



## January 23, 2014 - South Sound Chamber of Commerce Legislative Coalition Detail Bill Report compiled by our lobbyist Carolyn Logue of CA Logue Public Affairs.

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*The South Sound Chamber of Commerce Legislative Coalition (SSCCLC) was formed to advocate for business and business-related policies impacting the South Sound region before the Legislature, Statewide elected officials such as the Governor, and other departments, agencies, boards and commissions. Member Chambers include: Auburn Area (Auburn, Algona and Pacific), Covington, Federal Way, Fife/Milton/Edgewood, Kent, Puyallup-Sumner, Renton and Southwest King County (Tukwila, Burien & Des Moines) Chambers of Commerce. Collectively, we represent approximately 3,262 businesses employing more than 185,977 workers in the South King County and North Pierce County region.*

*The primary goals of our Coalition are increasing jobs, competitiveness, and regional productivity. The South King and Pierce County region is an economic powerhouse for the state with significant manufacturing, retail, service and warehousing industries. In addition, it sits between the state's two largest seaports and highways in the region serve as major corridors for both north-south and east-west travel. Improving the ability move goods through increased freight mobility, move people by reducing traffic congestion, create jobs through reasonable regulations, and ensuring an educated workforce is not only important for the South Sound region is also important to the state's overall economy.*

### Upcoming Events

#### **Labor & Workforce Development (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/23 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2333 - Exec Session - Concerning the employee antiretaliation act.
- HB 2334 - Exec Session - Simplifying and enforcing employee status under employment laws to ensure fairness to employers and employees and address the underground economy.
- HB 2500 - Public Hearing - Requiring completion of an apprenticeship program to receive a journeyman or residential specialty electrician certificate of competency.

#### **Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/23 @ 8:00am**

- SB 6182 - Public Hearing - Establishing a tax credit for employers participating in the apprenticeship program.
- SB 6318 - Public Hearing - Providing greater small business assistance by modifying the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

### **Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/23 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 2201 - Public Hearing - Improving fiscal accountability and transparency standards with respect to state tax preferences.

### **Environment (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/24 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2312 - Public Hearing - Involving communities in environmental decision making.

### **Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/24 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 2251 - Exec Session - Concerning fish barrier removals.
- HB 2261 - Public Hearing - Concerning the use of science to support significant agency actions.

### **Labor & Workforce Development (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/24 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 2526 - Public Hearing - Increasing the use of apprenticeships.

### **Health Care (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/27 @ 10:00am**

- SB 6233 - Public Hearing - Assisting self-employed small business owners adversely impacted by health insurance premium changes.

### **Commerce & Labor (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/27 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 6317 - Public Hearing - Improving the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage.

### **Education (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/27 @ 1:30pm**

- 2SHB 1680 - Public Hearing - Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.

### **Health Care & Wellness (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/27 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 2572 - Public Hearing - Concerning the effectiveness of health care purchasing and transforming the health care delivery system.

### **Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/27 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 2346 - Public Hearing - Coordinating the removal of fish passage barriers.

### **Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/27 @ 3:30pm**

- SB 6102 - Public Hearing - Transferring certain state sales and use taxes collected on state highway projects to the connecting Washington account.

### **Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/28 @ 8:00am**

- SB 6045 - Public Hearing - Promoting economic development through enhancing transparency and predictability of state agency permitting and review processes.
- SB 6045 - Exec Session - Promoting economic development through enhancing transparency and predictability of state agency permitting and review processes.

### **Environment (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/28 @ 10:00am**

- HB 2262 - Exec Session - Concerning the use of science to support significant agency actions.

### **Governmental Operations (Senate) - SHR 2, - 1/28 @ 10:00am**

- SB 6194 - Public Hearing - Providing a process for county legislative authorities to withdraw from voluntary planning under the growth management act.

### **Health Care (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/28 @ 10:00am**

- SB 6228 - Public Hearing - Concerning transparency tools for consumer information on health care cost and quality. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

### **Labor & Workforce Development (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/28 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 2209 - Public Hearing - Improving the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage.
- HB 2527 - Public Hearing - Establishing the prevailing rate of wage based on collective bargaining agreements or other methods if collective bargaining agreements are not available.
- HB 2526 - Exec Session - Increasing the use of apprenticeships.

### **Technology & Economic Development (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/28 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 2382 - Public Hearing - Improving the methods for evaluation of the local infrastructure financing tool program.

### **Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/28 @ 3:30pm**

- SJR 8213 - Public Hearing - Amending the Constitution to require a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to raise taxes.
- SB 6333 - Public Hearing - Concerning tax statute clarifications, simplifications, and technical corrections.

### **Education (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/29 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2217 - Exec Session - Encouraging school districts to work with community partners to improve the utilization of K-12 capital facilities.

### **Local Government (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/29 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2234 - Public Hearing - Addressing vesting under comprehensive plans or development regulations determined to be invalid by the growth management hearings board.

### **Commerce & Labor (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/29 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 6307 - Public Hearing - Preempting local employment laws and contracts.

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/29 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 6209 - Public Hearing - Concerning expanded learning opportunities.

### **Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/29 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 2346 - Exec Session - Coordinating the removal of fish passage barriers.

### **Labor & Workforce Development (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/30 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2501 - Public Hearing - Concerning registration requirements for contractors.
- HB 2545 - Public Hearing - Prohibiting employers from asking about or using nonconviction information in initial applications for employment.
- HB 2527 - Exec Session - Establishing the prevailing rate of wage based on collective bargaining agreements or other methods if collective bargaining agreements are not available.

### **Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/30 @ 8:00am**

- SB 6096 - Public Hearing - Providing for property tax exemption for the value of new construction of industrial/manufacturing facilities in targeted urban areas.

### **Health Care (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/30 @ 10:00am**

- SB 6016 - Public Hearing - Concerning continuity of care for enrollees in the Washington health benefit exchange during grace periods.

### **Transportation (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/30 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 2346 - Exec Session - Coordinating the removal of fish passage barriers.

