Interim Work Plan and Activities

We are pleased to provide this 2010 Interim Work Plan and Activities for your reference in the months preceding the 2011 Legislative Session.

The interim work plan is a public planning document containing the major issues that each committee currently plans to consider during the next legislative session. It is used to guide staff in conducting research over the interim and in planning related interim committee activities and hearings. In addition to the items included in this work plan, Senate Committee Staff also respond to the other projects, issues, and research requests of each member of the Senate. In that light, we trust you will find this work plan useful in monitoring the committee's work during the interim.

We have posted this document on our website and will keep it updated as meeting dates and locations become available during the interim. Committee Assembly days are currently scheduled for December 2-3, 2010, but is subject to change. Please consult the website for updated information. The posting can be found at:  
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/SENATE/COMMITTEES/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have other requests or questions, or need assistance on any issue, please don't hesitate to call on us.

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## **Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Air Quality Regulation of Anaerobic Digesters**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Sam Thompson

Description: The use of anaerobic digester technology as a means to generate electricity is relatively new in the state and there have been a number of issues as to how these operations should be classified and regulated. Methane and other gases produced by anaerobic digesters are captured and used as fuel for engines that drive generators that produce electricity. Animal manure and food by-products are the inputs for the anaerobic digestion process. The use of digesters is considered as a preferential way of disposing of biodegradable waste as compared to disposing these wastes in landfills. Electricity produced by anaerobic digesters is considered as a renewable source of energy.

A number of jurisdictions, including some regional clean air authorities in this state, have required permits to operate anaerobic digesters. How anaerobic digesters are being classified and regulated will be reviewed.

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**Project: Conservation District Law Review**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Bob Lee/Sam Thompson

Description: Conservation districts were authorized by many states to assist in implementing land and water conservation programs initiated by the federal government in response to the "Dust Bowl" era in the 1930's. The conservation district law was first enacted in this state in 1939. Subsequently, the role of conservation districts has been expanded to include a number of state-initiated conservation and habitat enhancement programs on privately owned lands.

There are 47 conservation districts in the state that operate in 39 counties. The State Conservation Commission serves as the coordinating entity for these conservation districts. The committee will hear from conservation districts and the State Conservation Commission on a variety of issues that pertain to the funding and operation of conservation districts.

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**Project: Protecting the Viability of Agricultural Land and Critical Areas**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Bob Lee

Reference: SSB 6520 (2010), SSB 5248 (2007)

Description: Legislation enacted in 2007 (SSB 5248) instructed the Ruckelshaus Center to hold meetings with stakeholder groups to develop recommendations on protecting the viability of agriculture while also protecting critical areas as required by the Growth Management Act. The 2007 legislation established a deadline of September 1, 2009, for reporting recommendations to the Legislature. Though significant progress was reported, the stakeholders were not yet ready to submit their final findings and recommendations to the Legislature and asked for additional time. An extension of one year was granted by the Legislature until September 1, 2010.

Staff will monitor the meetings of the stakeholders convened by the Ruckelshaus Center. The committee anticipates a briefing on the final report by the Ruckelshaus Center in December.

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# Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development Committee

## Workplan Summary - Interim 2010

Project: **Status of Asparagus Industry**

Completion Date: June 2010

Staff: Bob Lee

Description: Washington had been a leading state in the nation in the production and processing of asparagus, a high value crop. In 1989, the production of asparagus peaked when 32,000 acres were harvested in Washington State. In that year, \$24 million was sold to the fresh market and \$31 million in sales were to processors. The asparagus industry employed significant numbers of workers during these peak years and supported other jobs in processing, shipping, marketing and other allied fields. Then this industry began to lose its competitiveness due to a number of factors including lower wage rates in competing growing regions and unfavorable international trade policies. The acreage harvested in Washington has since dropped to about 1/5 of its peak, to 6,000 acres, mostly for the fresh market.

As the industry has a proven ability and climate to produce high yields of asparagus, the Washington Asparagus Commission is attempting to regain its competitiveness through various strategies. One key strategy is to work with researchers at Washington State University to develop technology that would allow mechanized harvesting to replace reliance on uncompetitive hand harvesting methods. The committee would be provided with a demonstration on the mechanized harvester in operation during the spring harvest season and gain an understanding of the remaining impediments to the commercialization of this technology.

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## Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010

Project: **Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee**

Completion Date: December 1, 2010

Staff: Juliana Roe

Reference: 2SSB 5973 (2009); SB 6778 (2010)

Description: The Legislature formed an Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (AGOAC), with legislative members, to synthesize the findings and recommendations from the 2008 achievement gap studies into an implementation plan, and to recommend policies and strategies to close the achievement gap. The AGOAC recommendations to the 2010 State Legislature included, "Disconnect[ing] state assessments from graduation requirements."

In the 2010 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 6778 was introduced, which would award a high school diploma to students who complete the minimum course requirements for admission to a public four-year institution of higher education as established by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, complete one occupational credit, attain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in those courses, and complete a culminating project and a high school and beyond plan. These students would not have to pass the statewide assessments to graduate from high school. This bill did not pass.

Committee staff will provide research and support to the legislators serving on the Committee; assist with a review of SB 6778 by the AGOAC, if requested, and draft any changes suggested by the AGOAC if directed by a Senate member; and draft other legislation as directed.

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Project: **Basic Education Program for Highly Capable Students Working Group; and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Working Group**

Completion Date: December 1, 2010

Staff: Susan Mielke

Reference: ESHB 2261 (2009) and ESSB 6444 (2010).

Description: The Governor vetoed section 708 of ESHB 2261 (2009). The veto message provided, among other things, that there is work to be done to establish standards, guidelines, and definitions for what constitutes a highly capable basic education program and the funding level for such a program. The 2010 supplemental operating budget creates a workgroup to address these and other issues and requires a report by December 1, 2010.

Additionally, the supplemental budget created a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics working group (STEM) working group to create a comprehensive plan to ensure that a pathway is established for elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, postsecondary degree programs, and careers in the areas of STEM, including a timeline for specific actions to be taken. The plan must be submitted to the Legislature by December 1, 2010.

Committee staff will monitor and assist both the working groups as appropriate and draft legislation as requested by Senate members.

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## **Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project:**            **Early Learning Advisory Council and Early Learning Technical Working Group**

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff:** Kim Cushing

**Reference:** E2SSB 5828 (2007); 2ESB 5617 (2010); SSB 6759 (2010)

**Description:** In 2007, the Legislature created the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) with legislative members and others to advise the Department of Early Learning (DEL) on statewide early learning community needs and progress. In 2010, the Legislature reduced the total membership from 25 to 23 and specified additional issues for ELAC to address when advising DEL. ELAC meets four times a year.

