

# Olympia

## 2009 Legislative Session

Board of Commissioners Update  
February 23, 2009

# Discussion Today

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- Status of legislative activity
- Dave Arbaugh update
- Bills of Interest
- Questions

# External Affairs Legislative Activity

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- Beginning seventh week of legislative session
- Over 2520 bills and resolutions introduced
- Monitoring over 365 bills
- Reaching our first “committee” cut-off dates

# Dave Arbaugh Update

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- \$8.3 billion budget deficit
- Tenor/tone in the Capitol
- Deadlines and cutoff dates
- Bills of interest (*next page*)

# Bills of Interest

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- Amendments to Initiative I-937 (RCW 19.285)
  - SB 5840 (Marr)
    - Substitute bill brought up for a vote on February 20
  - HB 1133 (McCoy)
    - Bill died in committee on February 19
- Climate Bills
  - House
    - Substitute HB 1819 passed committee on February 17
    - Has a fiscal impact so is pending before the General Government Appropriations Committee
    - WPUDA has decided to “monitor only” (not oppose) the House bill
  - Senate
    - Committee Chair Senator Rockefeller has released a draft proposed substitute bill which is currently being reviewed by stakeholders
    - Bill takes a more traditional regulatory approach to addressing GHG emissions
    - WPUDA continues to oppose the Senate bill
- Whitewater Boating Liability
  - Meeting with Senator Hargrove and Senator Parlette today at 1 pm

# Questions?

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