### **Environment (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/31 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2262 - Exec Session - Concerning the use of science to support significant agency actions.

### **Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/31 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 2261 - Exec Session - Concerning the use of science to support significant agency actions.

## Labor & Workforce Development (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/31 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2360 - Public Hearing - Revising payment requirements for court review of industrial insurance taxes, penalties, or interest.
- HB 2501 - Exec Session - Concerning registration requirements for contractors.

## BUSINESS AND CAPITAL

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1057</u></a> (2SSB 5034)	<b>Operating omnibus approps</b> H Approps	Hunter	High	Concerns
	Making omnibus operating appropriations.			
	Makes omnibus operating appropriations.			
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1313</u></a> (SB 5594)	<b>Sick &amp; safe employment leave</b> H 2nd Reading	Jenkins	High	Oppose
	Establishing minimum standards for sick and safe leave from employment. Establishes a Seattle-style paid sick leave mandate statewide.			
	Provides minimum requirements for sick and safe leave from employment.			
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1401</u></a> (SSB 5399)	<b>Growth mgmt act/penalties</b> H Local Govt	Fitzgibbon	High	Support
	Addressing the timing of penalties under the growth management act.			
	Revises growth management act penalty provisions.			
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1440</u></a> (SB 5526)	<b>Protecting employees</b> H Labor/Work Dev	McCoy	High	Oppose
	Changes Independent Contractor statutes to eliminate current 7 part test and replace with a 3 part test that makes independent contractor status less clear. Puts employers at risk by changing legal presumption in the use of contractors to that of employment is presumed and establishes criminal penalties for using independent contractors illegally.			
	Finds that improving compliance with wage-related laws will help address the problems of the underground economy, level the playing field for honest employers and contractors, and protect workers. Establishes the employee fair classification act. Creates the employee fair classification act account.			
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1604</u></a> (SSB 5697)	<b>Local sales &amp; use tx changes</b> H Finance	Angel	High	Support
	Reducing the frequency of local sales and use tax changes.			
	Allows changes to local sales and use taxes only on the first of January, April, or July.			
<a href="#"><u>EHB 1891</u></a>	<b>Employee protections/WISHA</b> H Labor/Work Dev	Reykdal	High	Oppose

Increasing protections for employees under the Washington industrial safety and health act of 1973.

Revises the industrial safety and health act to increase protections for employees. Originally contained significant increases in criminal and civil penalties for employers and made it easier for L&I to levy those penalties. These provisions were removed but several provisions/expansions of the act still remain that are opposed by business.

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**Econ development agencies**

Morris

High

Concerns

Eliminating economic development-related agencies, boards, and commissions.

[2SHB 2029](#)

Eliminates the Washington state economic development commission and the Washington tourism commission. Abolishes innovate Washington and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the department of commerce. Eliminates the Washington global health technologies and product development competitiveness program's board of directors and requires the life sciences discovery fund authority to administer or contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to administer the Washington global health technologies and product development competitiveness program.

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**Basic and higher ed funding**

H Finance

Ormsby

High

Concerns

Funding K-12 basic education and higher education by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences.

[ESHB 2034](#)

Funds K-12 basic education and higher education by narrowing or eliminating certain tax preferences. Makes transfers to the education legacy trust account. Makes appropriations to fund K-12 basic education and higher education.

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**Basic ed & higher ed funding**

H Finance

Carlyle

High

Concerns

Investing in the education legacy trust account for K--12 basic education and higher education by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences.

[EHB 2036](#)

Invests in the education legacy trust account for K-12 basic education and higher education by: (1) Eliminating the preferential business and occupation tax rates for insurance agents, travel agents, and stevedoring; (2) Eliminating the sales and use tax exemption for bottled water; (3) Repealing the nonresident sales and use tax exemption; (4) Imposing sales tax on janitorial services; (5) Modifying tax preferences for high-tech research and development; (6) Eliminating the public utility tax deduction on interstate hauls; (7) Narrowing business and occupation tax exemptions and sales and use tax exemptions for import commerce; (8) Repealing the preferential business and occupation tax rate for sellers of prescription drugs; and (9) Narrowing the use tax exemption for extracted fuel to hog fuel. Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Estimate the increase in state general fund revenues from the changes made in the act; and (2) Notify the state treasurer of this amount. Requires the state treasurer to transfer the aforementioned amount from the general fund to the education legacy trust account.

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**Estate, transfer tx/edu acct**

H Finance

Ormsby

High

Concerns

Preserving funding deposited into the education legacy trust account used to support common schools and access to higher education by restoring the application of the Washington estate and transfer tax to certain property transfers.

[SHB 2064](#)

Finds that: (1) In In re Estate of Bracken, Docket No. 84114-4, the Washington supreme court narrowly construed the term "transfer" as defined in the Washington estate tax code; (2) The Bracken decision held certain qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) of married couples was transferred without incurring Washington state estate tax liability, which: Creates an inequity never intended by the

legislature because unmarried individuals did not enjoy any similar opportunities to avoid or greatly reduce their potential Washington estate tax liability; and may create disparate treatment between QTIP property and other property transferred between spouses that is eligible for the marital deduction; and (3) It is necessary to reinstate the legislature's intended meaning when it enacted the estate tax, restore parity between married couples and unmarried individuals, restore parity between QTIP property and other property eligible for the marital deduction, and prevent the adverse fiscal impacts of the Bracken decision by reaffirming its intent that the term "transfer" as used in the Washington estate and transfer tax is to be given its broadest possible meaning consistent with established United States supreme court precedents, subject only to the limits and exceptions expressly provided by the legislature.