In 2010, the Legislature created a technical working group to develop a comprehensive plan for a voluntary program of early learning. The working group is convened by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and DEL, but must be monitored and overseen by the Quality Education Council (QEC). The working group has a progress report due to ELAC and the QEC July 1, 2011, and a final report and plan due November 1, 2011. The plan must examine the opportunities and barriers of at least two options: a program of early learning under the program of basic education and a program of early learning as an entitlement.

Committee staff will provide research and support to the legislators serving on ELAC, updates on the technical working group, and draft legislation as necessary.

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**Project:**            **Quality Education Council**

**Completion Date:** January 1, 2011

**Staff:** Kim Cushing/Susan Mielke/Juliana Roe

**Reference:** ESHB 2261 (2009), SHB 2776 (2010), ESSB 6444 (2010), and 2SSB 6696 (2010)

**Description:** The Quality Education Council (QEC), created by the Legislature in 2009 with eight legislative members and others, was established to recommend and inform the ongoing implementation by the Legislature of an evolving program of basic education and financing, including development of a 10-year strategic plan. The 2010 Legislature added a member of the Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee to the QEC and additional tasks to be accomplished in the 2010 interim.

Committee staff will provide research and support to the Senate members serving on the QEC and draft legislation as necessary.

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## **Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Supplemental School Funding Working Group**

Completion Date: June 30, 2011

Staff: Elise Greef/Susan Mielke/Dean  
Carlson/Dianne Criswell

Reference: ESHB 2261 (2009) and SHB 2776 (2010), Quality Education Council website:  
<http://www.k12.wa.us/QEC/>

Description: In 2009, the Legislature directed the Office of Financial Management (OFM), with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), to convene a working group beginning in the 2010 interim to develop options for a new system of supplemental school funding through local school levies and local effort assistance. The work group will be made up of designated members and overseen by the Quality Education Council. In the 2010 session, the Legislature modified the start date to April 1, 2010, and the reporting deadline to June 30, 2011, and directed the group to answer additional specific questions.

Legislative staff will work with OFM and OSPI staff during the 2010 interim to provide background and technical assistance, monitor the progress of the group's work, and draft legislation as directed.

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**Project: The Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization**

Completion Date: December 1, 2010

Staff: Susan Mielke/Kim Cushing

Description: The Federal Constitution, which gives Congress its authority to act, is silent on the subject of education, and therefore public K-12 education is primarily a state and local responsibility. However, the role of the Congress in education has been increasing over time. Generally, state participation in the federal programs is voluntary but if the state accepts federal funds then the state must comply with all of the federal program requirements. Federal funds are responsible for approximately six percent of the total of education funding.

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was originally enacted in 1965 and has been reauthorized every five years since its enactment. The most recent reauthorization of the ESEA is known as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001.

Under NCLB, states are required to establish academic standards and assessments for reading, mathematics, and science. All schools and school districts must ensure that all students are making adequate yearly progress (AYP) on the assessments such that all students will meet the state standards by 2014. Schools and districts receiving federal Title I dollars (not all schools) but not achieving AYP will be identified for improvement, corrective action, restructuring, and rewards to the extent these actions do not conflict with state law. Additionally, NCLB requires that all teachers who teach in specified core academic subjects be highly qualified, meaning fully certificated (not on an emergency or limited certificate) and have passed a state test or have demonstrated competence based on an objective uniform standard of evaluation.

On March 15, 2010, the current administration released its blueprint to reauthorize the ESEA. The blueprint continues to address academic standards and assessments, accountability for states, schools and school districts, and effective teachers and leaders.

Committee staff will update the members on the progress of the reauthorization as it pertains to early learning and K-12 education and draft state legislation as directed.

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## **Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Export Assistance**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Jack Brummel/Edward Redmond

Reference: 2SSB 6679 (2010), ESHB 2836 (2010)

Description: There are indications that the US government's goal of doubling exports over the next five years will result in a quiet backing away from its strong dollar policy and benefit firms prepared to sell in foreign markets. New federal export promotion initiatives are being developed. With domestic demand expected to be low for the next few years, exporters may be the driver of job growth. Washington firms wishing to export have found barriers that the state may be able to help them overcome. SB 6679, passed during the 2010 Legislative Session, provides for lending and technical assistance in exporting. The most recent capital budget contains a provision for increased technical assistance and infrastructure to support export growth. The committee will hold a work session with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy and the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade to examine federal and state trade policy and programs.

Committee staff will examine options for improved export assistance efforts and consult with Department of Commerce and Export Finance Assistance Center staff. Legislation will be drafted as appropriate.

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**Project: Private Wastewater Development**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Jack Brummel

Reference: SSB 6808 (2010)

Description: A lack of water and wastewater infrastructure has limited infill development in locales defined as urban growth areas under the Growth Management Act. Public funding for the infrastructure can be difficult to obtain. SB 6808 was introduced during the 2010 Legislative Session to provide the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) with regulatory authority over private wastewater services in urban growth areas. The Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Ecology (DOE) have suggested that, even with UTC regulation, there remain complex issues regarding the assurance of financial viability and long term sustainability of wastewater systems.

Committee staff will work with the UTC, DOH, DOE, and advocates for private wastewater development to identify options for addressing these issues and others raised by SB 6808. Legislation will be developed as appropriate.

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## **Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Chemical Policy**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Jan Odano

Description: For the past decade there have been various legislative measures to address toxic threats to human health and the environment. Most of these proposals have been a chemical-by-chemical approach. The federal Toxic Substances Control Act is considered outdated and ineffective in controlling and addressing toxic substances. The Department of Ecology, in collaboration with 12 other states, has developed recommendations on reforming the Toxic Substances Control Act and developing a systematic chemical policy approach to address toxic chemicals. States would like a nationwide, systemic chemical policy as well as state authority to implement and manage chemicals of concern.

Staff will review federal legislation, follow other states' actions and legislative proposals on overarching chemical policies and draft legislation as directed.

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**Project: Conservation Incentives and Renewable Energy**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: William Bridges

Reference: SB 6656 (2010)

Description: During the 2010 regular session, the Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee heard Senate Bill 6656. Among other things, the bill required the Washinton Utilities & Transportation Commission (WUTC) to approve a rate adjustment for conservation savings by investor-owned utilities (IOUs). The bill failed but the discussions it raised prompted the WUTC to undertake two reviews of energy issues this interim: (1) incentives and disincentives for IOUs to engage in conservation, and (2) policy options to encourage IOUs to acquire renewable electricity.

The WUTC will hold several public work sessions this interim to discuss these issues. The process may result in the development of rules or policy statements. Senate committee staff will attend the work sessions and assist in the preparation of any draft legislation as directed.

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**Project: Federal Climate Change Legislation**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Jan Odano/William Bridges

Description: Staff will track and monitor federal legislation addressing clean energy and climate change. Staff will prepare and draft legislation as directed.

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**Project: Nuclear Energy**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Jan Odano

Description: Developing renewable energy supplies has been central to addressing climate change, energy efficiency, and increasing green jobs. There has been increasing interest in considering nuclear energy as a renewal energy source. Several states are considering or have considered legislation related to permitting, building, or financing new nuclear energy generating facilities.

