

Olympia

2009 Legislative Session

Board of Commissioners Update
February 9, 2009

Discussion Today

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

External Affairs Legislative Activity

- Beginning fifth week of legislative session
- Over 2100 bills and resolutions introduced already
- Monitoring over 300 bills

Recreational Use Statute Update

- District whitewater boating liability legislation
 - Introduced on Jan. 21
 - Hearing on Jan. 22
 - Executive session Jan. 29
 - Amendment proposed by Senator Hargrove; bill tabled
 - Executive session on Feb. 4. Two amendments added:
 - Senator Hatfield (supported by the District)
 - Senator Hargrove (opposed by the District)
 - Passed out of Committee
 - Planning to work with Senators and Committee staff to explain alternate language and build support for amending the bill either on the Senate floor or in the House

Bills of Interest – Energy and Climate

- Amendments to Initiative I-937 (RCW 19.285)
 - Hearing on five bills on Feb. 4
 - SB 5137 (Honeyford)
 - SB 5280 (Holmquist)
 - SB 5345 (Holmquist)
 - SB 5505 (Hatfield)
 - **SB 5840 (Marr)**
 - Hearing scheduled Feb. 12 on McCoy bill in the House; possible vote on Feb. 16
- Climate change
 - HB 1819 (Governor's cap-and-trade bill)
 - HB 1718 (Contains recommendations of the Climate Action Team)
 - SB 5649 (Building efficiency/CAT recommendations)
 - HB 1854 (Modifies existing GHG emissions performance standards law)
 - HB 1490 and SB 5687 (Growth Management Act/climate bills)
 - SB 5138 (Climate change response strategy)
 - SB 5560 (State agency climate change leadership)
 - HB 1747 and SB 5854 (Climate change and building efficiency)
 - SB 5921 (Clean energy collaborative/jobs)

Other Topics of Interest

- Renewable energy incentives
- Energy efficiency
- Public disclosure
- Contracting/public works
- Fleet (biodiesel and electric vehicles)
- Permitting (facility & environmental)
- PERS issues, workers compensation, insurance, family leave
- Water
- Broadband studies/state strategies

Staff Activities

- Cap and Trade discussion

Questions?