<a href="#"><u>HB 2110</u></a>	<p><b>Uniform B&amp;O tax rate</b>            Creating a uniform business and occupation tax rate.            Creates a uniform business and occupation tax rate.</p>	H Finance	Haler	Monitoring
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2189</u></a>	<p><b>Flood control districts</b>            Administration and operation of flood control districts.            Modifies flood control district provisions relating to: (1) Withholding a percentage of payments for installment contracts; (2) Contract and competitive bidding and sealed bids; (3) Composition and duties of the board of directors; and (4) Location of the office of the board of directors and the principal place of business of the district.</p>	H Rules R	Takko	Monitoring
<a href="#"><u>HB 2192</u></a> (SB 6045)	<p><b>State agency permitting</b>            Promoting development through enhancing transparency and predictability of state agency permitting and review process.            Requires certain agencies to track and record the time it takes to make permitting decisions with regard to business permit applications.</p>	H Govt Operation	Smith	High Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 2201</u></a>	<p><b>State tax preferences</b>            Improving fiscal accountability and transparency standards with respect to state tax preferences.            Establishes consistent standards for the collection of data to improve analysis of tax preferences and their benefits and public policy objective outcomes for taxpayers and relevant industries. Makes the information subject to public disclosure wherever possible to enable and improve lawmakers' and the public's understanding of the benefits and costs of tax preferences and ensures that the release of the information does not cause economic harm to taxpayers claiming the preferences.</p>	H Finance	Carlyle	High Concerns
<a href="#"><u>HB 2209</u></a>	<p><b>Prevailing rate of wage</b>            Improving the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage.            Improves the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage. Exempts from disclosure under the public records act, responses to wage and hour surveys used by the department of labor and industries to establish the prevailing rate of wage under chapter 39.12 RCW (prevailing wages on public works).</p>	H Labor/Work Dev	Manweller	Medium Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 2210</u></a>	<p><b>Prevailing rate of wage</b></p>	H Labor/Work Dev	Manweller	Medium Support

**(SB 6317)** Improving the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage.

Improves the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage. Exempts from disclosure under the public records act, data collected by the department of labor and industries in establishing the prevailing rate of wage under chapter 39.12 RCW (prevailing wages on public works).

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<b>Health insurance coverage</b>	H HC/Wellness	Manweller	Monitoring
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Broadening health insurance coverage options for citizens.

[HB 2220](#)

Expands affordable health insurance coverage options for Washington citizens by: (1) Allowing health carriers to continue to offer certain individual or small group health plans in the market outside of the exchange, regardless of whether the plans meet the requirements of Obamacare; and (2) Requiring the insurance commissioner to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states to allow the sale of insurance policies across state lines.

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<b>Health insurance coverage</b>	H HC/Wellness	Manweller	Monitoring
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Broadening health insurance coverage options for citizens.

[HB 2221](#)

Expands affordable health insurance coverage options for Washington citizens by: (1) Allowing health carriers to continue to offer certain individual or small group health plans in the market outside of the exchange, regardless of whether the plans meet the requirements of Obamacare; and (2) Allowing out-of-state carriers to offer insurance products in Washington.

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<b>Comprehensive plans/vesting</b>	H Local Govt	Fitzgibbon	Monitoring
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Vesting under comprehensive plans or development regulations determined to be invalid.

[HB 2234](#)

Addresses the growth management hearings board's determination that vesting under comprehensive plans or development regulations is invalid.

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<b>Fish barrier removals</b>	H Ag & Nat Res	Wilcox	Medium
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Fish barrier removals

[HB 2251](#)

Modifies provisions relating to fish barrier removals. Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to contract with cities and counties to assist in the identification and removal of impediments to fish passage. Requires the departments of transportation and fish and wildlife to initiate contact with the United States army corps of engineers, the national oceanic and atmospheric administration, and, if necessary, the United States fish and wildlife service to explore the feasibility of bundling multiple transportation-related fish barrier removal projects under any available nationwide permits for the purpose of achieving streamlined federal permitting with a reduced processing time.

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<b>Science use/agency actions</b>	H Ag & Nat Res	Short	Medium	Support
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Use of science to support significant agency actions.

[HB 2261](#)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to identify and categorize each source of information, that it relies on in the course of preparing to take significant agency action, in the form of a bibliography, citation list, or similar list of sources.



**Science use/agency actions**      H Environment      Short      Medium      Support  
Use of science to support significant agency actions.

[HB 2262](#)

Requires the department of ecology to identify and categorize each source of information, that it relies on in the course of preparing to take significant agency action, in the form of a bibliography, citation list, or similar list of sources.

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**Land use applications/notice**      H Local Govt      Pollet      Monitoring  
Notice requirements for land use applications and decisions.

[HB 2311](#)

Finds that land use decisions concerning preliminary short plats of short subdivisions or boundary line adjustments can adversely affect certain property interests, neighborhood designs, and environmental values. Provides that the statute of limitations for challenging land use decisions does not begin to run until notice of the land use decision is provided to adjacent landowners and residents.

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**Environmental decisions**      H Environment      Pollet      Monitoring  
Involving communities.

[HB 2312](#)

Requires state agencies to make achieving environmental justice part of their mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, the disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the state. Requires the department of ecology to identify and maintain a list of highly impacted communities in the state.

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**Sales tax/county econ devel**      H Finance      Green      Medium  
State sales tax from certain short-term public events for county economic development.

[HB 2330](#)  
[\(SB 6188\)](#)

Finds it appropriate to share a portion of the temporary new revenue derived from short-term major public events with the local government responsible for providing and maintaining the event venues in order to continue to attract the events. Creates a county special events tax program.

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**Employee antiretaliation act**      H Labor/Work Dev      Ryu      High      Oppose  
Employment anti-retaliation act

[HB 2333](#)

Addresses retaliating and discriminating against employees and providing protection for employees.

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**Employee status**      H Labor/Work Dev      Riccelli      High      Oppose  
Ensure fairness to employers and employees

[HB 2334](#)

Establishes the employee fair classification act. Improves compliance with wage-related laws to help address the problems of the underground economy, level the playing field for honest employers and contractors, and protect workers.

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**Fish passage barrier removal**      H Trans      Farrell      Medium  
Removal of fish passage barriers.