Staff will review other states' legislation and policies regarding developing new nuclear energy generating facilities and provide an overview. Staff will prepare draft legislation as directed.

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## **Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Oil Spill Contingency Plans**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Sam Thompson

Reference: SB 6677 (2010)

Description: Large commercial vessels and marine oil terminals and refineries must prepare oil spill contingency plans describing steps that operators will take when spills occur. Operators commonly contract with one of three nonprofit organizations in the state to conduct containment and cleanup operations pursuant to contingency plans. Proposed 2010 legislation sought to require operators to implement contingency plans during unusual circumstances in which spills have not occurred but threaten to occur--e.g., during vessel groundings or after pipeline ruptures. Advocates suggested that early notice and response requirements could improve the effectiveness of containment and cleanup efforts in the event of actual spills.

Staff will monitor interim negotiations regarding this proposal and other proposed changes to contingency plan requirements, conduct research, and, if directed by members, draft legislation.

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**Project: Universal Service**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: William Bridges

Description: In the world of telecommunications, "universal service" has meant the goal of providing all citizens with access to the public telephone network at affordable prices. In 1985, the Legislature enacted a policy to preserve universal service; however, it had been the de facto public policy of the state for more than 60 years.

Universal service depends on subsidies to maintain affordability, such as allowing small telephone companies to collect "access charges," which are above-cost prices for routing telephone traffic over their lines. The current subsidy structure is not keeping pace with an increasingly competitive telecommunications market.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission will hold a series of workshops during the legislative interim focused on the future of universal service. Senate committee staff will attend the workshops and assist in the preparation of any draft legislation as directed.

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**Project: Water Conservancy Boards**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Karen Epps

Reference: SB 6581 (2010), ESHB 1832 (2001), SHB 1217 (1997)

Description: In 1997, the Legislature adopted Substitute House Bill 1217 allowing counties to establish water conservancy boards (boards) to enable the processing of water right transfer applications at the local level. Boards process water right transfer applications and issue records of decision. All board decisions are ultimately reviewed and affirmed, reversed, or modified by the Department of Ecology. There are currently 20 boards operating in Washington: 16 on the east side and 4 on the west side. In 2001, various changes were made to the water conservancy board statutes. In 2010, legislation was introduced to allow boards to perform final proof examinations of permitted water uses leading to the issuance of a water right certificate.

Committee staff will review the water conservancy board statutes, review the biennial report due in December 2010, and, if directed by members, draft legislation.

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## **Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Adequacy of Notices Sent by Insurers to Insurance Producers Regarding Changes in Standard Policies**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Diane Smith

Reference: SB 6568 (2010)

Description: The 2010 legislation addresses the issue of new exclusions added to standard business insurance policies. The issue arose after a loss was sustained by a client that would have been covered by previous policies, but not covered by the then current policy. Widespread disavowal of the prevalence of this circumstance and allegations of unintended consequences will be addressed in interim meetings with the chair, members, insurance producers and their representatives, insurance companies and their representatives, the Office of Insurance Commissioner, and committee staff.

Committee staff will draft any legislation that may be developed for the 2011 session, as directed by members.

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**Project: Property Tax Foreclosure Swindles**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Diane Smith

Reference: SB 6190 (2010), SB 6195 (2010)

Description: Together with the Lewis County Treasurer and Association of Counties' staff, this project will explore alleged statutory loopholes that appear to be exploited by those who seek illicit profits from property tax foreclosures. The statutory framework of property tax foreclosures is a body of law that has evolved since 1893 without a thorough revision. Extensive unintended consequences were alleged in the public hearings on the above referenced bills. These bills proposed to address potential exploitation of the tax foreclosure process.

Committee staff will attend meetings and draft any legislation that may be developed for the 2011 session, as directed by members.

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## **Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Case Review of Citizens United Supreme Court Decision**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Edward Redmond

Reference: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/08-205.ZS.html>

Description: Staff will do a case review of the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, which held that corporations have a 1st Amendment right to freely spend their treasury funds for electioneering communications in a federal election. Committee staff will prepare a presentation for the Committee on the impact of the case on upcoming federal and state elections, looking specifically at how the case has been (or potentially will be) interpreted by lower courts. Possible work session.

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**Project: Code vs. Non-Code Cities**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Sharon Swanson

Description: Municipal governments in Washington are classified according to their population at the time of incorporation or reorganization. Committee staff will work with the Association of Washington Cities and additional stakeholders to reconcile as many differences as possible between code/non-code cities. Additionally, staff will work towards streamlining the process for non-code cities to become code cities.

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**Project: Disincorporation**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Sharon Swanson

Reference: RCW 35.07

Description: Cities and towns in the State of Washington have the authority to disincorporate. Upon disincorporation, the city or town's powers as a municipality are surrendered to the state and county. The city or town ceases to have further duties and all city or town offices cease to exist. The procedure for disincorporation is primarily the same for code cities as it is for non-code cities and towns. Committee staff will work with stakeholders to update the disincorporation statute, RCW 35.07.

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**Project: King County Elections and Conservation District Elections**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Alison Mendiola/Sharon Swanson

Description: The conservation district election process operates differently than the general election process. Conservation district elections must be held in the first quarter of the year, have a minimum of one polling place that must be held open for a minimum of two hours, must give timely and adequate notice to conservation district constituents, must follow standard polling procedures for qualifying voters, secure ballot boxes, and employ two poll watchers while polls are open.

Committee staff will work with stakeholders to address concerns about a special purpose district, such as conservation districts, administering its own elections, and may draft legislation as directed.

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## **Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Protecting the Viability of Agricultural Land and Critical Areas**

Completion Date: December 1, 2010

Staff: Karen Epps

Reference: SSB 6520 (2010), SSB 5248 (2007)

Description: Legislation adopted in 2007 temporarily prohibited counties and cities from taking certain actions pertaining to critical area ordinances (CAOs). The 2007 legislation also required the Ruckelshaus Center to conduct a two-phased examination of the conflicts between agricultural activities and CAOs adopted under the Growth Management Act. In 2010, legislation was adopted extending the prohibition that counties and cities may not amend or adopt CAOs as they specifically apply to agricultural activities for one year and giving the Ruckelshaus Center one additional year to conclude certain examination tasks. The Center must seek to achieve agreement among participating stakeholders and to develop a coalition to support changes or new approaches to protecting critical areas during the 2011 legislative session.

Committee staff will monitor the stakeholder meetings, review the final report, and draft legislation as directed.

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**Project: Public Funding for Judicial Campaigns**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Edward Redmond

Reference: E2SSB 5912 (2009)

Description: Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5912 was introduced during the 2009 Legislative Session. The bill establishes the Judicial Elections Reform Act to introduce a voluntary pilot project to provide an alternative source of financing for candidates for the Washington State Supreme Court.

