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Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association

Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association: Failed Water Management in the Odessa Subarea

Successful water resources management requires competence and honesty. Competence depends on comprehending sound technical and financial information; and honesty means not deceiving others, or worse, deceiving yourself. Neither the Pacific Northwest Region Office, USBR nor the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District has embraced this standard in “reviewing” the new System 1 Water Service Contract requested by Irrigators and CSRIA, for the Odessa Subarea. There are two issues at play here.

The first issue is the wise and effective use of water. It would take an extraordinary level of incompetence to not optimize, via state authorized water spreading and well established practice, the new surface water allocation for the Odessa Subarea, given that Western water resources are under great physical constraints and public demands. The lack of USBR sensitivity to these factors is, in this circumstance, mind-numbing.

The second issue involves basic financial literacy. The Irrigators have fully secured \$42 million of private sector financing to initiate System 1 construction; and up to about \$100 million is available to proceed with a broader systems package. Whereas the District the USBR/District’s proposed “normative process” for project development and financing is a product of considerable self-deception. There is no cost advantage to having the District build the systems; more acres would be subjected to higher costs, actually discouraging participation; the total 30-year debt service costs would be substantially higher than the privates; and there is no tangible public sector revenue bonding package even on the table.

To the extent that the District is offering limited water contracts that include “normative development fee” costs, those costs are fictitious in substance, and likely fraudulent relative to state legal provisions that do not allow irrigation districts to access fees that exceed actual benefits to the ground served. The objective is to put water on the ground, not to put excessive funds in the District’s coffers.

Unfortunately, the lack of District concern for Irrigator costs goes further. The District spurned CSRIA’s efforts to secure additional state funding (\$20 million) to finish East Low Canal modifications below Lind Coulee, to allow for access to water for all South of I-90 systems. Allocation of this additional funding was contingent upon the USBR releasing the System 1 WSC, but the District preferred to increase costs to Irrigators rather than allow the Irrigators to proceed with system(s) construction.

Each day, it becomes increasing apparent that the USBR-District are disregarding reasonable standards for water resources management. This carries with it a patronizing disservice to the Irrigators, the broader Irrigated Agriculture Industry, and their dependent communities. The wells are going dry, farmers and communities suffer as the USBR-District folly continues.

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Tweets



AWB tracked or received the following comments or "tweets" via Twitter (@awbolympia). Twitter limits users to 140 characters, so punctuation, spelling and grammar may be incorrect.



what do you get for the legislature that already has three special sessions?
The WA Leg Balloonicorn (@WABalloonicorn), an anonymous satirical Twitter account modeled on a playful legislative budget mascot, July 6



Sweetest words I've ever read. #waleg
Sen. Joe Fain, R-Auburn (@senatorfain), July 10, showing the Senate's vote-counting screen after final adjournment



Thank you @GovInslee & #waleg! #TranspoNow pkg. means jobs & econ. growth for #TriCitiesWA #trcc
The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce (@tricitychamber), July 10, after passage of the state's first transportation package in a decade



More positive #waleg reviews. Major progress for education & bipartisan transpo funding.
<http://ow.ly/PBOza>
Opportunity Washington (@OpportunityWA), July 14

"There is a dangerous belief that is seeping into our modern political culture: "Compromise" is a dirty word in many circles. To some it means "weakness" or "unprincipled." To us it means progress and building a better Washington that works for everyone."
— Sen. Joe Fain and Rep. Judy Clibborn, Seattle Times Opinion



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Gov. Jay Inslee (@GovInslee) July 15, after signing the 16-year, \$16 billion "Connecting Washington" transportation package



OK, if the state Supreme Court throws the entire Legislature in jail, maybe I'll briefly come back from vacation. But that's it. #waleg
Melissa Santos (@melissasantos1), reporter for The News Tribune, July 16



Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce Op-Ed: Seattle booms, but economy must work for entire state, <http://ow.ly/PQR4Q>
@KWC_Trade #waleg
AWB (@awbolympia), July 20



Things I would like that #waleg has:
1> Salary Commission to give raises. 2> Use of "last line" to shorten meetings/blather
Jim Brunner (@Jim_Brunner), reporter for The Seattle Times, July 24



Constitutional powers are now tied up like a Gordian knot.
Mike Baker (@ByMikeBaker), reporter for The Seattle Times, Aug. 13



WA Supreme Court sanctions state for failing to come up w/ plan to fully fund K-12 education: <http://buff.ly/1Pnvadd> #waleg #waedu
Joe O'Sullivan (@OlympiaJoe), reporter for The Seattle Times



It sounds much more reasonable at \$5,000 for each hour of non compliance: [http://www.kplu.org/post/wa-supreme-court-will-fine-state-100k-daily-until-lawmakers-pass-school-funding-plan ...](http://www.kplu.org/post/wa-supreme-court-will-fine-state-100k-daily-until-lawmakers-pass-school-funding-plan...)
KPLU Public Radio (@KPLU), Aug. 13



Business, tech leaders not happy with the WA Supreme Court's decision to fine the Legislature <http://bizj.us/lit0nq>
The Puget Sound Business Journal (@PSBJ), Aug. 14



Reader comments on the #waleg sanction story include one suggesting court hold lawmakers at Capitol, eating only MREs, until they have plan.
Rachel La Corte (@RachelAPOly), reporter for The Associated Press, Aug. 13

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How This Record-Setting Session Resembled – And Differed From – 2001

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The record 176-day 2015 legislative session was peppered with talk of new and higher taxes to fund key government functions, like basic education, despite more than \$3 billion in increased tax dollars to spend. A compromise was reached in July, but there is still lingering debate about a capital gains tax and what the Legislature must do next to fully comply with the state Supreme Court's 2012 McCleary education funding ruling by 2018.

Can you believe it took the Legislature a record 176 days to complete its 105-day session? The second-longest session was in 2001 and lasted 163 days, and, it just so happens, it was the last legislative session in which I served as a state representative.

Gridlock in the 2001 session was due to a 49-49 tie in the House of Representatives. This year, a closely divided Legislature once again played a major role in the session dragging on into the summer.

But unlike in 2001 — and why it's so frustrating — lawmakers knew going into the legislative session that they had more to spend. In fact, lawmakers had more than \$3 billion in additional revenue. Still, Gov. Jay Inslee and House and Senate Democrats insisted on an additional \$1.5 billion in new and higher taxes, a stance that stalled budget negotiations.

Adding to the frustration was that the final budget deal wasn't much different than the initial proposal introduced in March.

In the end — in July — both sides gave a little, which is the way politics is supposed to work. But it shouldn't have taken so long.

Setting aside my frustration over the length of the session, I will say that some great things were accomplished this year.

The multi-billion dollar boost in revenue allowed the Legislature to table proposals to raise as much as \$1.5 billion in new taxes, most notably from a capital gains income tax and a host of proposed business taxes.

Lawmakers also allocated another \$1.3 billion to the K-12 education system, including long overdue cost-of-living raises for teachers. This is in addition to the \$1.5 billion in new education spending in the previous two-year budget. This puts the state in position to comply with the 2012 state Supreme Court's McCleary education funding ruling that requires the program of basic education be fully funded by 2018.

Additionally, lawmakers cut tuition at state-run colleges and universities for the first time in history this year, setting off a national debate on college affordability.

Finally, after years of work and a decade since the last major transportation investment, a bipartisan group of lawmakers passed — and Gov. Jay Inslee signed into law — a 16-year, \$16 billion funding and reform package. Moving goods and people efficiently, including upgrades to multimodal forms of transportation, will go a long way to helping our economy grow.

To be sure, a lot of heavy lifting is ahead in 2016. Not the least of which is levy reform to ensure the state is picking up the full tab for K-12 basic education. We predict more talk of tax hikes and continued debate on an increase to the minimum wage as well as a carbon tax or something similar.

It almost seems too soon after the extra-long session, but now really is the time to engage your legislators — share your story and let them know what your business needs, or doesn't need, to grow and create good-paying jobs and prosperity in every corner of the state. [WB](#)

Editorial Scorecard

“State lawmakers are now six months into the 2015 legislative process. For those keeping track at home, that’s a month and a half longer than scheduled. Gov. Jay Inslee has had to call the Legislature — stalled over negotiations to pass a 2015-17 budget — back for two overtime sessions.

Gridlock in the capital is now familiar for voters but it carries actual costs: The overtime already has spurred school districts to begin preparing for layoffs should the government shut down when the new budget starts July 1; it has jacked up the Legislature’s costs by at least \$108,000, according to a partial accounting compiled last week by The News Tribune.

This second special session should end quickly because the points of contention have been whittled down from a pile of logs to a pile of straws.”

— The Seattle Times (1)

“Nearly half a year of lawmakers hanging around Olympia doesn’t come free.

Washington state lawmakers racked up more than \$440,000 in daily expenses and travel costs during their three overtime sessions this year, according to a review of legislative records — and those records are still incomplete.

The total cost of lawmakers’ special sessions could top \$500,000 after the state House finishes compiling reports from the Legislature’s most recent stint in Olympia.

This year’s special session costs were driven up by the sheer length of time lawmakers spent in session — 176 days, the most the Legislature has ever met during a single year — as well as a recent increase in their daily expense stipend, or per diem rate.”

— The News Tribune (2)

“In the end, the Legislature went out not quite with a whimper, but certainly without much of a bang. Maybe after a record 176 days, nearly halfway into their third overtime session, most were too tired to fight about things and the rest just stayed home.

Shortly after the gavels came down for the final time, Gov. Jay Inslee took pains to assure all 7 million Washingtonians that they, in fact, were the winners. But that suggests the session was a preschool tee-ball league where no one keeps score and everyone gets a trophy at the end of the season.”

— The Columbian (3)

“Familiarity with the Legislature may not breed contempt, according to new survey results from The Elway Poll. In the case of lobbyists, it may breed a bit of acceptance.

Elway asked voters and lobbyists to grade the 2015 Legislature on several topics, and an overall grade.

The 210 lobbyists combined for an overall grade of C-, with a Grade Point Average of 1.73. The 502 voters came up with an overall grade of D+ with a GPA of 1.49.”

— The Spokesman-Review (4)

“The legislative countdown clock has started.

Today is Day 98 of the 105-day legislative session.

Lawmakers’ biggest task remains passing a two-year operating budget. The main sticking point is over whether to raise taxes. The GOP-controlled Senate is pushing an operating budget that doesn’t raise any new taxes, instead relying partly on marijuana tax revenue and partly on dipping into existing accounts. Democrats have called the plan unsustainable and proposed a capital-gains tax that would hit the state’s richest residents.

The parties would need to strike a budget deal this week to adjourn by their April 26 deadline. But most lawmakers are keeping their gym memberships and apartment leases in Olympia; both parties appear to be laying the groundwork to blame the other for a possible special session.”

— The Columbian (5)

“You don’t see Republicans running the table very often around here. But that’s what’s happening in this year’s legislative session.

You can see it on their faces. Maybe it’s so clear because it’s so unusual in our blue state: Republicans are winning the state legislative session. ...

It’s pretty much as simple as that. Democrats staked the entire political debate this year on a call for new taxes. Though I sympathize with them, they have lost this argument, at least for now.

Part of this was Democratic fecklessness. They didn’t make a coherent case for how lives would be improved if we gave them more money. They could have argued for something concrete, like smaller class sizes, but they didn’t.

Part of this was Republican timing and luck.”

— The Seattle Times (6)

Sources: (1) “Editorial: Wrap it up, state lawmakers; not much left to disagree on,” June 6, 2015; (2) “Legislature’s special session costs top \$440,000,” July 15, 2015; (3) “Column: Winners, losers of the 2015 Washington legislative session,” Jim Camden, July 15, 2015; (4) “Blog: Grading the Legislature,” July 27, 2015; (5) “4 things to watch near the end of legislative session,” April 19, 2015; (6) “Column: How a more moderate GOP dominated the legislative session,” Danny Westneat, June 2, 2015.



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LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

The record-setting 2015 legislative session, complete with three special sessions, included passionate debate over divisive issues like minimum wage, paid safe and sick leave and anti-retaliation laws. Much of the legislation was backed by labor unions. These issues resulted in a spirited debate in both the House and Senate committees, and while most of the bills ultimately failed, the House did pass an increase in the minimum wage to \$12 and a mandatory safe and sick leave bill. Both bills failed to move in the Senate.

Although the Legislature has adjourned, these issues continue to be debated in local city council chambers. We are seeing a concerted effort to push local jurisdictions to raise the minimum wage and require employers to pay mandatory sick leave. This has created a patchwork of local regulations, making it difficult for employers to continue to do business in Washington state.

We expect to see several of these issues on local and statewide ballots in either 2015 or 2016, and the Legislature will likely continue to debate them in the short 2016 session.

AWB continues to seek balanced legislation that promotes business opportunities for all Washington residents. We will continue to oppose regulations that indiscriminately add to the cost of doing business without considering the impact on employers.

HB 1006 ★ PROVIDING FOR DAMAGES FOR WAGE VIOLATIONS

Failed/AWB Opposed

House Bill 1006, sponsored by Rep. David Sawyer, D-Tacoma, would have increased the penalty on employers found willfully withholding wages from workers from double to triple damages. Labor officials claimed the legislation was reworked from a bill introduced in 2014, yet it was almost identical to the 2014 version, House Bill 2332. Supporters provided no basis for changing the double damages provision that has been the law for decades. It failed to get a vote in the House.

ESHB 1078 CONSUMER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Passed/AWB Neutral

Rep. Zack Hudgins, D-Tukwila, introduced this legislation as part of the attorney general's request legislation.

This bill implements new requirements for businesses to report data breaches to consumers. AWB raised concerns over the type of data included and the timelines provided for notification and worked with the attorney general and the sponsors to address those concerns. The result is a bill that passed both chambers unanimously.

HB 1163 ★ PAID VACATION LEAVE

Failed/AWB Opposed

House Bill 1163, sponsored by Rep. Gael Tarleton, D-Ballard, would have required employers with 10 or more employees to provide paid vacation leave. The legislation required covered employers to provide two hours leave for every 40 hours worked, after working for an employer for six months. This bill was more aggressive than House Bill 2238, also introduced by Rep. Tarleton, in the 2014 session. That bill would have applied to employers with 25 or more employees. HB 1163 bill failed to receive a committee hearing.

HB 1354 ★ EMPLOYEE ANTI-RETALIATION

Failed/AWB Opposed

Rep. Cindy Ryu, D-Shoreline, introduced an anti-retaliation bill that was essentially a repeat of House Bill 2333 from 2014. Like the previous bill, House Bill 1354 would have imposed new penalties — including criminal penalties — against employers that allegedly retaliate against a worker for inquiring or asserting rights under the Washington employment statute. This bill would have created a presumption of guilt against the employer for any action taken against an employee within the 90-day protection period, regardless of the reason for action. The 90-day presumption provision would have required an employer to prove its case by “clear and convincing evidence” while the employee would only need to meet a “preponderance of the evidence” standard. While the bill passed out of committee, it failed to make it to the House floor.



