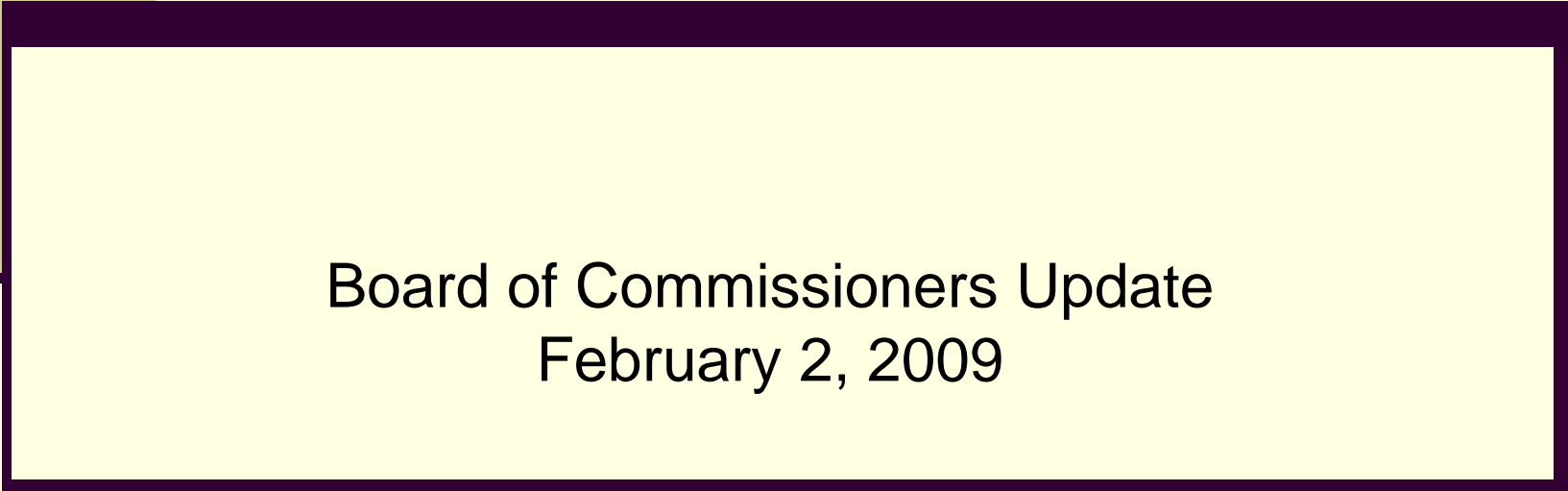




Olympia 2009 Legislative Session



Board of Commissioners Update
February 2, 2009

Discussion Today

- Status of legislative activity
- Recreational Use Statute amendments
- Climate Change bills
- Questions

External Affairs Legislative Activity

- Beginning fourth week of legislative session
- Over 1780 bills and resolutions introduced already
- Monitoring over 250 bills

Recreational Use Statute Update

- District whitewater boating liability legislation
 - Introduced on Jan. 21
 - Senator Parlette, Carol Wardell and Michelle Smith testified in favor of the bill
 - Considered in executive session Jan. 29
 - Amendment proposed by Senator Hargrove; bill tabled by the committee
 - Scheduled for executive session today at 1:30 pm
 - Trial lawyers still raising concerns
 - Carol Wardell working with Senator Parlette and Committee staff to provide alternate amendment language to address Senator Hargrove's concerns.

Bills of interest – Energy and Climate

■ Amendments to Initiative I-937 (RCW 19.285)

- HR 1133 (Rep. McCoy) Hearing Jan. 19
- HB 1294 (Rep. Blake)
- HB 1163 (Rep. Blake) Executive session Jan. 30
- SB 5137 (Honeyford) Hearing Feb. 4
- SB 5280 (Holmquist) Hearing Feb. 4
- SB 5345 (Holmquist) Hearing Feb. 4
- SB 5505 (Hatfield) Hearing Feb. 4
- HB 1833 (Herrera)
- Pending introduction (Senator Marr)

■ Climate change

- HB 1819 and SB 5735 (Governor's cap-and-trade bill) Hearing Feb. 3
- HB 1718 (Contains Climate Action Team recommendations) Hearing Jan. 30
- SB 5649 (Building efficiency/CAT recommendations) Hearing Jan. 30
- HB 1854 (Modifies existing GHG emissions performance standards law)
- HB 1490 and SB 5687 (Growth Management Act/climate bills) Hearing Feb. 2
- HB 1481 and SB 5418 (Electric Vehicles) Hearing Jan. 29/30

Questions?