Committee staff will meet with stakeholders to determine financing options for the program. Additionally, committee staff will address stakeholder concerns about potential constitutional challenges to the program.

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**Project: Public Records Act**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Alison Mendiola

Reference: SB 6368 (2010)

Description: The Public Records Act (PRA) requires that all state and local government agencies make all public records available for public inspection and copying unless they fall within certain statutory exemptions. Any person who is denied the opportunity to inspect or copy a public record may file a motion to show cause in superior court why the agency has refused access to the record. Legislation was introduced in 2010 that would have established a procedure for the requester of a public record and an agency to confer on disputes prior to filing court action.

Committee staff will work with stakeholders on the issue of mediation prior to the filing of lawsuit related to PRA violations and will draft legislation as directed.

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## **Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Sunshine Committee**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Alison Mendiola

Reference: SSB 5435 (2007)

Description: In 2007, the Legislature created the Public Records Exemption Accountability Committee known as the Sunshine Committee (Committee) to review all public records exemptions and make annual recommendations to the Legislature whether to maintain an exemption, modify the exemption, schedule it for sunset review, or terminate the exemption.

Committee staff will continue to attend the quarterly meetings of the Committee and provide summaries to legislative members. Additionally, staff will assist in the drafting of any resulting legislation for the 2011 Legislative Session.

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### **Other Projects:**

**Project: Joint Committee on Veterans' & Military Affairs**

Completion Date: Ongoing

Staff: Sharon Swanson

Reference: RCW 73.04.150

Description: The Joint Committee on Veteran's and Military Affairs is a 16-member committee empowered to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on veterans' issues, active military forces issues, and national guard and reserve component issues. House and Senate staff will schedule public hearings, work sessions, and tours for the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs.

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## **Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: National Health Reform Implementation**

Completion Date: Ongoing

Staff: Rhoda Donkin, Mich'l Needham,  
Edith Rice

Reference: ESSB 6444 (2010)

Description: In March 2010, Congress enacted federal health reform legislation which will impact virtually every aspect of health care in this country. While this is federal law, every state is tasked with implementing many of the provisions. In anticipation of the passage of sweeping federal health reform, the Washington state legislature established the Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation. The committee will discuss state level implementation issues included in health reform. Staff may prepare materials for discussions of major changes in current health programs, initial timelines for state responsibilities, state-level policy decisions related to federal health reform, and potential statutory changes to be considered in the 2011 legislative session. Staff will also coordinate and share information with the Governor's Health Care Cabinet on their implementation and planning efforts and any potential advisory groups involved in health reform implementation.

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**Project: Women's Health Issues**

Completion Date: November 30, 2010

Staff: Rhoda Donkin, Mich'l Needham,  
Edith Rice

Description: Staff will research and produce an inventory of current women's health issues with special attention to those with potential for legislation in the 2011 legislative session. Issues under consideration include maternal and reproductive health, disparities, chronic disease, aging, and access to health care. Staff will include any references in the federal health reform bill that relate to women's health issues.

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**Project: Monitor Adult Family Home Abuse/Neglect Study Group**

Completion Date: September 20, 2010

Staff: Rhoda Donkin

Description: In April 2010 a study group was convened to address issues related to quality and safety in the state's adult family home system. The group includes a broad representation of stakeholders and will meet four times over the spring and summer. The goal is to provide recommendations to improve quality and capacity in the state's home and community based long term care system. Staff will participate in these meetings and in drafting any legislation that is proposed for the 2011 legislature.

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**Project: Hospital Emergency Room Services "Balance Billing" Issues**

Completion Date: November 30, 2010

Staff: Mich'l Needham

Reference: SB 6400 (2010), SB 6532 (2010)

Description: Legislation introduced during the 2010 session explored options to eliminate the balance billing that patients may experience when they receive care in a hospital emergency department from providers who do not participate with the patient's insurance plan. Legislators, insurance carriers, and physician groups agreed to continue discussions in the 2010 interim to seek a solution that protects patients from balance billing and provides the least disruption in the contracting and negotiating relationship between physicians, insurance carriers and hospitals. Staff will explore options and monitor related developments in the federal health reform bill.

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## **Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Prescription Drug Advisory Group and Prescription Drug Issues**

Completion Date: November 30, 2010

Staff: Edith Rice

Description: Committee staff will monitor meetings of the Prescription Drug Advisory Group. This group is sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General and initially met in January 2010. The group will continue to meet several times throughout the remainder of the year. Topics discussed by the advisory group have included prescription drug awareness, teen prescription drug abuse prevention, and prescription medication related bills passed during the 2010 legislative session. Representatives from the Legislature, Office of the Attorney General, physicians, law enforcement, pharmacy board, pharmaceutical manufacturers, nurses, and pharmacists are participants. Staff will research prescription drug related issues and draft legislative proposals as requested.

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## **Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Accreditation**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Aldo Melchiori

Description: As the Legislature contemplates adjustments to how Washington Institutions of Higher Education conduct their academic missions, issues often arise regarding possible adverse effects on accreditation. A more complete understanding of how the accreditation process works would be helpful when these issues arise. Staff will study the accreditation process with an emphasis on how possible future legislation can be drafted to avoid creating accreditation issues.

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**Project: Monitor the Higher Education Coordinating Board**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Aldo Melchiori

Reference: 2SHB 1946 (2009)

Description: Staff will monitor the Higher Education Coordinating Board's efforts to implement legislation passed during the 2010 Legislative Session.

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**Project: Monitor the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Aldo Melchiori

Reference: SHB 1328 (2009), SSB 6357 (2010), ESSB 6359 (2010)

Description: Staff will monitor the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges' (SBCTC) efforts to implement legislation passed during the 2010 Legislative Session. Specifically, the SBCTC, in consultation with others, has been directed to develop policies for awarding academic credit for learning from work and military experience, military and law enforcement training, career college training, internships and externships, and apprenticeships. The policies must address issues regarding verification, accreditation, transfer of academic credit, licensing and professional recognition, and financial aid. Policies developed by the SBCTC, along with recommendations, must be submitted to the Legislature by December 31, 2010. Staff will monitor the activities of the workgroup and develop required implementing legislation.

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**Project: Monitor the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Aldo Melchiori

Reference: SHB 1323 (2009), 2SHB 1355 (2009)

Description: Staff will monitor the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board's efforts to implement legislation passed during the 2010 Legislative Session.

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## **Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project:**            **System Governance**

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff:** Aldo Melchiori

**Description:**    Early learning through secondary education administration is a combination of local and state control. Post-secondary education has two separate, but interrelated mechanisms - the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. In addition, the Workforce Education and Coordinating Board influences how post-secondary education is focused. Finally, the Council of Presidents is a quasi-state agency that exercises significant policy-making influence. At various times, there have been efforts to further divide these entities and, conversely, efforts to combine them or encourage them to coordinate their efforts to a greater extent. Before it is determined whether the Legislature should consider changes to educational governance, however, it would be helpful to know what has been done in the past and, if possible, the reasoning behind the development of the present system. Included in this primarily historical task will be an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the present system.