JoReen Brinkman of JCB Hospitality LLC, Jasmine Donovan of Dick's Drive-In, and Robert Bleu of Shining Ocean testify before the House Labor Committee Jan. 26 on the impact of House bills 1354-56.

HB 1356 ★ 
**SICK & SAFE
 EMPLOYMENT LEAVE**

Failed/AWB Opposed

AWB opposed House Bill 1356 sponsored by Rep. Laurie Jenkins, D-Tacoma. This bill would have taken the Seattle Safe and Sick Leave ordinance and applied it statewide, requiring employers with more than four full-time equivalent employees to provide paid leave. The reporting requirements, as well as the tiered system, would have created a cumbersome system resulting in increased costs for employers. In addition, the bill would provide causes of actions by those not directly employed by the employer. The bill passed the House 51-46 with 1 excused. It failed to move in the Senate.

ESHB 1646
EQUAL PAY AND OPPORTUNITIES

Failed/AWB Neutral

Rep. Tana Senn, D-Mercer Island, introduced House Bill 1646, which would have amended and enhanced enforcement of

the federal Equal Pay Act. Further it would have specifically created a state cause of action, in addition to a federal cause of action, protecting worker communications about wages and employment opportunities. While AWB believes the concerns raised by the prime sponsor are already addressed by other state and federal laws,

we nevertheless worked to address business community concerns with this bill. The original legislation would have resulted in a micromanagement of day-to-day business decisions by the state and outside labor interests. Ultimately, the parties were unable to find a version that addressed all concerns. The bill passed the House 53-43, but failed to move in the Senate.

HB 1926 ★
NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENTS

Failed/AWB Opposed

House Bill 1926, introduced by Rep. Derek Stanford, D-Bothell, would have eliminated non-compete agreements in Washington with the exception of the sale of a business, essentially duplicating California's system. Testimony before the House Labor Committee showed there is a genuine misunderstanding of what non-compete agreements are and are not. Many in the business community worked with Rep. Stanford to find a solution that did not eliminate non-compete agreements in Washington. The bill failed to move out of

the House, but it is likely we will see this legislation again in 2016.


Other non-compete legislation was introduced this session, and also failed to move, including House Bill 1173, which would have eliminated physician non-compete agreements, and House Bill 1577, which would have eliminated non-compete agreements for those making less than \$39,000 per year.

HB 1355 ★ 
**MINIMUM HOURLY
 WAGE INCREASE**

Failed/AWB Opposed

House Bill 1355, introduced by Rep. Jessyn Farrell, D-Seattle, would have increased the state minimum hourly wage to \$12 over four years. The proposal came amid a nationwide movement to raise the minimum wage. Currently, Washington has the highest statewide minimum wage in the country at \$9.47 per hour. Both Seattle and SeaTac raised the minimum wage to \$15, phasing in the new rate over the next few years. Local measures to increase the minimum wage will be on the ballot in Tacoma this fall. The highly controversial issue will continue to be raised in the Legislature and future elections. The bill passed the House 51-46 with 1 excused. It failed to move in the Senate.

Other minimum wage bills introduced this session included Senate Bill 5384 Income to Meet Basic Needs (Sen. Mark Miloscia, R-Federal Way), Senate Bill 6029 Living Wage (Sen. Miloscia, R-Federal Way), Senate Bill 6087 Minimum Hourly Wage (Sen. Steve Hobbs, D-Lake Stevens), and House Bill 1786 Aerospace Wages & Incentives (Rep. Mia Gregerson, D-SeaTac).

 Bill considered as part of AWB's voting record

★ Favorable outcome for Washington businesses

✗ Missed Opportunities

SB 5514 X MINIMUM WAGE AND OVERTIME COMPENSATION

Failed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5514, introduced by Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, would have protected an employer from liability or penalty for failing to pay minimum wages or overtime provided the employer acted in good faith reliance on a rule related to any wage payment requirement; and/or a written order, ruling, approval, opinion, advice, determination, or interpretation by the state Department of Labor & Industries. Employers, in good faith, will reach out to state agencies for guidance on wage issues. When an agency expresses an opinion, employers should be able to rely on those opinions. This bill would have provided a safe harbor for an employer even if the official statement or interpretation is later rescinded.

SB 5421 X TEEN SUMMER EMPLOYMENT WAGE

Failed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5421, introduced by Sen. Michael Baumgartner, R-Spokane, was one of two teen wage bills introduced this year. These bills were intended to address the growing teen unemployment problem. As the minimum wage continues to rise, employers are choosing to hire older, more skilled workers, leaving younger inexperienced workers without the opportunity to learn valuable professional work skills. This bill would have allowed employers to pay teen wages to new employees ages 14-19 equal to the federal minimum wage rate established in section 206(a)(1) of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Teen wages could only be paid to new employees hired on a temporary or seasonal basis, and for work performed during the summer months from June 1 to Aug. 31.

SB 5422 X TEMPORARY TEEN TRAINING WAGE

Failed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5422, introduced by Sen. Michael Baumgartner, R-Spokane, was the second bill introduced in the Senate attempting to address the concern over the growing unemployment of young unskilled job seekers. This bill would have allowed employers to pay a teen training wage to new employees, ages 16 to 19 years, at 85 percent of the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is greater. Like Senate Bill 5421, this bill sought to address the growing problem of teen unemployment in Washington. This would have allowed employers to hire teen workers at a lower rate while those teen workers gain valuable professional skills. As the teen employee gains those skills their rate would rise.

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Workers' compensation continues to be one of the highest costs for employers in Washington. For years, the issue has been an area of dispute between labor and business. While this year saw some bills introduced and moved, workers' compensation was relatively calm with both the House and Senate leadership expressing fatigue over the issue. We saw reintroduced bills on workers' compensation group self-insurance, occupational disease claims and the retrospective rating plan for employers. This session also saw many of the vocational rehabilitation reforms put into statute. With the exception of a few bills, most workers' compensation legislation did not move out of committees.

SB 5576 X
WORKPLACE INJURY REPORTING
 Failed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5576, introduced by Sen. Michael Baumgartner, R-Spokane, would have required a worker to immediately report any accident to the worker's employer or supervisor. The report must be in writing, signed by the worker, and submitted to the employer within 60 days of the date of the injury, or before the worker files an application for workers' compensation benefits, whichever comes first. The bill would have reduced fraud by

reporting claims quicker, increased return-to-work opportunities, and helped with job site safety by addressing workplace hazards in a timely manner.

SHB 1496/SSB 5451 ★
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
 Passed/AWB Supported

Substitute House Bill 1496, introduced by Rep. Mike Sells, D-Everett, makes permanent many of the 2007 pilot programs that were created for improving vocational rehabilitation. This bill had broad

bipartisan support and passed the House 98-0 and the Senate 46-0, with 3 excused.

SSB 5418 X
CATASTROPHICALLY INJURED WORKERS PILOT PROJECT
 Failed/AWB Supported

Substitute Senate Bill 5418, sponsored by Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Kent, would have required the Department of Labor & Industries to create a pilot program where outside vendors would develop innovative treatment and service interventions for catastrophically injured workers.

This bill was about a partnership between the public and private sector. The pilot would have used a medical management firm to make the workers' compensation system more efficient, reduce costs without reducing benefits, and ultimately bring competition to the system. The bill passed the Senate, but failed to move in the House.



Sen. Michael Baumgartner, R-Spokane, chair of the Senate Commerce & Labor Committee, right, talks with the committee's ranking member, Sen. Bob Hasegawa, D-Seattle.

SB 5509 X
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE CLAIMS
 Failed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5509, introduced by Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, would have required that a covered occupational disease be

Bill considered as part of AWB's voting record

★ Favorable outcome for Washington businesses

X Missed Opportunities



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"We need to have sensible regulations to ensure fair competition and consumer safety," says NFFC plant general manager Pat Sauter. "But constantly changing and conflicting regulations from state and federal agencies represent a huge cost to us. To grow, hire and invest in our communities, we need more certainty, and fewer overlapping state and federal regulations."

To learn more about National Frozen Foods and the impact regulations have on enterprising employers and their employees, visit AWB.org/GrowHere.



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Rep. Mike Sells, D-Everett, right, chairs the House Labor Committee. Rep. Matt Manweller, R-Ellensburg, is the ranking member.

within existing legal protections. This bill would have allowed workers age 40 and older the ability to enter into structured settlements.

ADDITIONAL BILL

SB 6019 X
ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Failed/AWB Supported
Senate Bill 6019, originally sponsored by Sen. Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley, would have created a

“proximately caused” by actual occupational exposure. In other words, the disease is in some way work-related. Occupational diseases are a rapidly growing and increasingly expensive aspect of the workers’ compensation system and the courts have construed the law over the years to allow non-occupational factors to result in coverage, shifting costs into workers’ compensation and thereby raising the cost to employers.

ESB 5510 ★
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION BENEFITS WORK GROUP

Passed/AWB Supported

Engrossed Senate Bill 5510, introduced by Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, creates a compensation work group to address wage benefit calculations. Currently, wage rates and benefits are calculated based on archaic formulas that

are difficult to follow and inconsistently applied. This results in benefits that are provided in different amounts to injured workers based on non-occupational factors. The current complicated system should be simplified. While this is only a study group, it is hopefully the first step in developing additional reforms to how benefits are calculated. The bill passed the House 97-0 with 1 excused and the Senate 46-1 with 2 excused.

ESB 5513 X ■■■
STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS

Failed/AWB Supported

Engrossed Senate Bill 5513 was introduced by Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia. Currently, only workers age 53 and older may enter into a structured settlement for a workers’ compensation claim. This age limit should be removed, and all workers should be able to settle a workers’ compensation claim

fair and neutral adjudicative hearing process, requiring presiding officers for internal state agency administrative hearings to issue final orders. In addition, administrative law judges at the Office of Administrative Hearings must also issue final orders. This would have prevented state agencies from unfairly influencing the hearing process. This last year, some agency leadership tried to influence the administrative hearing by interfering in the process through ex-parte contact with the hearing judge. When there is undue influence by a state agency, the hearings can appear unfair and biased. This bill would have helped restore the public’s confidence in the administrative hearing process. The bill passed the Senate, but was amended in the House. The Senate did not concur with the House amendments and sent the bill back to the House. The bill ultimately failed to pass. **WB**

■■■ Bill considered as part of AWB’s voting record

★ Favorable outcome for Washington businesses

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Education & Workforce Development

AMY ANDERSON: Education, Workforce, Federal Issues, and AWB Institute

Once again, K-12 education funding was a primary conversation throughout the 2015 session, culminating with a budget that included the largest new K-12 investment in Washington state legislative history. With a mandate from the state Supreme Court to adequately fund schools, the Legislature had to address the difficult issues of levy reform, class size, and student assessments in order to develop a budget and plan going forward that would satisfy the McCleary decision and the Supreme Court's continued oversight. The final \$1.3 billion increase — equating to 19 percent — provided for all-day kindergarten, smaller class sizes in grades K-3, a teacher mentoring program, and a cost-of-living adjustment for teachers.

Several measures were introduced this year that attempted to address the constitutional and equity issues facing K-12 school funding that were raised by the state Supreme Court in the McCleary decision. At the core is the over-reliance on local property tax levies to fund the program of basic education, such as teacher and principal salaries, collective bargaining agreements and health care benefits. The cost to remedy the situation is roughly \$3 billion every two years. We expect lawmakers to continue discussing a plan to address levy reform, and how to pay for it, in 2016 to ensure the state is in compliance with the McCleary ruling by the statutory 2018 deadline.

Early learning and post-secondary education were also given boosts in the budget. Lawmakers passed the first-ever cut to college tuition — a 15 percent tuition reduction for the University of Washington and Washington State University; a 20 percent tuition reduction at regional universities; and a 5 percent tuition drop at community and technical colleges. The state made a \$134 million investment in early learning to expand preschool, fund the Early Start Act, and provide changes to child care eligibility.

The end of the third special session was marked by an agreement to delay the requirements of Initiative 1351, the voter-approved class-size reduction measure, and to provide a reprieve to 2,000 graduating high school students who had not passed the state biology assessment test.



Amy Anderson, AWB government affairs director for education and workforce, testifies on Senate bills 6103 and 6109, regarding education funding.



Michael Senske of Pearson Packaging Systems, left, Natalie Pacholl of SEH America, AWB President Kris Johnson and National Association of Manufacturers President Jay Timmons testify about the importance of manufacturing and workforce development.

SHB 1813 ★ EXPANDING COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION

Passed/AWB Supported

With the increasing demand for computer science professionals, AWB supported Substitute House Bill 1813, sponsored by Rep. Drew Hansen, D-Bainbridge Island, which requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt computer science learning standards developed by a nationally recognized computer science education organization. It also requires the state Professional Educator Standards Board to develop standards for a K-12 computer science endorsement, and changes the name of the “retooling to teach mathematics and science conditional scholarship program” to the “educator retooling conditional scholarship program,” and modifies the program. This legislation passed the House 91-7 and the Senate concurred with final passage by a vote of 43-0.

ESHB 1495/ESHB 5419 ★ STUDENT USER PRIVACY

Passed/AWB Supported


School data is an important tool in education reform. Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1495, introduced by Rep. Chris Reykdal, D-Tumwater, established the Student User Privacy in Education Rights Act, or SUPER Act, which requires school service providers to: (1) Provide information about the types of student personal information they collect and how they use and share the information; and (2) Maintain a comprehensive information security program designed to protect the security, privacy, confidentiality, and integrity of student personal information. In an era of massive data breaches, it is imperative that student data be secure while at the same time be available to ensure programs and policies that benefit our students. ESHB 5419 passed the Senate 49-0 and the House 96-2.