[HB 2346](#)

Requires the department of transportation, when determining the prioritization of fish passage barrier removals for each fiscal biennium, to consult with certain entities to identify existing fish passage barriers on state highways where the removal of the barriers by the department may occur in conjunction with projects sponsored by the entities.

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**Industrial insurance taxes**                      H Labor/Work Dev      Kochmar                      Medium      Support  
[HB 2360](#)      Payment requirements when industrial insurance taxes, penalties, or interest is under court review.  
Addresses court appeals with regard to payment of industrial insurance taxes, penalties, and interest.

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**Local infrastructure**                      H Tech & Econ D      Dahlquist                      Medium      Neutral  
[HB 2382](#)      Improving the methods for evaluation of the local infrastructure financing tool program.  
Requires the department of commerce to submit a report to the legislature evaluating the data and information collection methodologies used by sponsoring local governments to comply with certain requirements. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature evaluating the economic activity in revenue development areas. Requires the community economic revitalization board, the department of revenue, the department of commerce, the employment security department, and sponsoring local governments to, upon request, provide the joint legislative audit and review committee with assistance in collecting data and information necessary for the completion of the report.

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**Electrician certification**                      H Labor/Work Dev      Reykdal                      Medium  
[HB 2500](#)      Requiring completion of an apprenticeship program to receive a journeyman or residential specialty electrician certificate of competency  
Requires completion of an apprenticeship program to receive a journeyman or residential specialty electrician certificate of competency.

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**Contractor registration**                      H Labor/Work Dev      Ormsby                      Medium  
[HB 2501](#)      Registration requirements for contractors.  
Curtails the operations of illegal businesses in the construction industry. Requires a business that applies for a contractor registration under chapter 18.27 RCW to have a state industrial insurance account, a state unemployment insurance account, and a state business tax account. Encourages an owner, officer, or partner of a contractor registration applicant to complete a preregistration contractor training class. Charges an additional contractor registration fee for an applicant that has not completed the preregistration training class. Requires the department of labor and industries to provide preregistration training in each of its service regions at least once each month. Requires the department of revenue and the employment security department to assist the department of labor and industries in presenting the contractor preregistration training program.

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**Small business assistance**                      H Finance                      Senn                      Medium  
[HB 2520](#)  
[\(SB 6318\)](#)      Providing greater small business assistance by modifying the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes.  
Changes the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes to provide greater small business assistance.

<a href="#">HB 2526</a>	<b>Apprenticeships, use of</b> Increasing the use of apprenticeships.	H Labor/Work Dev	Moeller	Medium	
	Addresses apprenticeships and public works contract provisions relating to: (1) Labor hours required to be performed by apprentices; (2) Prohibitions on bidding on future contracts; (3) Bidder responsibilities; (4) Contractors' compliance monitoring by the department of enterprise services; and (5) Decreasing the bid amount by five percent for certain bidders.				
<a href="#">HB 2527</a>	<b>Prevailing rate of wage</b> Establishing the prevailing rate of wage based on collective bargaining agreements or other methods if collective bargaining agreements are not available.	H Labor/Work Dev	Ormsby	Medium	Concerns
	Requires the industrial statistician to establish the prevailing rate of wage: (1) By adopting the hourly wage, usual benefits, and overtime pay established in collective bargaining agreements for those trades and occupations that have collective bargaining agreements; and (2) For those trades and occupations that have no collective bargaining agreements, by conducting wage and hour surveys.				
<a href="#">HB 2545</a>	<b>Nonconviction info/employmnt</b> Prohibiting employers from asking about or using nonconviction information in initial applications for employment	H Labor/Work Dev	Moscoso	High	Oppose
	Establishes the Washington jobs assistance act. Prohibits an employer from including a question on an application for employment, inquiring orally or in writing, or receiving information through a criminal history background check or otherwise, about nonconviction information, before having determined the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position.				
<a href="#">HB 2568</a>	<b>Health reform implementation</b> Oversight of health reform implementation by the joint select committee on health care implementation and oversight.	H HC/Wellness	Wilcox	Medium	Support
	Abolishes the joint select committee on health care oversight that was created in 2013. Creates the joint select committee on health care implementation and oversight to provide oversight of health reform implementation by the state health care authority, the health benefit exchange, the office of the insurance commissioner, the department of health, and the department of social and health services to avoid duplication of efforts, to increase the quality of services, and to reduce costs for consumers. Requires the office of the insurance commissioner, in consultation with the health benefit exchange and the state health care authority, to provide a quarterly report to the joint select committee on health care implementation and oversight.				
<a href="#">HB 2571</a> (SB 6016)	<b>Health benefit exchange</b> Ensuring continuity of care for enrollees of the Washington health benefit exchange during grace periods.	H HC/Wellness	Riccelli	Medium	Concerns
	Establishes the health benefit exchange grace period act. Ensures continuity of care for enrollees in the Washington health benefit exchange during grace periods.				
<a href="#">HB 2572</a>	<b>Healthcare purchase, delivery</b>	H HC/Wellness	Cody	Medium	Concerns

Improving the effectiveness of health care purchasing and transforming the health care delivery system.

Improves the effectiveness of health care purchasing and transforms the health care delivery system by advancing value-based purchasing, promoting community health, and providing greater integration of chronic illness care and needed social supports. Exempts from state antitrust laws and provides immunity from federal antitrust laws through the state action doctrine, certain activities convened and supervised by the director of the state health care authority or the director of the office of financial management pursuant to this act that might otherwise be constrained by such laws.

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<b>Employee med assist. costs</b>	H HC/Wellness	Cody	Medium	Oppose
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Mandatory employers pay the medical assistance costs of employees.