The second part of the project is to look at the educational governance systems in the other states. Key governance levels, types, and issues will be identified. When governance systems differ from those in Washington, efforts will be made to summarize key differences and what effect those differences may have upon how that state's governance functions.

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## **Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Child Welfare Design Transformation Committee**

Completion Date: Ongoing Staff: Jennifer Strus

Reference: 2SHB 2106 (2009)

Description: Second Substitute House Bill 2106 created the Child Welfare Transformation Design Committee to plan for the implementation of performance based contracts with private providers to provide case management services in two demonstration sites. The demonstration sites must be ready to go no later than December 1, 2012.

Staff will provide assistance to the Committee and monitor the work of the Committee and its four advisory committees.

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**Project: Court Related Costs of Civil Commitments Under the Involuntary Treatment Act**

Completion Date: December 2010 Staff: Kevin Black

Reference: ESSB 6733 (2010)

Description: Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6733 instructed the Legislature to convene a work group to study the proper allocation of the court-related costs of a civil commitment under the Involuntary Treatment Act.

The bill did not pass the Legislature, but members of the Senate and House of Representatives expressed an interest in pursuing this issue over the interim. Staff will facilitate this work.

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**Project: Custodial Parent Initiative**

Completion Date: December 2010 Staff: Shani Bauer

Reference: SSB 6639 (2010)

Description: Substitute Senate Bill 6639, passed in 2010, creates alternatives to total confinement for nonviolent offenders with minor children. The bill created a sentencing alternative and allows the Department of Corrections (DOC) to release offenders already sentenced up to one year prior to their release date. A good deal of coordination between DOC and The Children's Administration in the Department of Social and Health Services will be required to implement the program. The agencies have formed an implementation workgroup for these purposes.

Staff will monitor the work of the workgroup.

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## **Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Examination of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (Workfirst) Best Practices**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Jennifer Strus

Reference: E2SHB 3141 (2010)

Description: Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 3141, as it passed the Legislature, directed the Workfirst subcabinet to examine and report on the Workfirst program in the context of a reframed legislative intent as set forth in the bill. Although the Governor vetoed this provision, in her veto message, she directed the Workfirst subcabinet to examine best practices to obtain employment and achieve family self-sufficiency. The subcabinet is to provide a report and plan to implement the best practices that are sustainable. There will be legislative members selected to assist the subcabinet in its work.

Staff will provide assistance to legislative members assisting the subcabinet and will monitor the subcabinet's work.

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**Project: Implementation of the Lifeline Program (formerly General Assistance)**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Jennifer Strus

Reference: E2SHB 2782 (2010)

Description: Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2782 substantially changed the General Assistance-Unemployable Program (now called the Lifeline Program) by creating time limits, creating an SSI Facilitation Program, requiring housing vouchers in certain instances rather than cash grants and requiring the use of vocational rehabilitation programs in certain instances in order to be eligible for the program. There are significant implementation issues and a workgroup will be formed to oversee the program's implementation.

Staff will provide assistance to the workgroup and monitor its work.

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**Project: Improving Sex Offender Registration and Notification**

Completion Date: November 2010

Staff: Shani Bauer

Reference: SSB 6414 (2010)

Description: In 2008, the Legislature tasked the Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) with reviewing and formulating recommendations for improving Washington's sex offender registration and notification system. The SOPB provided several recommendations in 2009, resulting in the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 6414, but continues to work toward consensus on several remaining issues. The Board anticipates having further recommendations at the end of 2010.

Staff will provide assistance to the Committee and monitor its work.

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## **Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Public Safety Review Panel**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Kevin Black

Reference: ESB 6610 (2010)

Description: Engrossed Senate Bill 6610 instructs the Department of Social and Health Services to convene an independent public safety review panel with members appointed by the Governor to review its proposals concerning the granting of conditional release, furlough, temporary leave, or grounds privileges to a person who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Staff will monitor the implementation of the panel.

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**Project: Suspend Medicaid Benefits for Persons in the Custody of a Correctional Facility and Improve the Expedited Medical Assistance Application Process**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Kevin Black

Reference: ESHB 2687(2008), HB 1290 (2006)

Description: Pursuant to a budget proviso in 2008, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) developed a five year plan to develop and implement the ability to suspend Medicaid benefits for persons in the custody of a correctional facility and to improve the expedited medical assistance process created by House Bill 1290 in 2006. DSHS is currently developing a communication tool which will facilitate communication of medical assistance information with jails and prisons.

Staff serves on the executive steering committee for this project and will monitor its progress.

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## **Senate Judiciary Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: False Claims Act**

Completion Date: November 2010

Staff: Kim Johnson

Reference: PSSB 5144 (2010)

Description: State and local governments make numerous payments to individuals and businesses in connection with governmental contracts, programs, and services. False claims for payment may go undiscovered and a private citizen is not able to initiate an action, on behalf of an injured state governmental entity, against another party submitting a false claim for payment. During the 2009 interim an informal work group met and worked on draft legislation modeled on the Federal False Claims Act. The Judiciary Committee heard the proposed legislation and a fiscal note was developed. This interim, an informal work group will meet to discuss the fiscal note and potential ways to address the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation. Staff will coordinate the meetings and will draft any necessary changes to the legislation.

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**Project: Family Friendly Court Grant Program**

Completion Date: November 2010

Staff: Lidia Mori

Reference: SB 6618 (2010)

Description: There are three court-based locations in Washington that provide child care for children of parents or guardians who are at the court facility on official court business. Senate Bill 6618 would have directed the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop and administer the family friendly court grant program. The purpose of the program is to improve access to the judicial system and expand the number of people who can serve as jurors and witnesses by making child care available for their children. This concept requires further development and investigation into funding possibilities. Staff will look at the student loan forgiveness program as a possible model for a family friendly court grant program.

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**Project: Regarding What More Can Be Done When a Person Violates a Protection or Restraining Order**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Lidia Mori

Reference: RCWs 10.14, 26.09

Description: Staff will research the policies of the other states and countries regarding what more can be done when a person violates a protection or restraining order, and will produce a side by side comparison of the various approaches of other states and countries.

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**Project: Washington Enhanced Intelligence Act**

Completion Date: November 2010

Staff: Kim Johnson

Reference: SB 6432 (2010)

Description: During the 2010 Session, the Judiciary Committee heard Senate Bill 6432 which would have established new protocols governing the collection and maintenance of certain information by state and local government entities. An informal workgroup will meet to work on issues raised during session. Staff will research the federal laws governing the collection and storage of surveillance information and provide support for the informal work group as needed. Staff will monitor the work group and draft legislation as directed by members.