ESSB 5748 X TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION

Failed/AWB Supported

Introduced by Sens. Steve Litzow, R-Mercer Island; Mark Mullet, D-Issaquah; Joe Fain R-Auburn; Bruce Dammeier, R-Puyallup; Andy Hill, R-Redmond; Ann Rivers, R-La Center; Randi Becker, R-Eatonville; Curtis King, R-Yakima;

John Braun, R-Centralia; Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake; and Barbara Bailey, R-Oak Harbor, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5748 sought to clarify the teacher and principal evaluation process with the intent of strengthening the definition of evaluations. The aim was to satisfy the federal No Child Left Behind requirements and reinstate funding Washington state lost in 2014. Specifically, the bill addressed the evaluation process for: (1) Teachers who teach reading or language arts or mathematics in a grade in which the federally mandated statewide student assessments are administered; and (2) Principals assigned to a school in which reading or language arts or mathematics are taught in at least one of the grades in which the federally mandated statewide assessments are administered. It would have required the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide to each school district the relevant

 Bill considered as part of AWB's voting record

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X Missed Opportunities

state-level assessment information necessary to determine student growth for the purpose of teacher and principal evaluations. It also would have delayed the time in which evaluation results for certificated classroom teachers and principals must be used as one of multiple factors in making human resource and personnel decisions. AWB testified in support of this bill in the House Education Committee where a large contingency of teachers testified against the bill, resulting in the bill being returned to the Senate. The Senate originally passed the bill 26-23.

SB 6103/SB 6109 X LEVY REFORM

Failed/AWB Supported

AWB hears from member businesses across the state that they struggle to find qualified, well-prepared workers to fill positions necessary to help their businesses grow and compete, not only at the national level but globally as well. Preparation for these jobs begins in the K-12 system. It is imperative that our schools are adequately funded to prepare our children for post-secondary training

that is necessary for globally competitive jobs. AWB strongly supports levy reform that provides compensation for teachers that is fair and equitable without taking away the ability of schools to provide programs that enrich and enhance our children's educational experience. While a solid levy reform bill did not pass this legislative session, AWB will work with partners and the Legislature to arrive at an equitable resolution that is a positive step for our schools. This issue is expected to take center stage in the 2016 session. [WB](#)

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Preparation often pays dividends and this was certainly the case throughout the 2015 session with regard to environmental issues. As you will see from the highlights of legislation covered in this section, most of AWB's efforts focused on a series of main themes around climate/energy policy, land use, water resources, toxics and water quality. While preparation didn't guarantee an outcome on any given piece of legislation, the fruits of our efforts were evident across the board and measured by the engagement of members and successful interactions with legislators. Following are some of the noteworthy policy discussions in which AWB was a leader, working with our members and other key stakeholders.

In early 2014, Gov. Jay Inslee signaled he would pursue climate policies for Washington state, including establishing a price on carbon. Throughout the 2014 interim, AWB and our members tracked the governor's efforts as he developed his legislative proposal. AWB worked closely with like-minded stakeholders to develop key messaging, provide robust testimony and offer an independent economic analysis of the governor's proposal. More than 50 people testified on AWB panels, including members Amy Igloi Creed with Amy's on the Bay; Rusty Bradeen with Bradeen Trucking; Gary Ash of National Frozen Foods Corporation; Matt Lyons of Nucor Steel Seattle, and many more. Industries represented in the discussion included fuel distributors, pulp and paper, and food processors. The labor community joined in as well with representatives from the Iron Workers, Carpenters and Teamsters unions all taking part in the discussion.

AWB and our partners employed a strategy built upon offering alternative solutions to the governor's proposal. Those solutions were based on five policy areas: Innovation; Transportation; Low-carbon Electricity; Energy Efficiency; and Research and Adaptation. Many of the bills discussed and supported by AWB helped achieve the goals of these policy areas, centered on the overall goal of reducing emissions. A complete list of these bills is available on our website.

In addition to climate and energy policy, AWB also spent a lot of time working with members on controversial issues on water quality and toxics reduction, which saw the two separate policy debates converge into a single debate. Ultimately, no new legislation covering either of these issues areas passed, but many members expect the debate to continue as efforts are ongoing to find a responsible policy path forward.

Lawmakers also debated several water resource bills this session, but only a couple were adopted. Senate Bill 5628 was widely considered the most significant water resource bill this year, but it did not pass. It would have created a parcel fee to fund programs concerning stormwater, flooding, and water supply issues across the state. Supporters are continuing work on the bill during the fall and may try again next year.



Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, D-Burien, is chair of the House Environment Committee.

■ Bill considered as part of AWB's voting record

★ Favorable outcome for Washington businesses

✗ Missed Opportunities

CLIMATE CHANGE/ ENERGY/AIR QUALITY

ESHB 1314 ★ IMPLEMENTING A CAP-AND-TRADE SYSTEM IN WASHINGTON STATE

Failed/AWB Opposed

Gov. Jay Inslee made establishing a cap-and-trade style energy tax a cornerstone of his 2015 political agenda and called on legislators to adopt such a system to combat climate change. The program, sponsored by Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, D-Burien, would have increased costs for Washingtonians through a \$1.3 billion tax on energy. Early iterations of House Bill 1314 identified a list of facilities that emit more than 25,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases and called on them to pay a price on their emissions. These facilities included a cross-section of industry sectors, from refineries and pulp and paper producers to steel and aluminum manufacturers and food processors. In other words, virtually every family in the state would have paid more for everyday products, goods and services, fuel for cars, the gas we use to heat our homes, and the electricity we use to turn on the lights. Later iterations of the legislation offered limited rebates to some industry sectors, such as energy-intensive or trade-dependent industries, while offering no such relief to other industry sectors.

AWB's economic analysis matched the governor's own analysis, conducted by the state Office of Financial Management, which showed this new tax on energy would be highly regressive, hitting lower-income families harder in the form of higher costs for fuel, natural gas and electricity. The governor's own analysis of his cap-and-trade program showed it would:

- Immediately raise the price of gas by \$0.11 per gallon and by as much as \$0.41 by 2035;
- Raise the cost of natural gas by 22 percent through 2035; and



Monique Trudnowski, owner of the Adriatic Grill, testifies about the cost ESHB 1314 would have on her Tacoma restaurant. With her is Ian Tolleson of the Northwest Food Processors Association during an AWB-led panel March 12 before the House Appropriations Committee.

- Increase the cost of electricity by as much as 12 percent.

AWB, along with other stakeholders from the private and public sectors, including labor, worked with policy leaders in the Legislature to tell our story on the costs and implications of the legislation. More than 50 individuals representing the employer and employee community testified over three separate public hearings, sharing personal stories on the impacts to their business or jobs. The response from the impacted community was overwhelming and helped keep the controversial bill from making it to the House floor for a vote.

SB 5092/SB 5093/SB 5113/ SB 5115 ★ NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR WASHINGTON

Passed/AWB Supported

Sen. Sharon Brown, R-Kennewick, introduced a series of bills this year aimed at making nuclear energy part of the state's energy independence plan. Four bills in particular highlight AWB's long-standing

support for research and innovation regarding nuclear power. These include:

- Senate Bill 5092 — placing nuclear energy among the clean energy sources in the state energy strategy to reduce fossil fuel dependence;
- Senate Bill 5093 — creating an educational program to bring sharper public focus on the nuclear industry and nuclear energy jobs;
- Senate Bill 5113 — establishing the state Department of Commerce as a contact point within state government for the advancement of small modular reactors in Washington; and
- Senate Bill 5115 — tasking the Washington state Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council with studying and recommending ways to streamline processes for siting small modular reactors in Washington.

While none of these bills passed, two key budget provisions were based on these efforts, including an extension of the Joint Select Task Force on Nuclear Energy through 2017, and a study due in December on the siting of small modular reactors in Washington.

ESSB 5735 X PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR CARBON REDUCTION INVESTMENTS

Failed/AWB Supported

As previously mentioned, AWB focused its climate policy efforts in the 2015 legislative session on providing responsible solutions and ideas to reduce emissions while maintaining a strong economy. Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5735, sponsored by Sen. Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale, is a great example of how Washington can continue to build upon its previous successes and continue to reduce overall emissions. At the same time, this kind of approach offers an incentive-based pathway to reduce emissions in contrast to a top-down, one-size-fits all approach. In essence, ESSB 5735 would have allowed utilities complying

under Initiative 937 to invest in emission reductions along with other community partners, and allow for a portion of that investment to count toward compliance under I-937 obligations. Unfortunately, the environmental community opposed the bill because they said these investments deterred investments in clean energy.

ESB 5874 / 2SHB 2002 PROMOTING THE RETIREMENT OF ELIGIBLE COAL PLANTS

Failed/AWB Neutral

While more than two-thirds of Washington's electricity comes from clean, renewable energy sources, some of our energy also comes from coal-fired facilities. Given the diversity of Washington's energy portfolio, moving from one energy source to another can be extremely complex. This

year, the Legislature considered a measure to help promote the retirement of certain coal-fired facilities, while potentially creating a pathway to eliminate other uses of coal in the future. Engrossed Senate Bill 5874, sponsored by Sen. Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale, and Second Substitute House Bill 2002, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Morris, D-Mount Vernon, attempted to incentivize this effort through a series of policies that would have dealt with environmental mitigation, securitization and other financial commitments from closing a facility, as well as provide ratepayer protections, replacement power and coordination between state and federal regulations. While both bills attempted to address these generalized issues, ESB 5874 was the only bill to move out of the chamber of origin, as a study bill. In the end, neither bill managed to gain the support needed to pass.





Patrick Jablonski (right) of Nucor Steel Seattle, independent farmer Terry Willis of Grays Harbor County, Tom Walrath of T.E. Walrath Trucking, and Steve Clark of Genese Heating & Fuel testify about the impact a cap-and-trade tax bill would have on their businesses.

E2SHB 1095 PROMOTING THERMAL ENERGY

Passed/AWB Neutral

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1095, introduced by Rep. Jeff Morris, D-Mount Vernon, is another in a series of bills that sought to increase Washington's energy efficiency and independence. The concept behind the bill was to look for opportunities to increase the use of combined heat and power systems, taking advantage of possible thermal opportunities. The business community was concerned with provisions in the bill as introduced that would have required onerous rules. These rules would have governed purchase agreements from combined heat and power systems, duplicative reporting requirements with the federal government on boiler systems and a voluntary program by the state Utilities and Transportation Commission to incent the reduction of emissions. After removing these provisions, the bill was passed by both chambers and signed into law.

 Bill considered as part of AWB's voting record

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SHB 1912 EXTENDING THE INCENTIVES FOR SOLAR ENERGY

Failed/AWB Neutral

There were several competing solar energy bills this year, and countless iterations of the bills, but most of the focus was around Substitute House Bill 1912. Under current law, the incentive to deploy solar panels on Washington roof tops is expiring. Conversations around solar, including SHB 1912, sought to recalibrate the incentive program with a lower rate while extending the incentive payments for 10 years for new recipients, and allowing new types of solar systems into the program. Unfortunately, while stakeholders' concerns seemed to be addressed during the late iterations of the debate, the political fight over these various elements was too large of a hurdle to get over and no solar bills passed this session.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY REFORM

ESHB 1449/E2SSB 5057 ★ CONCERNING SAFE TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (OIL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY)

Passed/AWB Supported

In the 2014 supplemental budget, the Legislature funded a study to review the safe transport of hazardous materials through the state. The study focused on the transport of crude oil by rail, but also considered management of transport via marine waters. Competing measures were introduced by Sen. Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5057, and Rep. Jessyn Farrell, D-Seattle, although by the end of the regularly-scheduled session, the legislators agreed to Farrell's singular policy approach and passed Engrossed

Substitute House Bill 1449. The final bill included provisions to provide advance disclosure for first responders, the development of oil spill contingency plans for rail transport at facilities, and long-term funding for administering rail safety programs, including a safe crossing program.

ESHB 1695/SB 5480 ★ REQUIRING THE USE OF RECYCLED AGGREGATE AND CONCRETE MATERIALS IN WASHINGTON PROJECTS

Passed/AWB Supported

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1695, sponsored by Rep. Judy Clibborn, D-Mercer Island, establishes requirements for the reuse of certain aggregate and concrete materials in projects funded by the state. Beginning in 2016, projects must, at a minimum, include at least 25 percent recycled materials. In addition, the legislation requires cities with more than 100,000 in population to solicit bids for the use of recycled materials, and smaller jurisdictions to evaluate the ability to include such provisions. The goal of the legislation is to increase the use of recycled materials, reducing waste. While this seems like an obvious goal, rules developed by regulatory agencies have so far prevented greater use of recycling.

SB 5959/HB 2069 X REGARDING AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Failed/AWB Supported

Over the past couple of years, the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been developing, through rule, a habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the joint management of aquatic lands with the federal government. Stakeholders were largely caught off

guard with several of the key provisions in the rule. Some provisions would have required costly review and development requirements for protection of endangered species, among other provisions. Members from the broader business community supported Senate Bill 5959, sponsored by Sen. Brian Hatfield, D-Raymond, to restrict DNR from submitting the proposed HCP and entering into an agreement with the federal government until a more robust stakeholder process was undertaken. In the course of negotiating the legislation, DNR stopped its process, withdrew its submittal, and reconvened the rule development process with stakeholders. Given this development, the underlying legislation was deemed unnecessary.

SB 6057 (SSB 5209 / HB 1220) ★
PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE TAX FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS

Passed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5209, introduced by Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, would have provided an exemption from the hazardous substances tax for possession of a hazardous substance that is solely for use by a farmer as an agricultural crop protection product. Rep. Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen, offered House Bill 1220, but despite several public hearings, neither bill advanced during the regularly scheduled legislative session. The exemption would have applied if the product was warehoused in this state or transported to or from this state, provided that the person possessing the substance does not otherwise use, manufacture, package for sale, or sell the substance in this state. The exemption is needed to help correct a liberal interpretation by the state Department

of Revenue, which creates a competitive disadvantage for businesses located in Washington. Ultimately, SB 5209 was rolled into Senate Bill 6057, sponsored by Sen. Andy Hill, R-Redmond, along with other needed tax exemptions, and passed by the Legislature.

LAND USE & CONSTRUCTION

SHB 1234 ★
BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Failed/AWB Opposed

AWB opposed Substitute House Bill 1234, sponsored by Rep. Tana Senn, D-Mercer Island, which would modify certain building permit fees. The bill would increase the \$4.50 fee imposed by the State Building Code Act on each building permit issued by a county or city to \$5.50 for each residential building permit, and add

a \$10 fee for each nonresidential building permit. Discussions on SHB 1234 centered on how the new fee revenue would be used, and AWB's position was that if the industry is asked to pay higher fees, it should be tied to a specific program and include adequate performance measures or reforms that improve transparency and accountability. SHB 1234 accomplished none of these conditions and it was widely opposed by the business community. The bill did not pass the House before cutoff and died.

ESB 5921 ■■ X
VESTING PROTECTION

Failed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Engrossed Senate Bill 5921, sponsored by Sen. Jim Honeyford, R-Sunnyside, which would have preserved the common law application of the vested rights doctrine. In 2014, a lower court struck down the common law vesting doctrine, leaving only a limited



Heather Burgess, chair of AWB's Land Use Committee and a partner at Phillips Burgess PLLC, left, and Justin Stewart of Potala Village Kirkland LLC join AWB's Mike Ennis to testify in favor of common law vesting rights under ESB 5921.