[HB 2588](#)

Establishes the employer responsibility for medical assistance costs of employees act of 2014. Ensures that large employers contribute to the cost of health coverage by paying a penalty for health coverage received by their employees through medical assistance. Encourages the provision of affordable employer-based coverage to low-wage employees who would otherwise be covered by medical assistance and discourages employers from reducing hours, wages, or both to avoid the employer responsibility penalty of the patient protection and affordable care act. Helps pay the nonfederal share of costs for medical assistance, improves reimbursement to the providers who care for medical assistance clients, and supports the safety net of county hospitals and community clinics that provide care for the remaining uninsured adult workers. Requires the employment security department to administer this act in coordination with the state health care authority, the office of the insurance commissioner, and the department of labor and industries. Exempts from disclosure under the public records act, documents and records that result from matching records with or sharing information among the state health care authority, the employment security department, or the department of social and health services pursuant to this act. Creates the employer responsibility for medical assistance trust fund.

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<b>Local employment laws</b>	H Labor/Work Dev	Schmick	High	Support
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State preemption of local employment laws and contracts.

[HB 2591](#)  
(SB 6307)

Prohibits a city, town, county, or port district from requiring, enforcing, or otherwise regulating by means of charter, ordinance, regulation, rule, resolution, or contract including purchase agreement any of the following for private employers: Payment of wages, hours of work, employee retention, or leave from employment.

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<b>Federal basic health program</b>	H HC/Wellness	Riccelli	Monitoring	
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Developing and authorizing the federal basic health program.

[HB 2594](#)

Requires the state health care authority to develop a blueprint for the establishment of a federal basic health program.

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<b>Training wages/new employees</b>	H Labor/Work Dev	Pike	High	Support
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Allowing employers to pay training wages to new employees.

[HB 2614](#)

Requires the director of the department of labor and industries to establish procedures for the issuance of special training certificates to employers authorizing the employers to pay training wages to new employees. Requires an employer who discharges an employee working under the special training certificate, before the employee's completion of six hundred eighty hours, to notify the director and provide an explanation for the discharge.

	<b>Bill of rights/agency action</b>	H Govt Operations	Haler	Monitoring	
	Establishing a bill of rights for citizens, businesses, and project proponents who are subject to state agency action.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 2623</u></a>	Establishes a bill of rights for citizens, businesses, and project proponents who are subject to state agency action. Requires the office of regulatory assistance to include on its web site, information or links to information on the process by which a citizen, business owner, or operator may initiate a complaint that an agency has violated a right provided in section 1 of this act. Requires an agency to include in its official record of each adjudicative proceeding, any written findings prepared by the office of regulatory assistance in response to a complaint.				
	<b>Workers' comp benefits</b>	S Rules 2	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5124</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1464)</u></a>	Simplifying and adding certainty to the calculation of workers' compensation benefits.				
	Simplifies the calculation of workers' compensation benefits.				
	<b>Industrial insurance/recovery</b>	S Rules 2	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5126</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1465)</u></a>	Concerning recovery for purposes of legal actions under the industrial insurance statutes.				
	Specifies that the act is an explicit restatement of the legislature's original intent to grant the department of labor and industries or a self-insured employer the authority to reimburse itself from a third-party recovery for the amount paid on behalf of the worker or beneficiary for all economic and noneconomic damages except loss of consortium.				
	<b>Struct. settlements/workers</b>	S 3rd Reading	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5127</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1097)</u></a>	Amending provisions governing structured settlements by removing age barriers and clarifying legislative intent.				
	Lowers age barriers and clarifies legislative intent with regard to structured settlements.				
	<b>Family &amp; med leave insur act</b>	S Rules 2	Braun	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5159</u></a>	Repealing the family and medical leave insurance act.				
	Repeals the family and medical leave insurance act.				
	<b>Training wage</b>	S Rules 2	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5275</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1150)</u></a>	Allowing employers to pay a training wage for a specified period of time.				
	Requires the director of the department of labor and industries to establish procedures for the issuance of special training certificates to employers to pay wages to new employees during a training period.				
	<b>Prev wages/distressed county</b>	S Rules 2	Braun	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5727</u></a>	Addressing prevailing wages in distressed counties.				
	Exempts certain public works projects located in distressed counties from prevailing wage requirements.				

<a href="#"><u>SB 5728</u></a>	<b>Local paid sick &amp; safe leave</b> Declaring state preemption of local paid sick and paid safe leave regulation. Prohibits enactment of local laws and ordinances that require or regulate paid sick leave or paid safe leave in excess of standards adopted by the state.	S Rules 2	Braun	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 6016</u></a> (HB 2571)	<b>Health benefit exchange</b> Ensuring continuity of care for enrollees of the Washington health benefit exchange during grace periods. Establishes the health benefit exchange grace period act. Ensures continuity of care for enrollees in the Washington health benefit exchange during grace periods.	S Health Care	Rivers	Medium	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SB 6045</u></a> (HB 2192)	<b>State agency permitting</b> Enhancing transparency and predictability of state agency permitting and review processes Requires certain agencies to track and record the time it takes to make permitting decisions with regard to business permit applications.	S Trade & Econom	Brown	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 6089</u></a>	<b>Eminent domain</b> Prohibiting eminent domain for economic development. Prohibits the use of eminent domain for economic development.	S Law & Justice	Padden	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>SB 6096</u></a>	<b>Industrial/manuf. facilities</b> Property tax exemption for value of new construction in targeted urban areas. Provides property tax exemptions to encourage new manufacturing and industrial uses on undeveloped or underutilized lands zoned for industrial and manufacturing uses in targeted urban areas.	S Trade & Econom	Pearson	High	
<a href="#"><u>SB 6175</u></a>	<b>Tax appeal process</b> Modifying the tax appeal process. Declares it is the intent of the legislature that this act foster the settlement or other resolution of tax disputes to the extent possible and, in cases in which litigation is necessary, to provide the people of this state with a fair, independent, prepayment procedure to determine a dispute with tax administration agencies.	S Trade & Econom	Braun	Medium	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 6176</u></a>	<b>Tax appeal process</b> Modifying the tax appeal process. Declares it is the intent of the legislature that this act foster the settlement or other resolution of tax disputes and, in cases in which litigation is necessary, to provide the people of this state with a fair, independent, prepayment procedure to determine a dispute with tax administration agencies. Creates the tax tribunal of the state as an agency of state government. Eliminates the state board of tax appeals and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the tax tribunal.	S Trade & Econom	Braun	Medium	Support