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## Senate Judiciary Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010

### Other Projects:

Project: **Bail Practices Task Force**

Completion Date: December 1, 2010

Staff: Juliana Roe

Reference: SSB 6673 (2010)

Description: The Legislature created the bail work group to examine all aspects of bail including, but not limited to, judicial discretion, bail amounts and procedures, public safety, variations in county practices, constitutional restraints, public safety, and cost to local government. The variety of practices and procedures requires that a panel of experts study the issue and report its recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2010.

Staff from Senate Committee Services as well as the Office of Program Research will provide research and support to the work group and draft legislation as necessary.

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## **Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Underground Economy**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Kathy Buchli

Reference: SHB 1555 (2009)

Description: The Underground Economy Task Force, which completed its work in 2010, established benchmarks for monitoring enforcement of underground economy activities. The Department of Labor and Industries, the Department of Revenue, and the Employment Security Department are to provide an annual report to the Legislature addressing these benchmarks and agency activity relating to the underground economy.

The committee will monitor ongoing work of the agencies as they develop benchmarks to monitor enforcement of underground economy activities. Further, the Department of Labor and Industries will be working with stakeholders and committee staff as directed to address the definition of independent contractor as it relates to providing workers compensation coverage to workers in certain non-construction industries.

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**Project: Unemployment Insurance Issues**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Mac Nicholson

Description: The state has experienced a sustained high unemployment rate since early in 2008. The high unemployment rate means the number of individuals receiving unemployment insurance benefit payments has increased, which has triggered an increased unemployment insurance tax rate in 2010 for Washington employers. The March 2010 unemployment rate in Washington is 9.5 percent, and it is projected that the unemployment rate will not drop below 9 percent until 2011. The committee will work with the Employment Security Department to review options for enhancing the effects of unemployment insurance on individuals, families, and communities including job search and WorkSource opportunities, and mitigating the effects of the continuing economic downturn, including options for qualifying to receive the modernization incentive payment and adjusting social tax rates.

Committee staff will draft legislation as necessary.

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**Project: Worker Retraining**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Ingrid Mungia

Reference: E2SSB 5809 (2009)

Description: The legislature created a worker retraining program in 2009 that provided state funds to workforce development councils as a match to federal Workforce Investment Act funds. The legislation required the Employment Security Department (ESD) to periodically convene a group of stakeholders to review development and implementation of the program, including the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, workforce development councils, and business and labor representatives.

The committee will monitor the progress of the training programs created by the grant funds and receive updates from the stakeholder group convened by ESD.

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## Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010

Project: **Workers' Compensation**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Mac Nicholson

Description: Prior to the 2010 Legislative Session, the Governor convened a work group to examine Washington's workers compensation system. Several bills were introduced in the 2010 session seeking changes to the system. Despite working with many different stakeholders, the committee was unable to develop legislation supported by all parties. The committee will continue to work with stakeholders throughout the interim to find ways to improve outcomes for, and shorten the duration of long-term disability claims; resolve systemic liabilities and long-term pension trends; and improve the coordination and provision of quality, timely medical care.

The committee will also monitor and work with any work groups convened by the Governor to investigate and identify methods to address the issues mentioned above.

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## **Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Forest Ecosystem Services**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Sherry McNamara

Reference: ESHB 2541 (2010)

Description: The term "working forests" is widely used to characterize actively managed forest lands that sustain a combination of resources, timber products, wildlife and fish habitat, clean air and water, carbon storage, recreation opportunities, and others. The economic value of the benefits or services provided by these forested areas has been referred to as ecosystem services. Several states are and have been looking at developing market options for these ecosystem services.

Committee staff will research and review states that are marketing ecosystem services, such as Minnesota, Oregon, Vermont, Maryland, and Tennessee. In addition, staff will consult with various stakeholders and organizations, and state agencies about market capital and financing options for ecosystem services.

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**Project: Marine Spatial Planning**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Curt Gavigan

Reference: SSB 6350 (2010)

Description: The Legislature has convened an interagency team to recommend a framework for integrating marine spatial planning into the state's marine management planning efforts by December 15, 2010. Subject to funding, the interagency team must subsequently coordinate development of a comprehensive marine management plan for the state's marine waters, to include marine spatial planning. The federal government and several states have also undertaken marine spatial planning efforts.

Committee staff will monitor implementation of SSB 6350 and analyze marine spatial planning efforts by the federal government and other states.

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**Project: Nature Based Education & Citizen Science**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Curt Gavigan

Reference: 2SHB 1677 (2007)

Description: The Legislature has established an Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program which, subject to funding, provides grants to schools and community based programs to provide nature based education and recreation experiences. At the federal level, the "No Child Left Inside Act" has been introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives and would expand teacher training and the development of more rigorous environmental education curricula.

Committee staff will review current and proposed efforts relevant to nature based education being conducted by state and federal agencies, local governments, and non-governmental organizations.

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## Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010

Project: **Small Forest Landowner Issues**

Completion Date: December 2010

Staff: Sherry McNamara

Reference: ESB 6776 (2010)

Description: The Legislature considered ESB 6776 which would have created a joint House and Senate legislative work group to look at the long-term sustainability of small forest landowners. The bill required the joint work group to utilize research and build on existing reports to look at ways to remove regulatory barriers and disincentives for small forest landowners. A few of the specific issues in the bill to be considered by the joint work group were: the long-term sustainability of the Forest Riparian Easement Program; the complexity of administrative rules for small harvests; ways to address conversion pressures; and a possible pilot program for ecosystem service payments.

Committee staff will review the research and existing reports, consult with the Department of Natural Resources, and staff relevant committee meetings on issues facing small forest landowners.

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## **Senate Transportation Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: 2010 Citizen's Guide to the Washington State Transportation Budget**

Completion Date: After Sine Die

Staff: Catherine Nicolai/LEAP Committee

Description: The Citizen's Guide to the Washington State Transportation Budget is provided as a resource for citizens, members of the Senate, their staff, and other interested persons to provide a brief overview of the transportation budget, outline the budget's components, the budget process, and describe the agencies, goods, and services it funds. The Senate Transportation Committee staff expects to have the guide completed and available to the public, as well as online, shortly after the 2010 Legislature adjourns for the year.

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**Project: Ferry Studies**

Completion Date: December 15, 2010

Staff: Janice Baumgardt

Reference: ESSB 6381, Section 204(9) (2010)

Description: The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) was directed to study the two following ferry-related issues: (1) comparing covering ferry employee injuries under the federal Jones Act versus Washington's Industrial Insurance Act ("workers' compensation"), and the associated state costs, and (2) comparing processing ferry employee grievances under the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) versus the Marine Employees Commission (MEC) and reviewing whether the necessary expertise exists at PERC to administer grievances and hearings currently administered by MEC. Senate Transportation Committee staff will work with JTC staff on the studies, including draft legislation if required.