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statutory vesting right (Potala Village Kirkland LLC v. City of Kirkland). AWB filed an amicus brief seeking direct review, but justices on the state Supreme Court declined to hear the case. Facing uncertainty in the building industry, ESB 5921 would have added back into statute some land use activity originally recognized under common law. The bill passed the Senate 29-20 but failed to come up for a vote in the House.

ESSB 5804 X

ENERGY CODE PROCESS

Failed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5804, sponsored by Sen. Marko Liias, D-Lynnwood, which would modify the procedure for adoption and amendment of the Washington State Energy Code. Among other provisions, the bill would have adopted the Washington State Energy Code as published by the International Code Council. The bill would have also created new requirements for adopting amendments to the energy code. ESSB 5804 passed the Senate 48-1 but did not come up for a vote in the House.

SB 5969 X

SEPA REFORM

Failed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5969, sponsored by Sen. Sharon Brown, R-Kennewick, sought to reform some provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The bill would have allowed federal environmental reviews to count toward SEPA obligations, and require completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) within 30 days of publication of either a categorical exclusion determination, a finding of no significant impact, or a final EIS. The bill had a public hearing in the Senate Trade and Economic Development Committee, but did not come up for a vote.

WATER RESOURCES

SB 5628

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Failed/AWB Neutral

AWB remained neutral on Senate Bill 5628, sponsored by Sen. Jim Honeyford, R-Sunnyside, which would have created a parcel fee to fund stormwater, flooding, and water supply projects across Washington state. The fee would be based on a sliding scale with about two-thirds of property owners paying \$35 per year. The new revenue would have funded three grant programs to reduce stormwater pollution, reduce the risk of flooding, and improve water supplies. This legislation did not make it out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, but supporters will likely work on the bill during the interim and try again in 2016.

EHB 1989 ★

WATER STORAGE

Passed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Engrossed House Bill 1989, sponsored by Rep. Tom Dent, R-Moses Lake, which grants authority and creates procedures to manage water storage assets. This bill allows small cities to contract for ongoing maintenance on water storage tanks. The long term service contracts contain annual costs and create greater certainty in budgeting. EHB 1989 passed the Senate 48-0 and the House concurred with final passage by a vote of 96-0.

SB 5556 ★

IRRIGATION DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Passed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Senate Bill 5556, sponsored by Sen. Judy Warnick, R-Moses Lake, which clarifies some procedures for the administration of irrigation districts. The bill removes the requirement for

joint irrigation boards to prepare an annual budget and eases some of the public notice requirements. SB 5556 passed the Senate 48-0 and the House by a vote of 97-0.

SSB 6125
EMERGENCY DROUGHT FUNDING
 Failed (incorporated in capital budget)/
 AWB Supported

AWB supported Substitute Senate Bill 6125, sponsored by Sen. Jim Honeyford, R-Sunnyside, which would dedicate \$18 million for drought purposes. The bill would appropriate \$14 million from the general fund to the State Drought Preparedness Account, along with an additional \$4 million in bonds. The state Department of Ecology would use the money to fund an emergency drought response. Earlier this year, the governor declared a statewide drought emergency. SSB 6125 twice passed the Senate 47-0 and 44-0 but it never came up for a vote in the House. The Legislature ultimately included \$16 million in emergency drought funding in the capital budget.

**WATER QUALITY/
 TOXICS**

**E2SHB 1472/2SSB 5056/
 SSB 6131** ✕
**USE OF CHEMICAL ACTION
 PLANS TO REDUCE TOXICS
 IN WASHINGTON WATERS**
 Failed/AWB Supported

For nearly four years, AWB and many permitted dischargers of wastewater and stormwater have been working with the state on an update to surface water quality standards. In July of 2014, Gov. Jay Inslee gave the state Department of Ecology (DOE) directives on several key policy choices to advance the state's update to the water



Rep. Matt Shea, R-Spokane Valley, ranking member of the House Environment Committee, left, with Rep. J.T. Wilcox, R-Yelm, assistant ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee.

quality standards. Although the governor said the policy directives were based on scientifically sound and strong legal principles, he also announced he would sponsor legislation in 2015 to reduce toxics in Washington's waters, and expected the legislation to pass as part of his water quality package to submit to the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Despite the governor's linking of the water quality rule, AWB opposed early iterations of his toxics reduction legislation, House Bill 1472, sponsored by Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon, D-Burien. The bill as introduced would have granted new authority to the state DOE to mandate the broad use of Alternative Assessments by industry stakeholders and give DOE authority to ban chemicals from commerce. Sen. Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale, sponsored competing legislation, Senate Bill 5056 and Senate Bill 6131, which would have allowed the use of Chemical Action Plans (CAP) to evaluate chemicals in commerce impacting water quality, and provide recommendations back to the Legislature. AWB, along with our members, worked in good faith with the Governor's Office and legislators to find a

reasonable policy path for reviewing chemicals, and their impact on water quality, without overexposing industries or providing unchecked authority to a regulatory agency. In addition to dealing with reducing toxics through CAPs, these bills also had competing provisions dealing with banning chemical flame retardants. Although these bills were under consideration throughout the three 2015 sessions, the bills failed to make it out of the Legislature.

E2SHB 1174 ★ ■■
**CONCERNING FLAME
 RETARDANTS AND
 ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS**
 Failed/AWB Opposed

For the last several years, lawmakers have introduced many bills seeking to ban the use of certain chemical flame retardants. This year's version, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1174, was again introduced by Rep. Kevin Van De Wege, D-Sequim. E2SHB 1174, as passed by the House, would have banned any flame retardant chemical on the list of chemicals of high concern, as well as granted authority

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to the state Department of Ecology (DOE) to adopt a ban on future chemical flame retardants. The rule authority would have created a building code style process, allowing the agency to propose a rule for banning a chemical, but not adopt a final rule until after the conclusion of a subsequent legislative session, thus allowing the Legislature an opportunity to review the rule and make changes. AWB preferred an approach offered by Rep. Matt Shea, R-Spokane Valley, in an amendment that would have banned five chemical flame retardants based on a 2014 study by DOE and required DOE to develop a report on subsequent flame retardants and report back to the Legislature. Although E2SHB 1174 passed the House, it failed to receive support in the Senate.

SB 5021/HB 1049 X CONCERNING CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY

Failed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Senate Bill 5021, sponsored by Sen. Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale, to ensure Washington's statute is consistent with national and international standards for the use of cadmium. Currently, the state has the lowest cadmium standard at 40 parts per million. Recently, updated best available science showed this standard was too stringent and exceeds recognized standards by other governing bodies. SB 5021 would have allowed the use of best available science to modify Washington's standard, which looks at pathways and exposures. Unfortunately, SB 5021 failed to move, leaving Washington as an outlier in acceptable standards.

SSB 5609/HB 1378 X PROTECTING WATERWAYS FROM POLLUTION FROM SYNTHETIC PLASTIC MICROBEADS

Failed/AWB Supported

Substitute Senate Bill 5609, sponsored by Sen. Barbara Bailey, R-Oak Harbor, was an industry-led effort to move away from the use of synthetic plastic microbeads used in soaps, moisturizers and other personal care items. While the bill passed through the Senate with unanimous support, it failed to move beyond the House Environment Committee. Unfortunately, environmental community advocates were opposed to the industry-led effort, and tied the issue to other plastics in waterbodies. [WB](#)



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Health Care

SHERI D. NELSON: Health Care

As the 2015 legislative session began, so did the call for solutions in mental health services, a regulatory structure for the budding cannabis industry, and accountability within the Washington Health Benefit Exchange. Numerous bills were proposed to add service mandates, new funding, and clarification of prior legislation created since the federal Affordable Care Act was enacted. The cannabis industry garnered a great deal of interest this session, with lawmakers noting during a Senate Ways and Means Committee meeting that it's the only real "new" revenue source for Washington state. The state Supreme Court ruling against mental health "boarding" prompted new emphasis on Washington's overall mental health services. The bipartisan cooperation on much of the health care legislation was notable in a year overshadowed by debate over education funding and the state operating budget. Yet, as the number one rising expense for businesses today, health insurance continues to create an obstacle for the success of our members, particularly small businesses that simply want to provide health care benefits to their employees. Looking ahead to the 2016 legislative session, AWB will promote innovative development of health insurance policies that directly meet the needs of employers while scrutinizing potential cost from our morphing state system.



Sen. Randi Becker, R-Eatonville, right, talks with Sen. Linda Evans Parlette, R-Wenatchee.

ESSB 5084 ★ MODIFIES ALL PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE

Passed/AWB Supported

Sponsored by Sen. Randi Becker, R-Eatonville, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5084 clarifies and establishes enhanced criteria for legislation passed in the 2014 legislative session (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2572). The all-payer claims database created last year was expanded to include medical claims data and submission from all health carriers operating in the state, the state Medicaid program, the Public Employees

Benefits Board Program, the state Labor & Industries Program, and all third-party administrators paying claims on behalf of health plans in this state. This change increases the overall information for the database and is needed to assist in providing meaningful data and reports. Further safeguards were incorporated specifically addressing access to the data and penalties for its misuse. These protections were needed given the increasing reports of data breaches throughout our country. Lastly, requirements were established for the review and accountability on the development and implementation of the all-payer claims database which will be reported by

the Office of Financial Management every two years. AWB is hopeful the database will provide applicable and relevant data for our members in their search for quality health care services. The bill passed the House 82-15 and the Senate with a final vote of 41-6.

SSB 5175 ★ TELEMEDICINE

Passed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Substitute Senate Bill 5175, sponsored by Sen. Randi Becker, R-Eatonville. This legislation assures reimbursement for a health care service delivered through telemedicine as long

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as specific criteria are met. Health insurance plans for all carriers, including state workers and Medicaid managed care plan enrollees will be included. SSB 5175 establishes covered sites of service and becomes effective in January 2017. Similar legislation has been proposed in previous legislative sessions without success and AWB appreciates the efforts of all to find an acceptable compromise. AWB understands the critical need to access telemedicine health care services especially for our members located in rural areas with limited available specialty medical services. This bill passed the Senate 46-0 and the House 88-9.

ESSB 5460 ★ ER PREPACKAGED MEDICATIONS

Passed/AWB Supported

In an effort to provide timely access, Sen. Linda Evans Parlette, R-Wenatchee, sponsored Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5460 allowing health care practitioners in hospitals to prescribe and distribute prepackaged emergency medications if a pharmacy is not available within 15 miles of the hospital. This critical access can lead to positive outcomes during discharge and avoid lapses in medical treatment for patients. Timely access to treatment, including pharmaceuticals, is essential to solution-based, effective, efficient medical care. ESSB 5460 passed the House 93-4 and the Senate concurred with a final vote of 47-0.

SHB 1002 ★ DENTAL INSURANCE PRACTICES

Passed/AWB Supported

Rep. Richard DeBolt, R-Chehalis, sponsored Substitute House Bill 1002 which directs dental-only health insurance plans to provide coverage for an emergency dental condition when the service is provided immediately. In

addition, dental-only health insurance plans in Washington state must now submit annual reports to the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. These annual reports are currently required from a health carrier providing a health benefit plan to summarize the specific plans in a publicly accessible site. SHB 1002 passed the Legislature unanimously and was signed by the governor.

2ESSB 6089 ★ HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE

Passed/AWB Supported

Based on bipartisan public outcry, Sen. Andy Hill, R-Redmond, proposed Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6089 in an attempt to create accountability and guidelines for the Washington State Health Benefit Exchange, the

public-private partnership, known as Washington Healthplanfinder. 2ESSB 6089 includes additional reporting responsibilities, such as a five-year spending plan, metrics and benchmarks for spending, a strategic plan for improvements in operations and refined definitions on grace periods and special enrollments. In essence, it calls for the exchange to produce a business plan and annual reports request to legislators and the governor. The original version of this legislation included a revamping of the funding mechanism for the Health Benefit Exchange, which AWB did not support. AWB, along with a broad coalition of bipartisan groups, worked with Sen. Hill and his staff to develop the final acceptable legislation. This legislation passed in the Senate 41-3 and the House 96-2. [WB](#)



Sheri Nelson, AWB government affairs director, testifies with Dan Coyne, representing Darigold, and Mike Dodds of Moses Lake-based Basic American Foods, about the West Coast port slowdown Jan. 14 before a joint session of the Senate Commerce & Labor and the Trade & Economic Development committees.

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Infrastructure

MICHAEL ENNIS: TRANSPORTATION, AVIATION

The 2015 legislative session presented a number of significant budget challenges for lawmakers, but after the 105-day regular session and three special sessions, the Legislature finally adopted a comprehensive, statewide transportation revenue and reform package. AWB members made this a top priority for the business community and it has been a decade since Washington invested in transportation infrastructure, despite deteriorating road conditions and population and employment growth. The \$16.3 billion package raises the state motor vehicle fuel tax by 11.9 cents per gallon and funds about \$8.8 billion in new road projects, including the North-South freeway in Spokane, State Route 520 in Seattle, and State Route 167 in Tacoma. The package also raises about \$1.2 billion in road preservation funding, \$170 million in freight rail improvements, and \$375 million for city and county road projects. The Legislature also adopted a series of transportation reforms aimed at reducing project costs and delays, improving accountability and transparency, and streamlined permitting. And for the first time since the practice was started in 1971, sales tax dollars on gas tax-funded projects will be coming back to the transportation budget from the general fund. The transportation package also contains several important environmental considerations, including \$1 billion in transit/bicycle/pedestrian projects, authority for Sound Transit officials to ask voters to fund a \$15 billion light rail extension in the Puget Sound Region, incentives for alternative fuel commercial vehicles, incentives for electric vehicles, and a commute trip reduction tax credit for businesses. Finally, the Legislature adopted a provision that protects consumers from hidden gas taxes that would come from a low-carbon fuel standard. Combined, these investments make this transportation package one of the most environmentally friendly in state history.



Kristal Fiser, UPS, center, testifies in favor of the transportation package as part of a slate of AWB-led panels. Joining her are AWB President Kris Johnson, left, and Washington Roundtable President Steve Mullin.