<a href="#"><u>SB 6182</u></a>	<b>Apprenticeship program</b> Establishing a tax credit for employers in apprenticeship program	S Trade & Economi	Braun	Medium	
	Provides a business and occupation tax credit to employers participating in the Washington apprenticeship program approved by the apprenticeship council. Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to annually identify and report to the department of revenue the approved apprenticeship programs that qualify for the tax credit.				
<a href="#"><u>SB 6194</u></a>	<b>Voluntary planning under GMA</b> Providing a process for county legislative authorities to withdraw from voluntary planning under the growth management act.	S Govt Ops	Dansel	Monitoring	
	Provides a process for county legislative authorities to withdraw from voluntary planning under the growth management act.				
<a href="#"><u>SB 6223</u></a>	<b>Workers comp/injury, disease</b> Injury and occupational disease for purposes of workers' comp.	S Commerce and La	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
	Protects employers from incurring costs for musculoskeletal disorders caused primarily by nonwork-related activities.				
<a href="#"><u>SB 6228</u></a>	<b>Health care cost and quality</b> Transparency tools for consumer information on health care cost and quality.	S Health Care	Mullet	Medium	
	Requires certain health plans to include consumer transparency tools with price and quality information. Requires the insurance commissioner to review the transparency tools to ensure the required features are available, visible on the front page of the health plan web page, and easy to use and understand.				
<a href="#"><u>SB 6233</u></a>	<b>Small business owners</b> Assisting self-employed small business owners adversely impacted by health insurance premium changes.	S Health Care	Keiser	Medium	
	Provides a business and occupation tax credit for a qualifying purchase of small group health insurance by a self-employed business owner.				
<a href="#"><u>SB 6307</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 2591)</u></a>	<b>Local employment laws</b> State preemption of local employment laws and contracts.	S Commerce and L	Braun	High	Support
	Prohibits a city, town, county, or port district from requiring, enforcing, or otherwise regulating by means of charter, ordinance, regulation, rule, resolution, or contract including purchase agreement any of the following for private employers: Payment of wages, hours of work, employee retention, or leave from employment.				
<a href="#"><u>SB 6317</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 2210)</u></a>	<b>Prevailing rate of wage</b> Improving the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage.	S Commerce and La	Angel	Medium	Support

Improves the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage. Exempts from disclosure under the public records act, data collected by the department of labor and industries in establishing the prevailing rate of wage under chapter 39.12 RCW (prevailing wages on public works).

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**Small business assistance**                      S Trade & Economi      O'Ban                      Medium  
**[SB 6318](#)**  
**(HB 2520)**  
 Providing greater small business assistance by modifying the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes.  
 Changes the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes to provide greater small business assistance.

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**Tax statutes**                                      S Ways & Means              Schoesler                      Monitoring  
**[SB 6333](#)**  
 Tax statute clarification  
 Provides clarification, simplification, and technical corrections to certain tax statutes.

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**Growth mgmt hearings board**              S Govt Ops                      Roach                      Monitoring  
**[SB 6372](#)**  
 Ensuring growth management hearings board member meet qualifications relating to land use experience.  
 Requires at least three members of the growth management hearings board to be engaged in the legal profession with a focus on land use at the time of his or her appointment.

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**2/3 vote for tax increases**                      S Ways & Means              Roach                      Medium              Support  
**[SJR 8213](#)**  
 Const. amend. requiring 2/3 majority to raise taxes  
 Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to raise taxes.

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## EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

<b><u>Bill Details</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Priority</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
<b>Education accountability</b> Modifying the education accountability system to allow state criteria, resources, and strategies to be used for assistance and intervention. <b><a href="#">SHB 1177</a></b> Modifies the education accountability system to allow state criteria, resources, and strategies to be used for assistance and intervention. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to annually identify certain challenged and low-achieving schools and establish criteria for such identification.	H Education	Lytton	High	Concerns
<b>Compulsory school attendance</b> Changing compulsory school attendance requirements for children six and seven years of age. <b><a href="#">2SHB 1283</a></b> Includes children six and seven years of age in compulsory school attendance requirements.		Maxwell	High	Concerns



<a href="#"><u>HB 1369</u></a>	<b>School days/parent meetings</b>	H Education	Lytton	High	Concerns
	Using school days for meeting with parents and families as part of the Washington inventory of developing skills.				
	Authorizes schools administering the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills to use up to five school days at the beginning of the school year to meet with parents and families as required in the parent involvement component of the inventory.				
<a href="#"><u>3SHB 1424</u></a>	<b>K-12 dropout prevention</b>		Haigh	High	Concerns
	Enhancing the statewide K-12 dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement system.				
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1680</u></a>	<b>Educational opportunity gap</b>	H Education	Santos	High	Concerns
	Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.				
	Adopts policies and programs to implement recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee relating to: (1) Disproportionality in student discipline; (2) Educator cultural competence; (3) Instructing English language learners; (4) English language learner accountability; and (5) Recruitment and retention of educators. Provides that sections 202 and 402 of the act are null and void if appropriations are not approved.				
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1817</u></a>	<b>Higher ed financial aid</b>	S Higher Ed	Hudgins	High	Concerns
	Adding eligibility criteria for higher education financial aid.-- Washington Dream Act				
	Provides a more affordable and attainable route to college for children granted deferred action for childhood arrival status.				
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 2038</u></a>	<b>Basic ed &amp; higher ed funding</b>	H Finance	Carlyle	High	Concerns
	Investing in the education legacy trust account for K-12 basic education and higher education by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences and extending taxes set to expire.				
	Invests in the education legacy trust account for K-12 basic education and higher education by: (1) Eliminating the preferential business and occupation tax rates for insurance agents, travel agents, and stevedoring; (2) Eliminating the sales and use tax exemption for bottled water; (3) Repealing the nonresident sales and use tax exemption; (4) Imposing sales tax on janitorial services; (5) Modifying tax preferences for high-tech research and development; (6) Eliminating the public utility tax deduction on interstate hauls; (7) Narrowing business and occupation tax exemptions and sales and use tax exemptions for import commerce; (8) Repealing the preferential business and occupation tax rate for sellers of prescription drugs; and (9) Narrowing the use tax exemption for extracted fuel to hog fuel. Extends, permanently, the business and occupation surtax. Extends and modifies the beer tax. Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Estimate the increase in state general fund revenues from the changes made in certain parts of the act; and (2) Notify the state treasurer of this amount. Requires the state treasurer to transfer the aforementioned amount from the general fund to the education legacy trust account.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 2217</u></a>	<b>K-12 capital facilities use</b>	H Education	Zeiger	Monitoring	