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**Project: Fuel Tax Refunds for Nonhighway or Off-Road Users**

Completion Date: December 31, 2010

Staff: David Ward/Amanda Cecil

Reference: ESSB 6381, Section 204(4) (2010)

Description: The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) will review the fuel tax refunds for nonhighway or off-road uses of fuels prescribed in statute. The review must include the following elements: (1) an overview of the off-road programs; (2) an analysis of historical funding and expenditures from the respective treasury accounts; (3) an outline and process documentation on how the funds are distributed to the treasury accounts; and (4) a documentation of future identified off-road, snowmobile, and marine funding needs. Senate Transportation Committee staff will work with JTC staff and assist with drafting subsequent legislation as directed.

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**Project: Small Agency Efficiencies**

Completion Date: December 15, 2010

Staff: Amanda Cecil

Reference: ESSB 6381, Section 204(8) (2010)

Description: The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) will convene a policy work group to evaluate funding assistance and services provided by small transportation agencies to determine if there are more efficient models to provide these services. Senate Transportation Committee staff will work with the policy work group and JTC staff and assist with drafting subsequent legislation as directed.

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## **Senate Transportation Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: State-Level Transportation Planning Evaluation**

Completion Date: December 15, 2010 Staff: Kelly Simpson

Reference: ESSB 6381, Section 204(7) (2010)

Description: The Joint Transportation Committee was provided funding to conduct an evaluation of the preparation of state-level transportation plans. The evaluation must include recommendations concerning the appropriate responsibilities for preparing plans, methods to develop plans more efficiently, and the utility of state-level planning documents. Senate Transportation Committee staff will work with JTC staff on the evaluation, including draft legislation if required.

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**Project: Storm Water Permit Compliance Options**

Completion Date: December 2010 Staff: Hayley Gamble

Reference: ESSB 6381, Sec. 108(4) (2010)

Description: The Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee (JLARC) was directed to conduct an analysis of the implementation options available to the Washington State Department of Transportation to comply with a recently issued storm water permit. The permit was issued by the Department of Ecology and is required under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System program, which is part of the federal Clean Water Act. Senate Transportation Committee staff will work with JLARC staff as needed and prepare related materials to inform significant budget decisions expected on storm water in the next legislative session.

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**Project: Transit Study**

Completion Date: December 15, 2010 Staff: David Ward/Amanda Cecil

Reference: ESSB 6381, Section 204(5) (2010)

Description: The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) will conduct a study to establish a statewide blueprint for public transportation that will serve to guide state investments in public transportation. Senate Transportation Committee staff will work with the advisory panel and JTC staff and assist with drafting subsequent legislation as directed.

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**Project: Vehicle/Vessel Title & Registration Technical Rewrite**

Completion Date: December 1, 2010 Staff: Kelly Simpson

Reference: ESSB 6381, Section 204(6) (2010); SB 6379 (2010)

Description: The Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, SB 6379, which is a major technical rewrite of the vehicle/vessel title and registration statutes, designed to make these complex laws easier to find and understand. However, the bill contains a delayed effective date of July 1, 2011, in order to determine whether trailer legislation is needed to correct unintended errors. The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) was directed to work with various agency and committee staff, and with stakeholders, to evaluate the implementation of SB 6379 and to draft corrective legislation if needed. Senate Transportation Committee staff will assist JTC staff with the evaluation and legislative drafting.

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## **Senate Ways & Means Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: 2011 Citizen's Guide to the Budget**

Completion Date: January 2011

Staff: Devon Nichols

Reference: LEAP staff

Description: The Senate Ways & Means Committee and Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee (LEAP) will publish a Citizen's Guide to the Budget. Members, legislative staff, and the general public use the guide to answer basic questions about the Washington State biennial budget. The guide is published on an annual basis because of significant changes in supplemental budget sessions. The guide will be updated before the 2011 Legislative Session.

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**Project: 2011 Legislative Guide to Washington State Property Taxes**

Completion Date: January 2011

Staff: Dianne Criswell, Dean Carlson

Description: Senate Ways & Means committee staff will update the Legislative Guide to Washington State Property Taxes to reflect recent changes. These documents serve as a resource for members, legislative staff, and the general public.

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**Project: 2011 Citizen's Guide to K-12 Finance**

Completion Date: January 2011

Staff: Elise Greef, Susan Mielke, Kim Cushing

Reference: LEAP Staff

Description: The Ways & Means and Early Learning & K-12 Finance Committee staff 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.

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**Project: Creation of the Citizens Guide to Health Care Finance**

Completion Date: December 31, 2011

Staff: Elaine Deschamps

Reference: LEAP Staff

Description: Ways and Means Committee staff will produce a Citizen's Guide to Health Care Finance. This document will serve as a resource for members, legislative staff, and the general public. The document will focus on frequently asked questions regarding health care finance.

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**Project: Legislative Budget Notes**

Completion Date: September 2010

Staff: Senate Ways & Means, OPR, and LEAP Staff

Description: Legislative fiscal staff in the Senate and House will work with LEAP staff to prepare the "Legislative Budget Notes," a publication which represents the official record of legislative action on the omnibus operating, transportation, and capital budgets. The Legislative Budget Notes are 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 budget documents.

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## **Senate Ways & Means Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project:** 2011-13 Operating and Capital Budget Development and Analysis of Agency and Governor Budget Requests

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff:** Senate Ways & Means Committee Staff

**Description:** Senate Ways & Means staff will prepare for development of the 2011-13 biennial operating and capital Senate budgets proposals by: (1) working with the Office of Financial Management and House Ways & Means staff in creating an agreed-upon carry forward level of previous budgets; (2) reviewing 2011 agency budget requests; (3) evaluating the Governor's budget proposal submitted in December 2010; and (4) creating various budget policy options related to member interests.

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**Project:** Caseload Forecast Council Technical (Staff) Workgroups

**Completion Date:** Ongoing

**Staff:** Elise Greef, Richard Ramsey, Elaine Deschamps, Michael Bezanson

**Description:** Staff will monitor changes and trends and provide input regarding caseload forecasts for entitlements 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 workgroups meet periodically and include staff from the Senate Ways & Means Committee, the House Ways & Means Committee, the Caseload Forecast Council, the Office of Financial Management (OFM), and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). The final caseload forecasts are approved by the Caseload Forecast Council members, consisting of four legislators, the Director of OFM, and the Secretary of DSHS.

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**Project:** Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences - 2010 Full and Expedited Reviews

**Completion Date:** December 2010

**Staff:** Dianne Criswell, Dean Carlson

**Reference:** Chapter 43, 136 RCW; <http://www.citizentaxpref.wa.gov/>

**Description:** The Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences was established by the 2006 Legislature (EHB 1069), which reviews all tax preferences at least once every ten years. Tax preference reviews are conducted by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee according to the schedule established by the Commission. Ways & Means Committee staff will monitor the Commission's full and expedited reviews scheduled for 2010 in order to brief members and prepare for the joint hearing on the Commission's recommendations held at the beginning of every legislative session.

