

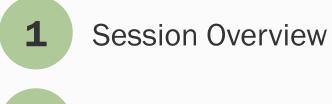


CRPAG Legislative Update

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Agenda



Agency Request Bills



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- Water Resource Bills
- Other Notable Bills



Session Calendar

CUTOFF	DATE
Policy cutoff, house of origin	February 17 th
Fiscal cutoff, house of origin	February 24 th
House of origin cutoff	March 8 th
Policy cutoff, opposite house	March 29 th
Fiscal cutoff, opposite house	April 4 th
Opposite house cutoff	April 12 th
Last day of session	April 23rd



Session Overview

2089 bills introduced

230 bills tracked by Ecology

10 bills tracked by WRP/OCR

- Three currently active
- No bills passed (so far)



Agency Request Bills

• SHB 1138

- 2SHB 1322
- E2SHB 1170



Drought Preparedness and Response

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Chapman

SHB 1138

- Creates separate accounts for drought prep/planning and emergency response.
- Appropriates \$2.5M/biennium funding for prep/planning and \$3M for emergency response upon issuance of drought emergency order

Substitute Bill (passed House 96-1) removed appropriations for both prep/planning and emergency response

Senate striking amendment restored emergency response funding

Current Status: Senate Rules Committee

2SHB 1322/SB 5384 Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan



Prime Sponsor: Rep. Rude/Sen. Dozier

- Authorizes Ecology to implement the Walla Walla 2050 plan.
- Directs Ecology to develop intergovernmental agreements with Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to manage new water supplies developed under the plan.
- Authorizes Ecology to fund new water supply projects located outside of Washington within the Walla Walla River basin.

Second substitute bill passed House 96-0

Current Status: Senate Rules Committee

E2SHB 1170/SSB 5093 Climate Resilience Planning



Prime Sponsor: Rep. Street/Sen. Rolfes

- Directs Ecology to update the statewide strategy for climate resilience and make regular future reporting updates.
- Strengthens requirements for incorporating climate impacts in agency decisionmaking and improves interagency coordination and reporting.
- Identifies the UW Climate Impacts Group as the primary partner for technical and scientific information on climate impacts.

Engrossed second substitute bill passed House 82-14

Current Status: Senate Floor



Other Water Resource Bills

- HB 1285
- HB 1752
- HB 1792
- SB 5157
- SB 5517
- SB 5622
- •SB 5628



SHB 1285 Family Farm Water Right Transfers

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Goehner

- Allows family farm permits to be transferred for use in a limited area of more intensive rural development or master planned resort.
- Substitute Bill: Removed master planned resort provision.

HB 1752 Bureau of Reclamation Water Right Transfers

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Dye

 Provides a narrow exemption to ACQ requirement under RCW 90.03.380 for water right changes to spread Bureau of Reclamation water rights held within the Columbia Basin Project

HB 1792 Water Rights Adjudication Procedure



- Makes procedural changes to the process for water right adjudications filed in WRIA 1 (Nooksack Basin).
- Defines minimum periods for claimants to file claims in court and directs Ecology to publish the draft adjudication form for public comment.

Original bill passed House 97-0

Current Status: Senate Floor

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY State of Washington

SB 5157 Water Infrastructure Projects

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Torres

- Establishes a large-scale water infrastructure program to fund projects that promote water availability, flood protection, fish passage, and stormwater management.
- Commits to appropriating at least \$50 million per biennium up to a total program funding limit (including federal funding) of \$5 billion.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY State of Washington

SB 5517 Water Resource Mitigation

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Warnick

- Establishes a mitigation sequencing standard for new groundwater right applications in basins with regulated surface flows wherein applicants must avoid, minimize, and then compensate for impacts to through in-kind or out-ofkind mitigation.
- Directs Ecology to establish standards for groundwater modeling through rulemaking.



SB 5622 Municipal Water Right Transfers

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Torres

- Enables transfer of alternate (non-additive) water rights.
- Enables transfer of inchoate quantities of "pumps and pipes" municipal certificates and permits outside the service area of the original project.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY State of Washington

SB 5628 Family Farm Water Right Transfers

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Torres

• Allows family farm permits to be transferred for use outside of their WRIA of origin within the mainstem corridors of the Columbia and lower Snake rivers.



Other Notable Bills

• SHB 1216/HB 5380 • SB 5094

SHB 1216/SB 5380 Clean Energy Project Siting



Prime Sponsor: Rep. Fitzgibbon/Sen. Nguyen

- Creates a new interagency clean energy siting council.
- Creates a new designation for "clean energy projects of statewide significance" and defines non-project environmental impact statement requirements for these sites.
- Directs WSU to conduct a statewide survey of least-conflict siting opportunities for pumped storage facilities.

Substitute bill passed House 75-20

Current Status: Senate Rules Committee

SSB 5094 Water System Planning



Prime Sponsor: Sen. Rolfes

• Requires Class A water systems (1000+ connections) to include climate resilience in water system plans.

Substitute bill passed Senate 43-5



Thank you

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