Encouraging improvement the utilization of K-12 capital facilities.

Encourages school districts to use family and community engagement coordinators to coordinate cooperative partnerships between schools, the school district, and an array of community-based organizations in order to expand academic and nonacademic program offerings using school facilities outside of the regular school day or year. Changes the term "parent involvement coordinator" to "family and community engagement coordinator."

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<a href="#"><u>SSB 5246</u></a>	<b>Teacher and principal evals</b>	S 2nd Reading	Litzow	High	Concerns
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Clarifying the teacher and principal evaluation process with the intent of strengthening the process.

Modifies the weight of student growth data used in the teacher and principal evaluation process.

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<a href="#"><u>SB 6209</u></a>	<b>Expanded learning</b>	S EL/K-12	Dammeier	High	
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Expanded learning opportunities

Increases expanded learning opportunities to improve educational outcomes and close the persistent academic opportunity gaps between students. Creates the expanded learning opportunities council to advise the governor, the state legislature, and the superintendent of public instruction regarding an expanded learning opportunities system. Requires the governor's office, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, to convene the council.

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<a href="#"><u>SCR 8409</u></a>	<b>High skills high wages plan</b>	S Rules 2	Bailey	High	Support
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High skill high wages resolution

Approves the workforce training and education coordinating board's high skills, high wages plan.

## TRANSPORTATION

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
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<a href="#"><u>SHB 1233</u></a>	<b>Trans system goals: health</b>	H Trans	Jenkins	High	Oppose
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Including health in the state transportation system policy goals.

Expands the existing goals, objectives, and responsibilities related to the operation of an efficient statewide transportation system by including improving the health of the state's citizens and reducing health care costs by considering health implications when planning, designing, building, and maintaining the state's transportation system.

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<a href="#"><u>SHB 1745</u></a>	<b>High occup toll lanes/SR 167</b>	H Trans	Clibborn	High	Support
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Addressing the high occupancy toll lanes on state route 167.

Addresses a project on state route 167 high occupancy vehicle lanes within King and Pierce counties. Exempts authorized emergency vehicles from toll charges. Removes the contingent expiration of the authority to impose high occupancy vehicle tolls for the state route 167 high occupancy toll pilot project.

<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1864</u></a> (ESSB 5024)	<b>Trans budget 2011-13/2013-15</b>	H Trans	Clibborn	High	Support
	Making transportation appropriations for the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 fiscal biennia.				
	Makes transportation appropriations for the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 fiscal biennia.				
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1898</u></a> (SB 5793)	<b>Enhanced public trans zones</b>	H Trans	Fey	High	Concerns
	Concerning the funding of enhanced public transportation zones for public transportation systems.				
	Addresses the funding of enhanced public transportation zones for public transportation systems.				
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1957</u></a>	<b>DOT project delivery</b>	H Trans	Clibborn	High	
	Concerning department of transportation project delivery.				
	Provides that the legislature intends the department of transportation to deliver the projects and activities listed in LEAP Transportation Document 2013-L1, as developed June 23, 2013, as funded by new revenues provided in Substitute House Bill No. 1954 or Senate Bill No. 5920. Requires the department of transportation to: (1) Convene three expert review panels to provide independent financial and technical review for the development of a finance plan and project implementation plan for the Columbia river crossing project, the state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV project, and the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project; (2) Use available technologies to minimize permit delays for, inform and interact with interested parties including relevant environmental regulatory authorities regarding, and optimize the effectiveness of proposed compensatory mitigation projects; and (3) Consider, for compensatory mitigation, the correction of fish passage barriers on city streets and county roads located within the same watershed as the proposed project. Provides that the act takes effect only if SHB 1954 or SB 5920 is enacted by July 31, 2013.				
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1978</u></a>	<b>Trans. project permitting</b>	H Trans	Zeiger	High	Support
	Addressing the permitting of certain transportation projects.				
	Creates an expedited environmental review and approval process for transportation projects that require preparation of an environmental impact statement and requires the department of transportation to use the process. Requires certain state and local agencies to provide technical assistance to the department of transportation on accomplishing the project review and coordination activities. Requires the department of transportation to: (1) Streamline the permitting process by developing and maintaining positive relationships with regulatory agencies and Indian tribes; and (2) Continue its efforts to improve training and compliance. Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Update certain rules for integrating use of national environmental policy act documents in decisions under the state environmental policy act; (2) Update rule-based categorical exemptions for transportation maintenance activities; and (3) Convene a work group to identify procedures to more effectively achieve certain objectives with regard to harmonizing local land use reviews with maintenance and improvement of state transportation facilities.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 2094</u></a>	<b>Tax revenue/DOT expenditures</b>	H Approps	Shea	Monitoring	
	Allocating state sales and tax revenue to transportation projects.				
	Requires the department of revenue to estimate the state general fund revenues derived from expenditures by the department of transportation and to notify the state treasurer of this amount. Requires the state treasurer to transfer the amount specified above from the general fund to the motor vehicle account.				