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## **Senate Ways & Means Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Supplemental School Funding Working Group**

Completion Date: June 30, 2011

Staff: Elise Greef, Susan Mielke, Dean Carlson, Dianne Criswell

Reference: ESHB 2261 (2009), SHB 2776 (2010)  
Quality Education Council website: <http://www.k12.wa.us/QEC>

Description: In 2009, the Legislature directed the Office of Financial Management, with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to convene a Working Group beginning in the 2010 interim to develop options for a new system of supplemental school funding through local school levies and local effort assistance. The work group will be made up of designated members and overseen by the Quality Education Council. In the 2010 session, the legislature modified the start date to April 1, 2010 and the reporting deadline to June 30, 2011 and directed the group to answer additional specific questions. Legislative staff will work with OFM and OSPI staff during the 2010 interim to provide background and technical assistance, and to monitor the progress of the group's work.

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**Project: Accountability in Child Welfare: Advisory Committee on Financial Issues**

Completion Date: Ongoing

Staff: Michael Bezanson

Reference: Chapter 520, Laws of 2009  
<http://www.joinhandsforchildren.org/>

Description: 2SHB 2106 (2009) requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to consolidate and convert its existing contracts for child welfare services to performance-based contracts by January 2011. The legislation further created a Child Welfare Transformation Design Committee (Committee) that is established and charged with selecting two demonstration sites in which the DSHS must contract out for all child welfare services, and developing a transition plan for implementing the performance-based contracts. The Committee created an Advisory Committee on Financial Issues and asked that legislative staff including Ways & Means staff, Office of Financial Management, and departmental budget staff assist the advisory committee as they develop recommendations.

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### **Other Projects:**

**Project: Joint Tax Avoidance Review Committee**

Completion Date: December 31, 2010

Staff: Dean Carlson, Dianne Criswell

Reference: 2ESSB 6143 (2010)

Description: The Legislature established a Joint Tax Avoidance Review Committee to monitor the Department of Revenue (DOR) implementation of Part II of the bill (related to tax avoidance). The Committee must report to the legislative fiscal committees by December 31, 2010, including its recommendations on future legislative oversight of DOR's implementation. Committee staff will work with Office of Program Research to provide support to the Committee.

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## **Senate Ways & Means Committee Workplan Summary - Interim 2010**

**Project: Pension Funding Council Rate Adoption and Biennial Audit**

Completion Date: July 31, 2010

Staff: Pension Funding Workgroup  
(SCS/OPR/OFM/SIB/ERFC/DRS)

Reference: RCW 41.45.060, 41.45.090, 41.45.110, and 41.45.120

Description: The Pension Funding Council (PFC) consists of the chair and ranking minority member of the House of Representatives Committee on Ways & Means; the chair and ranking minority member of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means; the director of the Office of Financial Management; and the director of the Department of Retirement Systems. The PFC is required by statute to adopt the pension contribution rates for the 2011-13 fiscal biennium by July 31, 2010. The Pension Funding Workgroup will provide staff support for the PFC in the rate adoption process, and will also manage the contracting process to ensure that the biennial audit of the State Actuary's valuation report is completed prior to the rate adoption.

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## Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

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

DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
06/14/10 All Day	Full Committee Tour and Briefing	Eltopia/Pasco WA	1. Update on status of asparagus industry. 2. Demonstration of mechanical harvester.
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee  Work Session	Olympia	1. Overview of conservation district funding issues. 2. Discussion of operational issues faced conservation districts. 3. Final report from Ruckelshaus Center on protection of agricultural land and critical areas.

**Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING TYPE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/2010	Full Committee	Olympia	TBA
	Work Session		

## Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

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

DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
TBA	Full Committee Work Session	TBA	Washington's Innovation Ecosystem.
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee  TBA	Olympia	TBA
<b>Other Meetings:</b>			
TBA	Agency Reallocation & Realignment Commission  TBA	TBA	TBA
06/22/10	Joint with House & Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy	Seattle	Trade Policy and Programs.
All Day	Work Session		

## Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

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

DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
TBA	Full Committee Tour/Briefing	Yakima	Yakama Tribe power facility and lower Yakima water/irrigation issues.
TBA	Full Committee Tour/Briefing	Puget Sound	Puget Sound clean-up, restoration sites and stormwater issues.
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee  Work Session	Olympia	TBA
<b>Other Meetings:</b>			
TBA	Legislative Council on River Governance  Work Session	Montana	TBA
TBA	Joint Committee on Water Supply During Drought  Work Session	Olympia	TBA

## Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

*For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7408*

DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee	Olympia	TBA
	TBA		

## Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

*For more information please contact the committee at (360) 786-7432*

DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
3 Meetings	Joint Committee on Veteran's & Military Affairs  Work Session	TBA	TBA
TBA	Full Committee  Work Session	TBA	TBA
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee  Work Session	Olympia	TBA



## Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

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

DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee	Olympia	TBA
	TBA		

### **Other Meetings:**

Five monthly meetings beginning in June	Joint Legislative Select Committee on Health Care Reform	TBA	TBA
	TBA		

## Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING TYPE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/2010	Full Committee	Olympia	TBA
	Work Session		

**Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING TYPE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee	Olympia	TBA
	Work Session		

**Senate Judiciary Committee  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING TYPE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/2010	Full Committee	Olympia	TBA
	Work Session		

## Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

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DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
July	Joint with House Commerce & Labor Work Session	Olympia	TBA
September	Joint with House Commerce & Labor Work Session	Olympia	TBA
November	Joint with House Labor & Commerce Work Session	Olympia	TBA
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee Work Session	Olympia	TBA

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DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
TBA	Full Committee TBA	TBA	Issues Facing Small Forest Landowners.
TBA	Full Committee TBA	TBA	Marine Spatial Planning.
TBA	Full Committee TBA	TBA	Nature-based Education & Citizen Science.
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee TBA	Olympia	TBA

## Senate Transportation Committee Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010

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DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION	SUBJECT
December Legislative Assembly 12/02-03/10	Full Committee	Olympia	TBA
	TBA		
<b>Other Meetings:</b>			
01/05/11	Joint Transportation Committee	Olympia	TBA
10:00 am			
05/11/10	Joint Transportation Committee	Chehalis	TBA
10:30 am			
06/23/10	Joint Transportation Committee	Vancouver	TBA
9:00 am			
07/15/10	Joint Transportation Committee	TBA	TBA
10:00 am			
September 2010	Joint Transportation Committee	Olympia	TBA
10/12/10	Joint Transportation Committee	Seattle	TBA
10:00 am			
11/10/10	Joint Transportation Committee	Spokane	TBA
9:00 am			
12/01/10	Joint Transportation Committee	Olympia	TBA
1:00 pm			

**Senate Ways & Means Committee  
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2010**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING TYPE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
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