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ESSB 5989 ★

STATEWIDE REVENUE PACKAGE

Passed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Senate Bills 5987, 5988, and 5989, sponsored by Sen. Curtis King, R-Yakima, which make up the statewide transportation revenue package. The bills impose an 11.9 cent gas tax increase and various other transportation related fees to fund \$16.3 billion in transportation improvements across the state. Accompanying the revenue package

were several transportation reforms that AWB also supported, including: SB 5990, sales taxes on transportation projects (incorporated in SB 5987); SB 5992, modifying requirements for ferry vessel construction; SB 5993, labor reform; SB 5994, environmental permitting; SB 5995, adding congestion relief as a statewide transportation goal; SB 5996, streamlining Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) permit process; SB 5997, concerning project delivery; HB 1219, streamlining permitting for structurally deficient state bridges; HB 1842, transit

agency coordination; HB 1851, expedited permits and contracting process for structurally deficient local bridges; and HB 2012, using practical design principles in WSDOT project development. The Legislature also adopted a provision to protect Washington consumers from hidden gas taxes found in a low-carbon fuel standard. 2ESSB 5987 passed by a vote of 37-7 in the Senate and 54-44 in the House. 2ESSB 5988 passed the Senate 38-6 and the House 61-30. ESSB 5989 passed the Senate with a vote of 40-7 and the House by a vote of 63-29.



Ryan Kenny of Clean Energy, left, and Ben Hemson of the Northwest Gas Association, center, testify before the House Transportation Committee on SHB 1396, the Clean Fuel Vehicle Incentives Act.

ESSB 5990 ★ ■■
SALES TAXES ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Passed (incorporated in 2ESSB 5987)/AWB Supported

AWB supported Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5990, sponsored by Sen. Curtis King, R-Yakima, which transfers state sales tax revenue charged on state transportation projects back to the transportation budget. This bill was a central condition in the statewide transportation package and accounted for more than \$500 million in additional transportation projects. ESSB 5990 passed the Senate by a vote of 26-23, but it never came up for a vote in the House. The sales tax protection was finally incorporated in the statewide transportation revenue bill, 2ESSB 5987.

2ESSB 5994 ★ ■■
PERMIT STREAMLINING ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Passed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5994, sponsored by Sen. Curtis King, R-Yakima, which streamlines some permit processes on transportation projects. This bill was an important reform in the statewide transportation revenue package. The bill directs cities and counties to issue permits within 90 days on transportation projects under \$500 million, and creates a work group to identify ways to consolidate and coordinate National Environmental Policy Act processes with State Environmental Policy Act processes. The bill also eases some requirements from the State Shorelines Management Act on transportation

projects that address significant public safety risks. 2ESSB 5994 was adopted by both the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

SHB 1396/SB 5325 ★
ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

Passed (incorporated in 2ESSB 5987)/AWB Supported

Known as the Clean Fuel Vehicle Incentives Act, AWB supported Senate Bill 5325, sponsored by Sen. Curtis King, R-Yakima, and Substitute House Bill 1396, sponsored by Rep. Judy Clibborn, D-Mercer Island, which provides incentives for the use of alternative fuel commercial use vehicles with tax preferences.

Last summer, several AWB members and Washington lawmakers attended the largest clean fuels conference to learn more about the benefits of alternative fuels. Many commercial fleets would benefit from converting to some form of clean fuels but experience high initial capital and maintenance costs, making the investment prohibitive.

Following the conference, AWB formed an Alternative Fuels Coalition and began working with lawmakers, state agencies, large and small commercial fleets, as well as trucking and energy companies to create an incentive program modeled on the successes of other states. Our initial goal was to create a program based on incentives rather than government mandates, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.

The program creates a credit against either the state business and occupation tax or the public utility tax on the purchase of a qualified alternative fuel vehicle,

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provided the vehicle is used for commercial purposes. A person is limited to \$250,000 per year and funding is provided from the transportation budget. The credit covers 50 percent of the incremental cost of the vehicle, up to a certain cap based on the vehicle's weight class.

SHB 1396 and SB 5325 were incorporated in the larger transportation revenue package that was adopted by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

SHB 1822/SB 5323 ★ COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION TAX CREDIT

Passed (incorporated in 2ESSB 5987)/
AWB Supported

AWB supported Substitute House Bill 1822, sponsored by Rep. Jessyn Farrell, D-Seattle, and Substitute Senate Bill 5323, sponsored by Sen. Curtis King, R-Yakima, which extends the commute trip reduction tax credit for businesses. The tax credit is meant to offset costs related to the state's commute trip reduction program. Among other administrative changes, these bills extend the tax credit for an additional 10 years. SHB 1822 and SB 5323 were incorporated in the larger transportation revenue package that was adopted by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

HB 1526/SSB 5324 ★ AIRCRAFT EXCISE TAX PROTECTION

Passed (incorporated in SB 6057 and
2ESSB 5988)/AWB Supported

AWB supported House Bill 1526 sponsored by Rep. Tom Dent, R-Moses Lake, and Substitute Senate Bill 5324, sponsored by Sen. Steve Hobbs, D-Lake Stevens, which protect the aircraft excise tax for aviation purposes.

AWB maintains an active Aviation Task Force consisting of member com-

panies across Washington state that have an interest in general aviation. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) asked AWB to serve on its advisory committee for its Airport Investment Study and continue on with the second phase exploring ways to fund the infrastructure needs at Washington's public-use airports.

Instead of increasing taxes or fees, members of AWB's Aviation Task Force recommended that officials maximize the existing aircraft excise tax that aircraft owners already pay. Currently, aircraft owners pay an annual excise tax, but 90 percent of the revenue is deposited in the general fund, while only 10 percent funds aeronautics.

After many months of working with general aviation members and gathering input from agency staff, airport managers, and pilots, Rep. Dent and Sen. Hobbs introduced HB 1526 and SSB 5324, legislation that dedicates 100 percent of the funds to the aeronautics account to be used for aviation purposes.

Thanks to the leadership of Sen. Hobbs and Rep. Dent, HB 1526 and SSB 5324 were incorporated in two larger budget bills that were ultimately adopted by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

SHB 2087 ★ ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVES

Passed (incorporated in 2ESSB 5987)/
AWB Supported

Substitute House Bill 2087, sponsored by Rep. Jake Fey, D-Tacoma, extends and modifies the sales tax exemption on the purchase of certain alternative fueled vehicles. The bill provides a sales tax exemption on vehicles valued at \$35,000 or less and establishes a new \$50 fee on registration renewals, bringing the total registration fee for alternative fueled

vehicles to \$150 per year. SHB 2087 was incorporated in the larger transportation revenue package that was adopted by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

SHB 1851 ★ EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR LOCAL BRIDGES

Passed/AWB Supported

AWB supported Substitute House Bill 1851, sponsored by Rep. Dave Hayes, R-Camano Island, which creates an expedited permitting and contracting process for bridges owned by local governments that are deemed structurally deficient. The bill allows the state Department of Ecology to exempt local bridges from certain State Environmental Protection Act requirements. The repair project must be on a local bridge that is structurally deficient and within an existing right of way, and that does not add vehicle lanes or change the capacity or function. SHB 1851 passed the House 98-0 and was adopted in the Senate by a vote of 43-5.

HB 1219 ★ EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR STATE BRIDGES

Passed/AWB Supported

AWB supported House Bill 1219, sponsored by Rep. Hans Zeiger, R-Puyallup, which creates an expedited permitting and contracting process for bridges owned by state governments that are deemed structurally deficient. The bill allows the state Department of Ecology to exempt state bridges from certain State Environmental Protection Act requirements. The repair project must be on a state bridge that is structurally deficient and within an existing right of way, and that does not add vehicle lanes or changes the capacity or function. HB 1219 passed the House 98-0 and was adopted in the Senate by a vote of 45-0. [WB](#)

Taxation

AMBER CARTER: TAX AND FISCAL POLICY

Going into the 2015 session, AWB knew lawmakers would consider taxes as a way to solve their budget challenges resulting from the McCleary decision on K-12 education funding. Our goal was to end the session with a balanced budget that funded education while also promoting and protecting economic development opportunities and our state's competitiveness. Early on, the governor and House Democrats advocated for tax increases while Senate Republicans offered solutions that used the \$3.2 billion in additional revenue to balance the budget without raising taxes. A compromise was ultimately reached in order to avoid a government shutdown. The deal funded K-12 education at historic levels, though it also included some taxes. In order for the agreement among lawmakers to work, several steps became necessary, including lifting the Initiative 601 spending limit, transferring funds from the extraordinary revenue account and addressing the classroom size requirements called for under Initiative 1351.

HB 1106/SB 5077 ★ OPERATING BUDGET Passed/AWB Supported


The budget was a complicated mess this session largely due to the requirements for ongoing funding for K-12 education called for in the 2012 McCleary state Supreme Court ruling. Both the House and Senate provided \$1.3 billion in new funding in

their original budgets — although they had dramatically different approaches to their balance sheet when it came to taxes. The Senate relied on a no-new-tax plan and the influx of \$3.2 billion in new revenue from growing tax projections, while the House relied on \$1.5 billion in new taxes, including a capital gains tax, sales tax on bottled water and business taxes. AWB testified in opposition to House Bill 1106, the House

budget, asking for their support of SB 5077, the Senate approach. The House budget passed 51-47 in the regular session and was opposed by AWB. The bill was revised in the second special session and reduced the tax request to roughly \$500 million. Meanwhile, the Senate passed their budget in the regular session by a vote of 26-23. The differences in approaches led to a third special session where a final budget was ultimately adopted. Senators proposed SB 6051 as a temporary budget in the event that lawmakers could not reach an agreement by June 30. The final budget, SB 6052, provides an additional \$2.7 billion investment in K-12 and brings overall education spending to \$18.2 billion — more than 47 percent of the state's budget, a level that hasn't been reached in 30 years. The budget also reduces tuition at state colleges and universities, helping 200,000 students and their families. Funding was also provided for an AWB priority to continue the upgrade to the legacy computer system used by the Department of Revenue. AWB supports many aspects of the final budget though we are disappointed that it relied on tax increases found in SB 6138, an unnecessary component to the final agreement.



Tom Pucci of Expedia, the secretary/treasurer of the AWB Board, testifies before the House Finance Committee.

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HB 1133 ★ AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO IMPOSE A PUBLIC UTILITY TAX

Failed/AWB Opposed

Sponsored by Rep. Steve Tharinger, D-Dungeness, this legislation came at the request of the counties seeking authority for a 6 percent utility tax on phone, wireless, cable, gas, electricity, water and sewer service. AWB testified that utility taxes are regressive and hurt industry, small business, retirees, seniors and low-income citizens. Washington already has some of the highest utility rates in the nation. The language from this bill was also included in HB 2156. Both bills failed to pass.

HB 1239/SB 5492 ★ INCREASING TAX EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENTS

Failed/AWB Opposed

This measure sought to modify the tax expenditure report that is developed by the Department of Revenue and would have required employers to collect additional information regarding family-wage jobs, and how tax incentives contribute to a sustainable, nonpolluting economy. Sponsored by Rep. Gerry Pollet, D-Seattle, in the House and Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, in the Senate, the bills failed to pass.

HB 1484/SB 5699 ★ CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Failed/AWB Opposed

Gov. Jay Inslee requested that lawmakers enact a 5 percent capital gains tax on income, a request that Rep. Laurie Jenkins, D-Tacoma, put forward in HB 1484 and Sen. Sharon Nelson, D-Maury Island, offered in SB 5699. During the regular and extra sessions, several other related bills (HB 2224, SB 5699, SB 6102, and SB 6104) were introduced that AWB opposed during public hearings. Washington is one of nine states without a capital gains tax or an income tax. The tax was promoted as an excise tax only on individuals though AWB testified that it is a tax on income that is extremely

volatile and unreliable. We further testified that the bills as structured would hurt small business particularly as they sell assets for retirement. AWB helped defeat this measure though it is expected to be debated again next session.

HB 1422 ★ FLORAL PRODUCT BUSINESS

Passed/AWB Supported

This legislation passed the Legislature and was signed into law to prohibit floral businesses from misrepresenting the location of their business in a listing or advertisement for purposes of deliveries. The bill provides a fine of up to \$250 for companies that violate this provision protecting consumers and compliant, local floral businesses.

HB 1550 ★ AMUSEMENT & RECREATION

Passed/AWB Supported

The Department of Revenue (DOR) sought legislation with the support of AWB to clarify the definition of “amusement and recreation service,” and exclude it from retail sales tax. This issue has been a compliance challenge for DOR over activities such as yoga, the opportunity to dance and fitness clubs and is now law after being signed by the governor. The legislation further defines the term “physical fitness services” to “athletic or fitness facility” and applies sales tax unless excluded. Specific exclusions help DOR determine what lawmakers intended instead of being forced to interpret the law without guidance.

SHB 1619 ★ ENVIRONMENTAL HANDLING CHARGE

Passed/AWB Supported

Sponsored by Rep. Sam Hunt, D-Olympia, this bill provides a business and occupation tax exemption for revenue generated from the sale of products subject to an environmental handling charge — specifically for lightbulbs containing mercury.



Sen. Andy Hill, R-Redmond, chair of the Ways & Means Committee, left, and Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, vice chair of the Commerce & Labor Committee.

HB 2493 ★ LAND USE HORTICULTURE TAX INCENTIVE

Passed/AWB Supported

AWB supported House Bill 2493, sponsored by Rep. JT Wilcox, R-Yelm, clarifying an interpretation of an existing tax incentive for farm and agricultural land. The bill includes commercial horticulture in the definition of exempt land. The bill passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by the governor.

HB 1645/SB 5573 ★ TOBACCO TAXES

Failed/AWB Opposed

AWB opposed House Bill 1645 and Senate Bill 5573, which were requested by Gov. Jay Inslee and sponsored by Rep. Gerry Pollet, D-Seattle, and Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle. They sought to establish a 95 percent tax on e-cigarettes and vapor products equal to the tax on tobacco products. This proposal saw multiple iterations through the three sessions, including HB

2211, also sponsored by Rep. Pollet, and SB 5477, sponsored by Sen. Bruce Dammeyer, R-Puyallup. Both the House and Senate bills focused on youth prevention and access to e-cigarettes and vapor products, including requirements on labeling, advertising and child-proofing. However, the House version continued to push for higher taxes on products that are used by smokers to quit tobacco. While not opposed to the provisions on youth access, AWB opposed the tax increases because data has shown that a substantial tax increase on tobacco also increases inbound smuggling rates. This proposed tax on e-cigarettes and vapor products would have the same result as the high taxes on tobacco products. All of these bills ultimately failed to pass.

HB 1657/SB 5875 ★ INCOME VALUATION OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Failed/AWB Opposed

House Bill 1657, sponsored by Rep. Dean Takko, D-Longview, and Senate Bill

5875, sponsored by Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, would have imposed additional requirements on taxpayers appealing an assessed value for commercial property. The bill focused on the use of income capitalization and would have required rental income and expense statements for the preceding two years. Failure to submit the information would prevent a taxpayer from the right to appeal. AWB testified in opposition, expressing concerns that assessors should not be able to use the income information received for appeal purposes for the valuation of other properties. The bills failed to pass though the issue continues to be a priority for the King County Assessor's Office and is expected back again in 2016.