	<b>Trans project cost reduction</b>	H Environment	Taylor	Monitoring	
	Reducing the cost of transportation projects.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 2095</u></a>	Prohibits state agencies and local governments, as part of any permitting process, from requiring the department of transportation or a local government to purchase or otherwise acquire an interest in land as an environmental or compensatory mitigation requirement for a transportation project unless certain conditions are met.				
	<b>Trans project SEPA exemption</b>	H Environment	Taylor	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2096</u></a>	Creating an exemption in the state environmental policy act for transportation projects.				
	Exempts certain transportation projects from the state environmental policy act.				
	<b>DOT best mgmt practices</b>	H Environment	Taylor	Monitoring	
	Washington state dep. of transportation construction, maintenance, or repair activities.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 2097</u></a>	Addresses street, road, highway, and Washington state ferries facility construction, maintenance, or repair activities conducted in accordance with best management practices of the department of transportation.				
	<b>Transportation/mobility</b>	H Trans	Zeiger	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 2123</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 6100)</u></a>	Modifying the transportation system policy goal of mobility.				
	Includes congestion relief and improved freight mobility in the transportation system policy goal of mobility.				
	<b>Local transit revenue</b>	H Trans	Fitzgibbon	High	Oppose
	Creating new tax authority for local transit revenue.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 2563</u></a>	Authorizes the legislative body of a city transit system, a county transportation authority, a metropolitan municipal corporation transit system, a county transportation authority, a metropolitan municipal corporation transit system, a public transportation benefit area, an unincorporated transportation benefit area, a regional transit authority, or a special purpose district formed to operate a public transportation system to impose: (1) A local motor vehicle excise tax on the value of a motor vehicle; (2) A tax for the privilege of selling or exchanging capital assets; and (3) An excise tax on a certain percentage of the total payroll of an employer with a specific number of employees.				
	<b>Trans sup budget 2013-2015</b>	S Transportation	Eide	High	
<a href="#"><u>SB 6001</u></a>	Transportation funding and appropriations.				
	Makes 2013-2015 supplemental transportation appropriations.				
	<b>DOT projects</b>	S Transportation	O'Ban	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 6051</u></a>	Department of Transportaion projects.				
	Creates an expedited environmental review and approval process for transportation projects that require				

preparation of an environmental impact statement under the national environmental policy act and requires the department of transportation to use the process. Requires certain state and local agencies to provide technical assistance to the department of transportation on accomplishing the project review and coordination activities. Requires the department of transportation to: (1) Streamline the permitting process; (2) Continue its efforts to improve training and compliance; (3) Convene two expert review panels to provide independent financial and technical review for the development of a finance plan and project implementation plan for the state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV project and the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project; (4) Use available technologies to minimize permit delays for, inform and interact with interested parties regarding, and optimize the effectiveness of proposed compensatory mitigation projects; and (5) Consult with the department of fish and wildlife, appropriate local government, and interested tribes to identify the existing fish passage barriers that, upon removal, will result in the greatest habitat benefit. Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Update certain rules for integrating use of national environmental policy act documents in decisions under the state environmental policy act; (2) Update certain rule-based categorical exemptions for transportation maintenance activities; and (3) Convene a work group to identify procedures to more effectively achieve certain objectives with regard to harmonizing local land use reviews with maintenance and improvement of state transportation facilities.

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<b>DOT activities/funding</b>	S Transportation	King	High	Support
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Funding for activities at the DOT by the environmental legacy stewardship account

[SB 6099](#)

Allows money in the environmental legacy stewardship account to be spent on storm water permit compliance activities at the department of transportation. Requires the state treasurer to annually transfer: (1) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, five million dollars from the environmental legacy stewardship account to the motor vehicle fund to be used solely for storm water permit compliance activities at the department of transportation; and (2) Beginning July 1, 2017, thirty million dollars from the environmental legacy stewardship account to the motor vehicle fund to be used solely for storm water permit compliance activities at the department of transportation.

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<b>Connecting Washington acct</b>	S Ways & Means	King	High	Support
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Transferring certain state sales and use taxes of highway projects

[SB 6102](#)

Requires state sales and use taxes paid with funds appropriated to the department of transportation for state highway projects to be transferred from the general fund to the connecting Washington account.

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<b>Transp. corridor projects</b>	S Transportation	King	High	Support
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Permits for state transportation corridor projects.

[SB 6156](#)

Authorizes the appeal of a permit, for certain transportation corridor projects, to a local hearing officer or other local appeal process if the department of transportation consents, but if the department does not consent, permits must be appealed directly to superior court. Clarifies existing law such that, when exercising its authority, the department of transportation is not required to obtain certain permits for staging areas related to the construction of state highways. Prohibits the appeal of certain building permits, issued by a city, town, county, or code city, by any party other than the permittee or the department of transportation. Requires a permit to be issued to the greatest extent practicable, by a city, town, county, or code city, to the department of transportation for a transportation corridor project within ninety days of the department completing the permit application. Exempts normal maintenance, repairs, safety upgrades, and signage improvements within the right-of-way of state highway facilities from all local permits and reviews conducted to implement the shoreline management act. Exempts from the state environmental policy act, department of transportation projects that are categorically excluded

under the national environmental policy act.

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<a href="#"><u>SB 6224</u></a>	<b>Transp. project delivery</b> Transportation project delivery	S Transportation	King	High	
	Requires the department of transportation to convene an expert review panel to examine the department's implementation and use of design-build contracting.				
<a href="#"><u>SB 6355</u></a>	<b>Projects/econ devel &amp; trans</b> Projects of statewide significance for economic development and transportation.	S Trade & Economi	Hobbs	High	Support
	Provides a mechanism for local governments and state and federal agencies to perform a coordinated and comprehensive review of projects of statewide significance for economic development and transportation.				

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