

# WFFA Legislative Report – Jan. 18, 2020

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Welcome to the first legislative report of the 2020 session. In the high priority section below, note HB 2714 and SB 6498. These bills are at the request of WFFA, adding the value of the carbon stored in the buffer to the value of the FREP easement. HB 2368 is an effort to secure full funding for FREP. HB 2528 and SB 6355 highlight the contribution of the timber industry to carbon sequestration.

You will note several themes in the bills listed below. There are quite a few bills dealing with climate change and the Growth Management Act (GMA). Most of them add goals under the GMA. This has the potential to further limit property development, building permits, road building, etc. It is unclear if or how some of them may interact with forest practices.

You will notice bills dealing with special purpose district elections. Currently, for drainage districts, irrigation districts, etc. only landowners who pay into the district are allowed to vote. Many of these bills would allow any registered voter in the district to vote. These bills are of great concern to irrigation districts but could also affect drainage districts, conservation districts and other special purpose districts.

I've listed position and priority where I feel confident about it, but in some cases, it's not yet clear. I welcome your input. If you have thoughts about position or priority, please let me know.

## Upcoming Events

### **Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/21 @ 8:00am**

- SB 6453 - Public Hearing - Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act. (Concerns/High)

### **Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1, - 1/21 @ 10:00am**

- SB 6272 - Public Hearing - Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science. (Concerns/Medium)

### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/21 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 2311 - Exec Session - Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science. (Concerns/Medium)

### **Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/22 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2552 - Public Hearing - Creating a joint legislative salmon committee. (Concerns/Low)

### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/23 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2427 - Public Hearing - Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act. (Concerns/High)

### **Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/23 @ 8:00am**

- SB 6454 - Public Hearing - Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas. (Concerns/Medium)

### **State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/24 @ 8:00am**

- HB 2415 - Public Hearing - Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW. (Oppose/Medium)
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## High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#">HB 2368</a> <b>Riparian easement funding</b> Requiring the legislature to fund all easements recommended by the department of natural resources for the forest riparian easement program.	H Cap Budget	Hoff	Support
<a href="#">HB 2427</a> <b>Climate change/GMA</b> (SB 6453) Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	H Env & Energy	Duerr	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 2528</a> <b>Forest products/climate</b> (SB 6355) Recognizing the contributions of the state's forest products sector as part of the state's global climate response.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Ramos	Support
<a href="#">HB 2714</a> <b>Riparian easement carbon val</b> Valuing the carbon in forest riparian easements.		Hoff	Support
<a href="#">SB 6355</a> <b>Forest products/climate</b> (HB 2528) Recognizing the contributions of the state's forest products sector as part of the state's global climate response.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Van De Wege	Support
<a href="#">SB 6453</a> <b>Climate change/GMA</b> (HB 2427) Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.	S Local Governme	Salda?a	Concerns
<a href="#">SB 6498</a> <b>Riparian easement carbon val</b> Valuing the carbon in forest riparian easements.		Braun	Support

## Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#">HB 2311</a> <b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b> (SB 6272) Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.	H Env & Energy	Slatter	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 2415</a> <b>Special district elections</b> Conforming elections for certain special districts with Title 29A RCW.	H State Govt & Tr	Hudgins	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 2550</a> <b>Net ecological gain</b> Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	Concerns
<a href="#">SB 6195</a> <b>Forest health activity bonds</b> Funding forest health activities for the protection of people, homes, and the environment through issuance of state bonds.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Support
<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b>	S Environment, E	Das	Concerns

[SB 6272](#) Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of  
**(HB 2311)** climate change science.

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[SB 6454](#) **Salmon habitat planning** S Local Governmen Salda?a Concerns  
Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.

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[SB 6488](#) **Aerial herbicides/forestland** S Ag/Water/Natur Rolfes Concerns  
Concerning aerial herbicides in forestlands.

## Low Priority Bills

<b><u>Bill Details</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
<a href="#">SHB 1946</a> <b>Community forests</b> Concerning community forests.	H Cap Budget	Chapman	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 2228</a> <b>State fire service deploy.</b> Permitting early deployment of state fire service resources.	H HOUSDP	Springer	Support
<a href="#">HB 2330</a> <b>Agency actions &amp; enforcement</b> Concerning agency fairness and accountability in regulatory actions and compliance enforcement.	H State Govt & T	Kraft	Support
<a href="#">HB 2413</a> <b>Wildfire activity funding</b> Concerning funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness activities.	H Approps	Fitzgibbon	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 2503</a> <b>Fish passage barrier removal</b> Addressing the removal of fish passage barriers.	H Trans	Barkis	
<a href="#">HB 2552</a> <b>Salmon committee</b> Creating a joint legislative salmon committee.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	Concerns
<a href="#">HB 2697</a> <b>Noxious weeds</b> <b>(SB 6401)</b> Concerning noxious weeds.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Dent	Neutral
<a href="#">ESSB 5323</a> <b>Plastic bags</b> Reducing pollution from plastic bags by establishing minimum state standards for the use of bags at retail establishments.	H Env & Energy	Das	Concerns
<a href="#">SB 5412</a> <b>Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels</b> Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. Low carbon fuel standard.	S Environment, E	Salda?a	Concerns
<a href="#">SB 6401</a> <b>Noxious weeds</b> <b>(HB 2697)</b> Concerning noxious weeds.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Warnick	Neutral