HB 1658/SB 5876 ★ FILING FEE FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Failed/AWB Opposed

Sponsored by Rep. Dean Takko, D-Longview, and Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, these measures would have allowed counties to impose a filing fee for property assessment appeal petitions. AWB testified in opposition, asking lawmakers to preserve the right of taxpayers – whether residential or commercial – to have access to justice when seeking a challenge to their property taxes. We further recognized that broader reforms to the tax appeals system were necessary beyond imposing fees, and that this should be part of a larger discussion on tax appeals reform found in SB 5449. This measure was a priority of the King County Assessor's Office and failed to pass.

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HB 1678/SB 5541 E-COMMERCE TAX FAIRNESS

Failed/AWB Supported

This measure was agency request legislation from the Department of Revenue (DOR). It was an agreed-to bill with the business community to improve tax fairness for businesses engaged in electronic commerce by eliminating inconsistent tax treatment and ensuring that prewritten computer software developers remain eligible for the manufacturing machinery and equipment sales and use tax exemption. It also provides greater clarity for out-of-state sellers concerning their tax obligations by establishing click-thru nexus. Regrettably, in the final budget deal only the click-through nexus provision was passed, leaving employers vulnerable to fluctuating interpretations by the DOR on what is or is not digital automated services or goods for purposes of determining an exempt business input. This not only creates problems regarding interpretation, but also creates difficulty in reaching agreement with DOR on compromise legislation in the future when lawmakers only accept the taxation side of a package and not the associated reforms.

HB 1769/SB 5665 X EXTENDING THE HIGH-TECH R&D TAX INCENTIVE

Failed/AWB Supported

Unfortunately, the final budget deal did not include a continuation of the expired high-technology research and development (R&D) tax incentive. This puts Washington at a competitive disadvantage when trying to retain, attract or grow high-tech companies and jobs. First adopted in 1994 and renewed in 2004, Washington is now one of seven states with no R&D tax incentive. Annual reports from companies filed with the Department of Revenue document increased employment with high wages, health care and retirement benefits. Supported by AWB, this incentive sought to help employers achieve higher survival rates, increase investment in R&D and development of new products.

HB 2055 ★ INITIATIVES FISCAL IMPACT

Passed/AWB Supported

With lawmakers under pressure to fund the narrowly-approved Initiative 1351 to reduce class sizes, Rep. Norm Johnson, R-Yakima, introduced legislation to provide citizens greater information on the impact of initiatives on the state budgeting process. House Bill 2055, which was signed into law by the governor, changes the statement deadlines for the attorney general and fiscal impact statements so ballot committees are able to consider the information as they prepare the pro and con statements published in the state Voters' Pamphlet. AWB supported the bill to ensure voters are better informed about the cost and impact of ballot measures.

HB 2134 ★ TAX PREFERENCE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA

Failed/AWB Opposed

Sponsored by Rep. Reuven Carlyle, D-Seattle, this bill sought to increase the recordkeeping and reporting obligations on taxpayers. These requirements would destroy taxpayer confidentiality and burden many small businesses with new reporting requirements. It would impose confusing and inconsistent reporting requirements with risk of substantial penalties on data that is already reported. AWB opposed this legislation and the bill failed to pass.

HB 2150 ★ B&O TAX REFORM

Failed/AWB Opposed

Introduced by Rep. Drew MacEwen, R-Union, this bill sought to reform the business and occupation tax (B&O) system by reducing the number of classifications and changing the tax rates. Modeled after the Texas gross margins tax, House Bill 2150 would have replaced existing classifications and rates with three new rates: services, 3.75 percent; retail/wholesale/

manufacturing/banking, 1.6 percent; and telecom at 1.2 percent. A \$500,000 deduction was proposed to offset the rate increases along with other deductions. While well-intended, such massive tax restructuring is complicated and would need greater review, stakeholder input and industry economic modeling. AWB opposed the measure and asked lawmakers to consider less intrusive forms of collapsing B&O tax classifications without changing rates, as proposed in SB 5688 during the 2013 and 2014 sessions.

HB 2224 ★ TAX INCREASES

Failed/AWB Opposed

Sponsored by Rep. Reuven Carlyle, D-Seattle, this was the primary tax bill in the regular session that House Democrats relied on when balancing their operating budget. It sought to raise \$1.5 billion in new taxes by repealing or narrowing tax exemptions, imposing a 5 percent capital gains income tax, and creating a five-tier economic nexus standard for online retail sales. The bill also sought to increase the tax on service companies with a 0.3 percent business and occupation tax. AWB opposed this measure and it failed to pass out of committee, though House Democrats continued to push for taxes throughout the entire legislative session and into the third special session. At that time an agreement was ultimately reached on a smaller tax package found in SB 6138.

HB 2266/SB 6088 ★ CLASS-SIZE REDUCTIONS UNDER I-1351

Passed/AWB Supported

Voters narrowly passed Initiative 1351 by a vote of 50.96 percent in 2014, creating an immediate \$2 billion dollar budget hole for lawmakers to address. This came in addition to the obligation under McCleary to further fund K-12 education. The governor did not include funding for this initiative in his first budget proposal, nor did lawmakers in the House or Senate.

Lawmakers recognized that funding the initiative would be devastating to the state budget, particularly while meeting their K-12 obligations. Lawmakers remained committed to the model school funding definition, which calls for smaller class sizes in grades K-3. HB 2266, introduced by Rep. Pat Sullivan, D-Covington, would postpone the initiative while the Senate preferred to send it back to the voters with SB 6088. This was a heated issue throughout session as the teacher union opposed both approaches. The Senate passed SB 6088 by a vote of 27-22 while the House passed their version by a vote of 72-26 where a two-thirds vote was necessary. This dragged on through the third special session where a budget deal was reached including a two-year delay of the I-1351 class size requirements. A two-thirds vote was necessary to pass the Senate where it initially fell short. The session concluded after three extra sessions with a final vote of 33-11 in the Senate.

HB 2267 ★ K-12/601 EXPENDITURE LIMIT

Passed/AWB Neutral

House Bill 2267 was a necessary requirement for the budget this year given the imposition of increased funding for K-12 education called for under the state Supreme Court 2012 McCleary ruling. Normally, AWB is a strong advocate for protecting the spending limitations called for under Initiative 601, but given the unique circumstances we were neutral on this bill to lift the spending limit.

HB 2269 ★ TAX BILLS FOR K-12 FUNDING

Failed/AWB Opposed

Sponsored by Rep. Ross Hunter, D-Medina, House Bill 2269 was introduced during the second special session. Originally lawmakers relied on House Bill 2224 and \$1.5 billion in new taxes to balance their budget. In their revised budget they dropped

nearly \$1 billion dollars from the package, including the capital gains tax. The new bill included a repeal of the sales tax exemption for bottled water and the prescription drug re-sellers exemption. It narrowed the extracted fuel exemption and the real estate excise tax foreclosure exemption. HB 2269 also created a non-resident remittance program and required subcontractor permit data. The bill also added wholesaling to the economic nexus definition, increased the late penalties for excise taxes and increased the business and occupation tax on royalties to 1.5 percent. These last three items became part of the final agreement among lawmakers in SB 6138.

HB 2286 ★ EXTRAORDINARY REVENUE GAINS TRANSFER

Passed/AWB Supported

The final budget agreement required the use of funds from the state's budget stabilization account. This account was first established in 2007 with the support of AWB. The goal was to save during good times in order to weather economic downturns. House Bill 2286 was a critical part of the budget solution that along with the positive economic and revenue forecasts, minimized the desire for tax increases. AWB supported the transfer of funds from the budget stabilization savings account as part of the final agreement and the bill passed the House and Senate.

SB 5275 ★ TAX CODE IMPROVEMENTS

Passed/AWB Supported

Sen. Mark Schoesler, R-Ritzville, sponsored Senate Bill 5275 to make improvements to the tax code that do not affect state revenue collections. This includes the repeal of obsolete references and clarification of definitions where ambiguity may exist. The bill also provides clarification of the business and occupation and sales



Rep. Ross Hunter, D-Medina, chair of the House Appropriations Committee. In September, Hunter left the Legislature to head the state's Department of Early Learning.

Bill considered as part of
AWB's voting record

★ Favorable outcome for
Washington businesses

✗ Missed Opportunities

and use-tax exemptions for restaurant employee meals to apply only to the restaurant's employees. AWB supported this legislation, which was approved by the Legislature and signed into law.

SB 5449 X TAX APPEAL REFORM

Failed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5449 would have eliminated the Board of Tax Appeals and transferred the duties to a new division in the Court of Tax Appeals. A top priority for AWB is to provide an independent process for appealing tax assessments while allowing taxpayers to appeal without prepayment requirements. The bill would have improved fairness for taxpayers, promoted due process and improved our state's ranking from the Council on State Taxation from a C+ to an A-. The bill passed the Senate 33-16 with strong bipartisan support, but it failed to gain traction in the House after the Court of Appeals voiced opposition over constitutional concerns.

SB 5511 REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX CHANGES

Failed/AWB Supported

Senate Bill 5511, sponsored by Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, was part of the Senate jobs package. It sought to reduce the number of times a local government may change its sales tax rate. It passed the Senate 47-1 before getting tied up in budget negotiations. Currently, cities and counties can raise local sales and use taxes up to four times a year. The bill was eliminated from the final budget agreement in the third special session.

SB 5826 SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT

Passed/AWB Neutral

Sponsored by Sen. Mark Mullet, D-Issaquah, and signed by the governor, this legislation establishes a "market-place" for retirement plans run by the state Department of Commerce. This is designed to provide greater centralization of certain retirement plans and is intended to work with the private sector. AWB supports increased access to retirement plans for employers and their employees and has a 401(k) program available to our members at MyFuture401k.com. We also support public-private partnerships, though we are concerned that potential expansion of this program could put government in competition with the private sector.

SB 6057 TAX INCENTIVES

Passed/AWB Supported

Numerous tax incentives were set to expire in 2015 and were either continued, modified or allowed to expire with the passage of Senate Bill 6057. AWB believes that tax incentives are an important part of our tax code to protect and promote economic development opportunities, eliminate double taxation and to change behavior. Fifteen different tax incentives were addressed in the final budget deal, allowing for greater consistency in tax treatment for food processors, aluminum smelters and ceramic molds. The bill also continued the successful data center exemption while also enhancing the maritime industry and updating unclaimed property laws. SB 6057 passed the Senate 38-10 and the House 77-21. AWB supports this bill, which has been signed into law by the governor.



Tom McBride, left, and Jim Fitzgerald, center, both of FarWest Agribusiness Association, along with Jim Hedrick, right, of Greater Spokane Inc., testify before the Senate Ways & Means Committee on March 25.

TAX INCENTIVES THAT EXPIRE IN 2015	EXPIRATION
High Technology R&D (Sales and Use Tax)	Jan. 1, 2015
High Technology R&D (B&O Tax)	Jan. 1, 2015
Bonneville Power Administration Program (B&O Tax)	June 30, 2015
Forest Derived Biomass (B&O Tax)	June 30, 2015
Biodiesel and E85 Fuel Sales (B&O Tax)	July 1, 2015
Biodiesel and E85 Fuel Distribution (Sales and Use Tax)	July 1, 2015
Truck Auxiliary Power — Batteries and Infrastructure (Sales and Use Tax)	July 1, 2015
Truck Auxiliary Power — Enabling Parked Operation (Sales and Use Tax)	July 1, 2015
Bad Debts (Fuel Tax)	July 1, 2015
Biodiesel and Alcohol Fuel Production Facilities (Leasehold Excise Tax)	Dec. 31, 2015
Biodiesel and Alcohol Fuel Production Facilities (Property Tax)	Dec. 31, 2015
Wood Biomass Fuel Production Facilities (Leasehold Excise Tax)	Dec. 31, 2015
Wood Biomass Fuel Production Facilities (Property Tax)	Dec. 31, 2015

Components of SB 6057

1. Extends the expiration date of tax preferences for food processors.
2. Provides a sales and use tax exemption for eligible server equipment in certain data centers.
3. Creating a pilot program that provides a sales and use tax deferral on the construction of manufacturing facilities.
4. Extends tax preferences for aluminum smelters.
5. Extends the preferential business and occupation tax rate for newspapers.
6. Provides reduced public utility tax rate for log transportation businesses.
7. Provides a use tax exemption to nonresident entity owned vessels.
8. Modifies the distribution of aircraft excise taxes.
9. Provides a business and occupation tax credit for businesses that hire veterans.
10. Permanently extends tax preferences to honey bee products.
11. Permanently extends a sales and use tax exemption for wax, ceramic materials, and labor related to the

creation of investment castings used in industrial applications.

12. Provides business and occupation tax exemption for hazardous substances warehoused but not otherwise used in the state.
13. Modifies a property tax exemption for property owned by nonprofit fair associations.
14. Changes the administration of unclaimed property laws.
15. Removes the expiration date for the sales and use tax exemption for wax and ceramic materials.

The extension of these tax incentives were subject to great political debate as lawmakers finalized their budget agreement. While these incentives were enacted, thirteen were allowed to expire.

SB 6138 
TAX INCREASES

Passed/AWB Opposed

Throughout the regular and second special session, the Senate Republican majority refused to include tax increases in their

budget, while the House relied on \$1.5 billion in new and higher taxes to balance their budget. The final budget deal included tax increases totaling \$200 million. There were five parts to the tax bill:

- Increases the business and occupation tax on royalties to 1.5 percent;
- Establishes click-through nexus;
- Adds wholesaling to the economic nexus definition;
- Removes the machinery and equipment tax exemption for certain computer software manufacturers with more than 40,000 employees; and
- Increases late penalties for excise taxes by 4 percent.

AWB testified in opposition to these taxes at various points during the session. The tax increase on royalties will triple the business and occupation taxes paid by these companies which is a significant increase for any taxpayer. Adding wholesaling to the economic nexus standard puts Washington further out of step with the rest of the nation that uses a physical presence standard. The increase to late paid taxes will exacerbate the problems facing small businesses when faced with a tax bill they feel is incorrect or when faced with other economic difficulties. Finally, when lawmakers tinker with the highly successful manufacturing sales and use tax exemption we are concerned about how those changes will hurt our competitiveness. The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 35-10 and the House 60-38. [WB](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

State map of tobacco taxes and smuggling rates:

<http://bit.ly/cigarettetax>

Budget details:

<http://bit.ly/budgetdetails>

List of tax bills introduced:

<http://bit.ly/2015taxbills>

Members On The Hill





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1. Brent Cleaveland of the Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Trade Association. 2. Sharon Appelt, right, and dairy owner Michelle Schilter, left, both of Darigold. 3. Rich Hadley, left, of AWB's Grassroots Alliance, and Sen. Michael Baumgartner, R-Spokane. 4. Kelly Love, CEO of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. 5. AWB President Kris Johnson and National Association of Manufacturers President Jay Timmons. 6. AWB Government Affairs Vice President Gary Chandler, left, and Rep. Dan Kristiansen, R-Snohomish, with Janis Kristiansen. 7. Craig Fletcher of KapStone Kraft Paper and Jeff Calaway of Calaway Trading. 8. Amy Igloi Creed of Amy's on the Bay Restaurant, center, with AWB President Kris Johnson, left, and Ed Finklea of Industrial Gas Users. 9. Irene Plenefisch of Microsoft.

