

OVCBCHW

Legislative Report

February 1, 2012

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Legislative day has come and gone for the year. I was not able to attend this year, but many of our members from the West side did manage to brave the torrential rain, mud and power outages to attend. Many of the Legislators heard again our concerns.

The bill cutoff dates run from February 2nd to the 14th. Bills that we are concerned with are already either in committee or on the floor. The biggest things we are watching are the following:

Discover Pass: Senator Ranker's bill (SSB 5977) making the Discover Pass transferable between two vehicles passed the Senate - 44-0.

NOVA: More on this is now coming to light, and NOVA is again specifically at risk of a sweep to State Parks. Due to the education lawsuit, the legislature is under pressure to move around every dollar they can find. Anything not nailed down is at risk. It is hard to say if the legislators were being specific about the NOVA fund, but they are right that the potential is certainly there. The House is trying to come up with a projected remaining shortfall in the State Parks budget. The gas tax funds (NOVA/boaters/snowmobile) are at risk of another sweep as well as possibly all Discover Pass funds that go to DNR and WDFW. There is a lawsuit pending before the Supreme Court so this issue is still in play.

Here is a copy of my bill tracking spreadsheet.

	Bill	Flags	Title	Status	Date	Original Sponsor	Companion Bills	Latest Cmte Mtg Info	Committee Recommendation	Last Roll Call
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1093		Horse brand inspection	H Ag & Nat Res	01/11/2011	Haigh				
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1439	f	Horse brand inspection	H Ag & Nat Res	01/21/2011	Haigh		Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1539	f	Off-road vehicle accounts	H Trans	01/25/2011	Buys				
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 1949	f#	Local retail sales & use tax	H Ways & Means	02/14/2011	Seaquist	SB 5786(SEnergy/NatRes/)	Feb 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 2012	f	Fuel tax distributions	H Trans	03/07/2011	Liias				
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 2161		Disabled veterans/rec. lands	H SGTribalAff	12/09/2011	Bailey		Jan 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.		

<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 2214	f	Mammalian apex predator mgmt	H Ag & Nat Res	01/09/2012	Chandler	SB 6136(SEnergy/NatRes/)	Jan 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 12:00 PM.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 2549		Invasive species bounties	H Ag & Nat Res	01/17/2012	Taylor				
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 2595		State horse park authority	H Comm & EconDev	01/18/2012	Hinkle		Jan 30 Executive session in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Housing at 1:30 PM.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	HB 2674		Animal care standards	H Ag & Nat Res	01/24/2012	Haigh				
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 5153	f#	Candidates on ballot	S GovtOp & Elect	01/17/2011	Nelson	HB 1142(HSGTribalAff)	Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 5702	f	Temporary state park	S Energy/NatRes/	12/07/2011	Carrell		Feb 14 Public hearing in		

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<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 5768		Heritage, arts, & culture	S GovtOp & Elect	02/10/2011	Haugen				
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 5867	f	Off-road fuel tax refunds	S Transportation	03/07/2011	White				
<input type="checkbox"/>	SSB 5977	f	Discover pass for 2 vehicles	H Gen Gov Apps	01/30/2012	Ranker	HB 2153(HGen Gov Apps)	Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)		44-0-0-5
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 5979		Discover pass sales/mon eys	S Energy/NatRes/M	12/07/2011	Honeyford				
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 5986		Vehicle access pass/DNR land	S Energy/NatRes/M	12/08/2011	Becker				
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 5998		Discover pass	S Energy/NatRes/M	12/14/2011	Hargrove				

<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 6080		Landowner immunity	S Energy/NatRes/	01/11/20 12	Haugen		Jan 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 6087		Ag & livestock informatio n	S Rules 2	01/19/20 12	Hatfield	HB 2456(HSGTribalAff)	Jan 17 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water & Rural Economic Developme nt at 1:30 PM.	DP8	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB 6463		Discover pass	S Energy/NatRes/	01/24/20 12	Holmqui st Newbry				