AWB Government Affairs Council

The Government Affairs Council or “GAC” is composed of AWB member businesses representing all sizes and industries statewide. At the conclusion of each legislative session, members of the GAC review bills for inclusion in the vote record. Its recommendations are then forwarded to members of AWB’s Executive Committee for review and approval.

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Voting Record Overview

The 2015 Voting Record is one of several tools AWB members can use to evaluate how lawmakers responded to bills affecting the state's business community this session.

AWB's Government Affairs team, in conjunction with the AWB Government Affairs Council, selects the bills and amendments to be included in the vote record. Recommendations are then made to the AWB Executive Committee, which has final approval over the record. As in previous years, this year's record includes votes cast on final passage of bills, as well as amendments to certain bills. The narrative accompanying each issue area provides additional details on these measures. All votes are weighted equally in calculating each legislator's voting record percentage. Finally, to give readers a better sense of each lawmaker's voting performance over time, we've included their scores from the current legislative session, from 2014 and from their lifetime in the Legislature.



GOVERNOR INSLEE

Bill	Description	AWB Position	Gov.'s Action
1813	Expanding computer science education	Supported	Signed
2266	Deferring I-1351	Supported	Signed
5987	Transportation revenue package	Supported	Signed
5994	Permits for state transportation projects	Supported	Signed
6057	Tax preferences and streamlined tax administration	Supported	Signed
6138	Increasing state tax revenue through compliance and eliminating tax preferences	Opposed	Signed



SENATE

Annual Percentage of AWB Supported Votes

Dist.	Senator	2015	2014	Lifetime Average	Labor Score*
26	Sen. Angel-R	87%	92%	91%	20%
10	Sen. Bailey-R	93%	92%	93%	10%
6	Sen. Baumgartner-R	100%	88%	93%	0%
2	Sen. Becker-R	93%	92%	93%	0%
17	Sen. Benton-R	87%	92%	88%	0%
3	Sen. Billig-D	29%	50%	42%	100%
20	Sen. Braun-R	93%	100%	96%	0%
8	Sen. Brown-R	93%	100%	95%	10%
32	Sen. Chase-D	31%	42%	32%	100%
49	Sen. Cleveland-D	27%	50%	39%	90%
29	Sen. Conway-D	27%	33%	32%	100%
25	Sen. Dammeier-R	93%	92%	92%	10%
7	Sen. Dansel-R	80%	100%	90%	10%
27	Sen. Darnelle-D	27%	42%	35%	100%
42	Sen. Ericksen-R	85%	92%	91%	10%
47	Sen. Fain-R	93%	92%	92%	10%
22	Sen. Fraser-D	13%	42%	32%	100%
46	Sen. Frockt-D	20%	60%	48%	88%
48	Sen. Habib-D	33%	27%	38%	90%
24	Sen. Hargrove-D	47%	55%	53%	70%
11	Sen. Hasegawa-D	13%	25%	27%	100%
19	Sen. Hatfield-D	60%	58%	56%	70%
16	Sen. Hewitt-R	93%	100%	95%	0%
45	Sen. Hill-R	80%	92%	88%	10%
44	Sen. Hobbs-D	67%	60%	61%	44%
15	Sen. Honeyford-R	93%	100%	94%	10%
37	Sen. Jayapal-D	8%	NA	8%	100%
33	Sen. Keiser-D	33%	42%	35%	90%
14	Sen. King-R	93%	100%	95%	10%
36	Sen. Kohl-Welles-D	20%	36%	31%	90%
21	Sen. Liias-D	40%	50%	41%	80%
41	Sen. Litzow-R	87%	92%	88%	10%
1	Sen. McAuliffe-D	7%	33%	34%	100%
38	Sen. McCoy-D	27%	25%	36%	100%
30	Sen. Miloscia-R	80%	NA	80%	20%
5	Sen. Mullet-D	53%	67%	61%	60%
34	Sen. Nelson-D	20%	42%	34%	100%
28	Sen. O'Ban-R	100%	92%	96%	10%
4	Sen. Padden-R	79%	92%	85%	10%
12	Sen. Evans Parlette-R	93%	100%	96%	10%
39	Sen. Pearson-R	80%	100%	90%	30%
43	Sen. Pedersen-D	29%	33%	37%	80%
40	Sen. Ranker-D	0%	36%	38%	90%
18	Sen. Rivers-R	100%	92%	93%	10%
31	Sen. Roach-R	73%	92%	84%	50%
23	Sen. Rolfes-D	17%	33%	41%	100%
9	Sen. Schoesler-R	93%	92%	93%	10%
35	Sen. Sheldon-D	93%	92%	88%	20%
13	Sen. Warnick-R	93%	100%	93%	0%

*Source: Washington State Labor Council



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, A-McB

Annual Percentage of AWB Supported Votes

Dist.	Representative	2015	2014	Lifetime Average	Labor Score*
23	Rep. Appleton-D	31%	29%	35%	100%
11	Rep. Bergquist-D	23%	29%	31%	100%
19	Rep. Blake-D	38%	36%	48%	100%
42	Rep. Buys-R	92%	100%	92%	0%
26	Rep. Calder-R	85%	NA	85%	10%
36	Rep. Carlyle-D	31%	29%	41%	100%
15	Rep. Chandler-R	85%	100%	92%	0%
43	Rep. Chopp-D	38%	29%	37%	100%
41	Rep. Clibborn-D	38%	29%	43%	100%
34	Rep. Cody-D	33%	29%	34%	100%
12	Rep. Condotta-R	85%	83%	90%	0%
20	Rep. DeBolt-R	92%	100%	91%	10%
13	Rep. Dent-R	92%	NA	92%	0%
44	Rep. Dunshee-D	15%	29%	35%	100%
9	Rep. Dye-R	83%	NA	83%	0%
46	Rep. Farrell-D	31%	29%	34%	100%
27	Rep. Fey-D	31%	29%	37%	100%
34	Rep. Fitzgibbon-D	23%	29%	39%	100%
45	Rep. Goodman-D	15%	29%	34%	100%
33	Rep. Gregerson-D	31%	29%	30%	100%
30	Rep. Gregory-D	23%	NA	23%	100%
35	Rep. Griffey-R	85%	NA	85%	0%
8	Rep. Haler-R	92%	92%	91%	30%
23	Rep. Hansen-D	17%	29%	35%	100%
47	Rep. Hargrove-R	85%	100%	87%	10%
44	Rep. Harmsworth-R	85%	NA	85%	10%
17	Rep. Harris-R	85%	79%	80%	10%
12	Rep. Hawkins-R	85%	93%	87%	30%
10	Rep. Hayes-R	85%	100%	93%	0%
6	Rep. Holy-R	92%	100%	91%	30%
11	Rep. Hudgins-D	38%	29%	35%	100%
2	Rep. G. Hunt-R	92%	93%	93%	10%
22	Rep. S. Hunt-D	31%	25%	33%	100%
48	Rep. Hunter-D	38%	36%	44%	100%
31	Rep. Hurst-D	69%	86%	61%	100%
27	Rep. Jinkins-D	23%	29%	38%	100%
14	Rep. Johnson-R	85%	93%	91%	20%
32	Rep. Kagi-D	38%	29%	36%	100%
28	Rep. Kilduff-D	31%	NA	31%	100%
29	Rep. Kirby-D	38%	21%	36%	100%
8	Rep. Klippert-R	85%	100%	91%	10%
30	Rep. Kochmar-R	92%	79%	89%	40%
7	Rep. Kretz-R	91%	100%	93%	11%
39	Rep. Kristiansen-R	88%	100%	92%	0%
40	Rep. Lytton-D	38%	29%	43%	100%
35	Rep. MacEwen-R	92%	93%	92%	20%
5	Rep. Magendanz-R	92%	93%	89%	10%
13	Rep. Manweller-R	85%	93%	88%	22%
48	Rep. McBride-D	38%	NA	38%	100%



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, McC-Z

Annual Percentage of AWB Supported Votes

Dist.	Representative	2015	2014	Lifetime Average	Labor Score*
14	Rep. McCabe-R	92%	NA	92%	20%
4	Rep. McCaslin-R	92%	NA	92%	0%
49	Rep. Moeller-D	31%	29%	39%	100%
40	Rep. Morris-D	33%	29%	45%	100%
1	Rep. Moscoso-D	38%	29%	41%	100%
28	Rep. Muri-R	100%	86%	93%	30%
16	Rep. Nealey-R	92%	100%	94%	10%
20	Rep. Orcutt-R	92%	100%	93%	0%
3	Rep. Ormsby-D	31%	21%	32%	100%
21	Rep. Ortiz-Self-D	23%	29%	26%	100%
33	Rep. Orwall-D	38%	29%	39%	100%
6	Rep. Parker-R	85%	92%	87%	0%
21	Rep. Peterson-D	31%	NA	31%	100%
37	Rep. Pettigrew-D	38%	29%	39%	100%
18	Rep. Pike-R	92%	100%	89%	10%
46	Rep. Pollet-D	23%	29%	33%	100%
22	Rep. Reykdal-D	23%	29%	37%	100%
3	Rep. Riccelli-D	31%	29%	34%	100%
38	Rep. Robinson-D	38%	21%	30%	100%
5	Rep. Rodne-R	100%	93%	90%	10%
32	Rep. Ryu-D	23%	29%	33%	100%
37	Rep. Tomiko Santos-D	17%	36%	39%	100%
29	Rep. Sawyer-D	23%	21%	31%	100%
9	Rep. Schmick-R	85%	100%	93%	10%
39	Rep. Scott-R	85%	79%	79%	10%
38	Rep. Sells-D	31%	29%	36%	100%
41	Rep. Senn-D	38%	29%	34%	100%
4	Rep. Shea-R	85%	79%	82%	0%
7	Rep. Short-R	92%	100%	92%	10%
10	Rep. Smith-R	85%	93%	90%	0%
45	Rep. Springer-D	38%	43%	45%	100%
25	Rep. Stambaugh-R	92%	NA	92%	20%
1	Rep. Stanford-D	23%	29%	37%	100%
31	Rep. Stokesbary-R	92%	NA	92%	30%
47	Rep. Sullivan-D	38%	29%	41%	100%
19	Rep. Takko-D	46%	36%	48%	100%
36	Rep. Tarleton-D	38%	29%	36%	100%
15	Rep. Taylor -R	69%	79%	81%	0%
24	Rep. Tharinger-D	38%	29%	45%	100%
24	Rep. Van De Wege-D	31%	21%	38%	100%
42	Rep. Van Werven-R	92%	NA	92%	0%
18	Rep. Vick-R	92%	100%	93%	10%
43	Rep. Walkinshaw-D	23%	NA	23%	100%
16	Rep. Walsh-R	85%	86%	88%	40%
2	Rep. Wilcox-R	92%	93%	94%	11%
17	Rep. Wilson-R	85%	NA	85%	10%
49	Rep. Wylie-D	31%	29%	38%	100%
26	Rep. Young-R	85%	79%	82%	20%
25	Rep. Zeiger-R	100%	86%	91%	30%



* Source: Washington State Labor Council

SENATE

Legislative Voting Record

ALL POLICY

			Expanding Computer Science Education 3rd Read & Final Passage	Teacher and Principal Evaluation & Strengthening The Process 3Rd Read & Final Passage	Encouraging Carbon Reduction Investments 3rd Read & Final Passage	Creating the Workers' Recovery Act for Structured Settlements 3rd Read & Final Passage	Preserving the Vested Rights Doctrine 3rd Read & Final Passage	Class Size Reduction & School Staffing Formula Changes 3rd Read & Final Passage	Operating Budget 2015-2017 3rd Read & Final Passage	Creating an Appeals Court Tax Division 3rd Read & Final Passage
BILL NUMBER			SHB 1813	ESSB 5748	ESSB 5735	ESB 5513	ESB 5921	EHB 2266	ESSB 5077	2SSB 5449
VOTE COUNT			43-0-6-0	26-23-0-0	26-23-0-0	28-21-0-0	29-20-0-0	33-11-5-0	26-23-0-0	33-16-0-0
AWB'S POSITION			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
DISTRICT	SENATOR	RECORD	EDUCATION		ENVIRO.	WORK. COMP	LAND USE	TAX & FISCAL POLICY		
26	Sen. Jan Angel-R	87%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	Sen. Barbara Bailey-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	Sen. Michael Baumgartner-R	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Sen. Randi Becker-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
17	Sen. Don Benton-R	87%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	Sen. Andy Billig-D	29%	E	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
20	Sen. John Braun-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	Sen. Sharon Brown-R	93%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
32	Sen. Maralyn Chase-D	31%	E	N	Y	N	Y	E	N	N
49	Sen. Annette Cleveland-D	27%	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
29	Sen. Steve Conway-D	27%	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
25	Sen. Bruce Dammeier-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	Sen. Brian Dansel-R	80%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Sen. Jeannie Darneille-D	27%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
42	Sen. Doug Ericksen-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y
47	Sen. Joe Fain-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	Sen. Karen Fraser-D	13%	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
46	Sen. David Frock-D	20%	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
48	Sen. Cyrus Habib-D	33%	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y
24	Sen. Jim Hargrove-D	47%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
11	Sen. Bob Hasegawa-D	13%	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
19	Sen. Brian Hatfield-D	60%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
16	Sen. Mike Hewitt-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
45	Sen. Andy Hill-R	80%	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
44	Sen. Steve Hobbs-D	67%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
15	Sen. Jim Honeyford-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
37	Sen. Pramila Jayapal-D	8%	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
33	Sen. Karen Keiser-D	33%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
14	Sen. Curtis King-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
36	Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles-D	20%	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
21	Sen. Marko Litas-D	40%	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
41	Sen. Steve Litzow-R	87%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe-D	7%	E	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
38	Sen. John McCoy-R	27%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
30	Sen. Mark Miloscia-R	80%	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Sen. Mark Mullet-D	53%	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
34	Sen. Sharon Nelson-D	20%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
28	Sen. Steve O'Ban-R	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	Y
4	Sen. Mike Padden-R	79%	E	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	Sen. Linda Evans Parlette-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
39	Sen. Kirk Pearson-R	80%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
43	Sen. Jamie Pedersen-D	29%	Y	Y	N	N	N	E	N	N
40	Sen. Kevin Ranker-D	0%	E	N	N	N	N	E	N	N
18	Sen. Ann Rivers-R	100%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
31	Sen. Pam Roach-R	73%	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
23	Sen. Christine Rolfes-D	17%	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
9	Sen. Mark Schoesler-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
35	Sen. Tim Sheldon-D	93%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
13	Sen. Judy Warnick-R	93%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Votes for AWB's position
 Votes against AWB's position

A: Absent E: Excused

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ALL POLICY

			Tax Preferences & Streamline Tax Administration 3rd Read & Final Passage	Increasing State Revenue Through Compliance & Eliminating Tax Preferences 3rd Read & Final Passage	Nelson Striking Amendment No. 27 regarding LCFS	Transportation Revenue 1st Senate Vote 3rd Read & Final Passage	Transportation Revenue 2nd Senate Vote 3rd Read & Final Passage	Transportation Sales Tax Reform 3rd Read & Final Passage	Permits for State Transportation Projects 3rd Read & Final Passage
BILL NUMBER	ESSB 6057	ESSB 6138	2ESSB 5987	2ESSB 5987	2ESSB 5987	ESSB 5990	2ESSB 5994		
VOTE COUNT	38-10-1-0	35-10-4-0	23-26-0-0	27-22-0-0	39-9-1-0	26-23-0-0	30-19-0-0		
AWB'S POSITION	S	O	O	S	S	S	S		
DISTRICT	SENATOR	RECORD	TAX & FISCAL POLICY			TRANSPORTATION			
26	Sen. Jan Angel-R	87%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	Sen. Barbara Bailey-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	Sen. Michael Baumgartner-R	100%	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Sen. Randi Becker-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
17	Sen. Don Benton-R	87%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
3	Sen. Andy Billig-D	29%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
20	Sen. John Braun-R	93%	Y	E	N	Y	N	Y	Y
8	Sen. Sharon Brown-R	93%	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
32	Sen. Maralyn Chase-D	31%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
49	Sen. Annette Cleveland-D	27%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
29	Sen. Steve Conway-D	27%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
25	Sen. Bruce Dammeier-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
7	Sen. Brian Dansel-R	80%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
27	Sen. Jeannie Darneille-D	27%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
42	Sen. Doug Ericksen-R	85%	Y	E	N	N	N	Y	Y
47	Sen. Joe Fain-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	Sen. Karen Fraser-D	13%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
46	Sen. David Frockt-D	20%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
48	Sen. Cyrus Habib-D	33%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
24	Sen. Jim Hargrove-D	47%	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
11	Sen. Bob Hasegawa-D	13%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
19	Sen. Brian Hatfield-D	60%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
16	Sen. Mike Hewitt-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
45	Sen. Andy Hill-R	80%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
44	Sen. Steve Hobbs-D	67%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
15	Sen. Jim Honeyford-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
37	Sen. Pramila Jayapal-D	8%	N	E	Y	N	Y	N	N
33	Sen. Karen Keiser-D	33%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
14	Sen. Curtis King-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
36	Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles-D	20%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
21	Sen. Marko Liias-D	40%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
41	Sen. Steve Litzow-R	87%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe-D	7%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
38	Sen. John McCoy-D	27%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
30	Sen. Mark Miloscia-R	80%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Sen. Mark Mullet-D	53%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
34	Sen. Sharon Nelson-D	20%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
28	Sen. Steve O'Ban-R	100%	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Sen. Mike Padden-R	79%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
12	Sen. Linda Evans Parlette-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
39	Sen. Kirk Pearson-R	80%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
43	Sen. Jamie Pedersen-D	29%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
40	Sen. Kevin Ranker-D	0%	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
18	Sen. Ann Rivers-R	100%	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
31	Sen. Pam Roach-R	73%	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
23	Sen. Christine Rolfes-D	17%	E	E	Y	N	E	N	N
9	Sen. Mark Schoesler-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
35	Sen. Tim Sheldon-D	93%	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
13	Sen. Judy Warnick-R	93%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

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			Expanding Computer Science Education Final Passage	Shea Amendment No. 170 Banning Use of Certain Flame Retardants	Manweller Amendment No. 83 Sick & Safe Employment Leave	Sick & Safe Employment Leave Final Passage	Manweller Amendment No. 84 Minimum Hourly Wage Increase	Vick Amendment No. 89 Minimum Hourly Wage Increase	Minimum Hourly Wage Increase Final Passage
BILL NUMBER			SHB 1813	E2SHB 1174	HB 1356	HB 1356	HB 1355	HB 1355	HB 1355
VOTE COUNT			88-4-6-0	47-51-0-0	47-50-1-0	51-46-1-0	47-50-1-0	47-50-1-0	51-46-1-0
AWB'S POSITION			S	S	S	O	S	S	O
DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	RECORD	EDUCATION	ENVIRONMENT	MANDATE SICK & SAFE LEAVE	MINIMUM WAGE			
23	Rep. Sherry Appleton-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
11	Rep. Steve Bergquist-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
19	Rep. Brian Blake-D	38%	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
42	Rep. Vincent Buys-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
26	Rep. Michelle Caldier-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
36	Rep. Reuven Carlyle-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
15	Rep. Bruce Chandler-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
43	Rep. Frank Chopp-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
41	Rep. Judy Clibborn-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
34	Rep. Eileen Cody-D	33%	E	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
12	Rep. Cary Condotta-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
20	Rep. Richard DeBolt-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
13	Rep. Tom Dent-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
44	Rep. Hans Dunshee-D	15%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
9	Rep. Mary Dye-R	83%	Y						
46	Rep. Jessyn Farrell-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
27	Rep. Jake Fey-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
34	Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
45	Rep. Roger Goodman-D	15%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
33	Rep. Mia Gregerson-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
30	Rep. Carol Gregory-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
35	Rep. Dan Griffey-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
8	Rep. Larry Haler-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
23	Rep. Drew Hansen-D	17%	E	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
47	Rep. Mark Hargrove-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
44	Rep. Mark Harmsworth-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
17	Rep. Paul Harris-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
12	Rep. Brad Hawkins-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
10	Rep. Dave Hayes-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
6	Rep. Jeff Holy-R	92%	E	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
11	Rep. Zack Hudgins-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
2	Rep. Graham Hunt-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
22	Rep. Sam Hunt-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
48	Rep. Ross Hunter-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
31	Rep. Christopher Hurst-D	69%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Rep. Laurie Jinkins-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
14	Rep. Norm Johnson-R	85%	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N
32	Rep. Ruth Kagi-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
28	Rep. Christine Kilduff-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
29	Rep. Steve Kirby-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
8	Rep. Brad Klippert-R	85%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
30	Rep. Linda Kochmar-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
7	Rep. Joel Kretz-R	92%	E	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
39	Rep. Dan Kristiansen-R	88%	Y	Y	E	E	E	E	E
40	Rep. Kristine Lytton-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
35	Rep. Drew MacEwen-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
5	Rep. Chad Magendanz-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
13	Rep. Matt Manweller-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
48	Rep. Joan McBride-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y

Votes for AWB's position

Votes against AWB's position

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			Operating Budget 2015-2017 Final Passage	Class Size Reduction & School Staffing Formula Changes Final Passage	Tax Preferences & Streamline Tax Administration Final Passage	Increasing State Revenue Through Compliance & Eliminating Tax Preferences Final Passage	Transportation Revenue Final Passage as Amended by the House	Permits for State Transportation Projects Final Passage
BILL NUMBER			ESHB 1106	EHB 2266	ESSB 6057	ESSB 6138	2ESSB 5987	2ESSB 5994
VOTE COUNT			51-47-0-0	72-26-0-0	77-21-0-0	60-38-0-0	54-44-0-0	91-7-0-0
AWB'S POSITION			O	S	S	O	S	S
DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	RECORD	TAX & FISCAL POLICY				TRANSPORTATION	
23	Rep. Sherry Appleton-D	31%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
11	Rep. Steve Bergquist-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
19	Rep. Brian Blake-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
42	Rep. Vincent Buys-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
26	Rep. Michelle Caldier-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
36	Rep. Reuven Carlyle-D	31%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
15	Rep. Bruce Chandler-R	85%	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
43	Rep. Frank Chopp-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
41	Rep. Judy Clibborn-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
34	Rep. Eileen Cody-D	33%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	Rep. Cary Condotta-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
20	Rep. Richard DeBolt-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
13	Rep. Tom Dent-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
44	Rep. Hans Dunshee-D	15%	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
9	Rep. Mary Dye-R	83%		Y	Y	N	N	Y
46	Rep. Jessyn Farrell-D	31%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Rep. Jake Fey-D	31%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
34	Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon-D	23%	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
45	Rep. Roger Goodman-D	15%	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N
33	Rep. Mia Gregerson-D	31%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
30	Rep. Carol Gregory-D	23%	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
35	Rep. Dan Griffey-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
8	Rep. Larry Haler-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
23	Rep. Drew Hansen-D	17%	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
47	Rep. Mark Hargrove-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
44	Rep. Mark Harmsworth-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
17	Rep. Paul Harris-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
12	Rep. Brad Hawkins-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
10	Rep. Dave Hayes-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
6	Rep. Jeff Holy-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
11	Rep. Zack Hudgins-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Rep. Graham Hunt-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
22	Rep. Sam Hunt-D	31%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
48	Rep. Ross Hunter-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
31	Rep. Christopher Hurst-D	69%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Rep. Laurie Jinkins-D	23%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
14	Rep. Norm Johnson-R	85%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
32	Rep. Ruth Kagi-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
28	Rep. Christine Kilduff-D	31%	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
29	Rep. Steve Kirby-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	Rep. Brad Klippert-R	85%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
30	Rep. Linda Kochmar-R	92%	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
7	Rep. Joel Kretz-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
39	Rep. Dan Kristiansen-R	88%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
40	Rep. Kristine Lytton-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
35	Rep. Drew MacEwen-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
5	Rep. Chad Magendanz-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
13	Rep. Matt Manweller-R	85%	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
48	Rep. Joan McBride-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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			Expanding Computer Science Education Final Passage	Shea Amendment No. 170 Banning Use of Certain Flame Retardants	Manweller Amendment No. 83 Sick & Safe Employment Leave	Sick & Safe Employment Leave Final Passage	Manweller Amendment No. 84 Minimum Hourly Wage Increase	Vick Amendment No. 89 Minimum Hourly Wage Increase	Minimum Hourly Wage Increase Final Passage
BILL NUMBER			SHB 1813	E2SHB 1174	HB 1356	HB 1356	HB 1355	HB 1355	HB 1355
VOTE COUNT			88-4-6-0	47-51-0-0	47-50-1-0	51-46-1-0	47-50-1-0	47-50-1-0	51-46-1-0
AWB'S POSITION			S	S	S	O	S	S	O
DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	RECORD	EDUCATION	ENVIRONMENT	MANDATE SICK & SAFE LEAVE	MINIMUM WAGE			
14	Rep. Gina McCabe-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
4	Rep. Bob McCaslin-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
49	Rep. Jim Moeller-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
40	Rep. Jeff Morris-D	33%	E	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
1	Rep. Luis Moscoso-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
28	Rep. Dick Muri-R	100%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
16	Rep. Terry Nealey-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
20	Rep. Ed Orcutt-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
3	Rep. Timm Ormsby-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
21	Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
33	Rep. Tina Orwall-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
6	Rep. Kevin Parker-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
21	Rep. Strom Peterson-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
37	Rep. Eric Pettigrew-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
18	Rep. Liz Pike-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
46	Rep. Gerry Pollet-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
22	Rep. Chris Reykdal-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
3	Rep. Marcus Riccelli-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
38	Rep. June Robinson-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
5	Rep. Jay Rodne-R	100%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
32	Rep. Cindy Ryu-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
37	Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos-D	17%	E	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
29	Rep. David Sawyer-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
9	Rep. Joe Schmick-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
39	Rep. Elizabeth Scott-R	85%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
38	Rep. Mike Sells-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
41	Rep. Tana Senn-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
4	Rep. Matt Shea-R	85%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
7	Rep. Shelly Short-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
10	Rep. Norma Smith-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
45	Rep. Larry Springer-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
25	Rep. Melanie Stambaugh-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
1	Rep. Derek Stanford-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
31	Rep. Drew Stokesbary-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
47	Rep. Pat Sullivan-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
19	Rep. Dean Takko-D	46%	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
36	Rep. Gael Tarleton-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
15	Rep. David Taylor -R	69%	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N
24	Rep. Steve Tharinger-D	38%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
24	Rep. Kevin Van De Wege-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
42	Rep. Luanne Van Werven-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
18	Rep. Brandon Vick-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
43	Rep. Brady Walkinshaw-D	23%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
16	Rep. Maureen Walsh-R	85%	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N
2	Rep. J.T. Wilcox-R	92%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
17	Rep. Lynda Wilson-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
49	Rep. Sharon Wylie-D	31%	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
26	Rep. Jesse Young-R	85%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
25	Rep. Hans Zeiger-R	100%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N


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 Votes against AWB's position

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			Operating Budget 2015-2017 Final Passage	Class Size Reduction & School Staffing Formula Changes Final Passage	Tax Preferences & Streamline Tax Administration Final Passage	Increasing State Revenue Through Compliance & Eliminating Tax Preferences Final Passage	Transportation Revenue Final Passage as Amended by the House	Permits for State Transportation Projects Final Passage
BILL NUMBER			ESHB 1106	EHB 2266	ESSB 6057	ESSB 6138	2ESSB 5987	2ESSB 5994
VOTE COUNT			51-47-0-0	72-26-0-0	77-21-0-0	60-38-0-0	54-44-0-0	91-7-0-0
AWB'S POSITION			O	S	S	O	S	S
DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	RECORD	TAX & FISCAL POLICY				TRANSPORTATION	
14	Rep. Gina McCabe-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
4	Rep. Bob McCaslin-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
49	Rep. Jim Moeller-D	31%	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
40	Rep. Jeff Morris-D	33%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	Rep. Luis Moscoso-D	38%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
28	Rep. Dick Muri-R	100%	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
16	Rep. Terry Nealey-R	92%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
20	Rep. Ed Orcutt-R	92%	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
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19	Rep. Dean Takko-D	46%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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15	Rep. David Taylor -R	69%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
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26	Rep. Jesse Young-R	85%	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
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