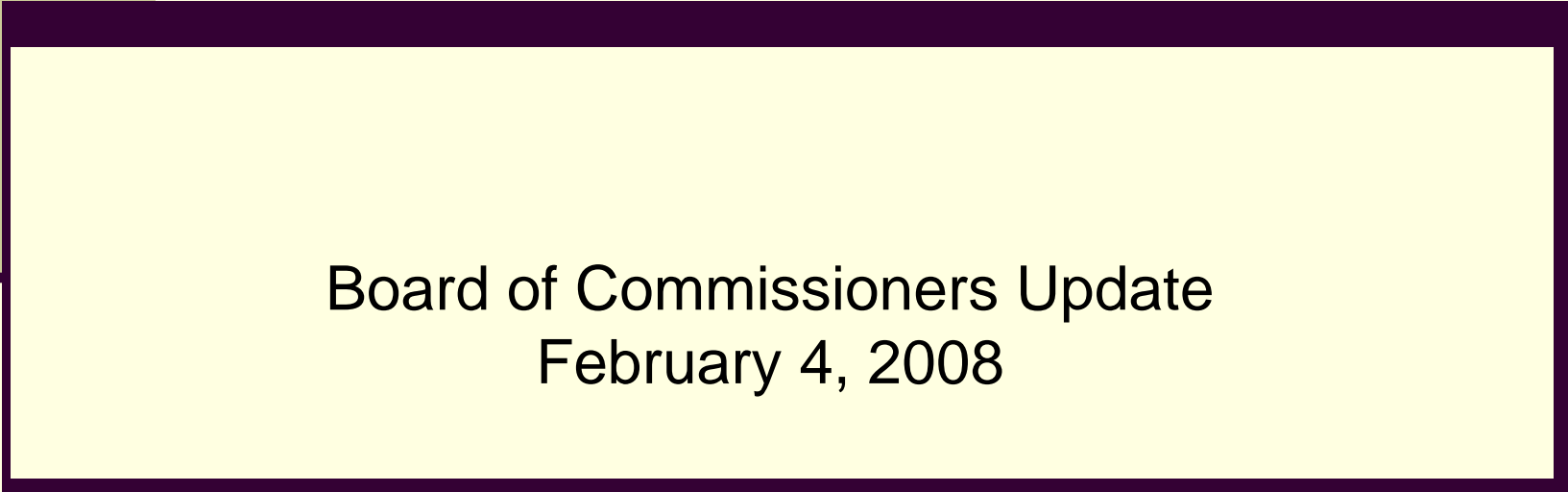




Olympia 2008 Legislative Session



Board of Commissioners Update
February 4, 2008

Updates on bills of interest

- Increasing PUD bid limits (HB 3135/ SB 6719)
- Pole attachments (HB 2533/ SB 6585)
- Renewable procurement (HB 2639/SB 6658)
- Commissioner compensation (HB 2606/ SB 6717)
- Governor's bill on design of GHG market-based reduction program/green collar jobs (HB 2815/ SB 6516)
- Electronic Devices (HB 1031)
- Family Leave (HB 2665/ SB 6280)
- Wrongful Death (HB 1873)
- High-speed internet access, deployment and adoption initiative (HB 2559/ SB 6438)
- Water system acquisition & rehabilitation program (SB 6340/ HB 3185)
- Allocating water from the Columbia and Lower Snake rivers for biofuels irrigation and organic crop irrigation (HB 3081/ SB 6758)

Legislative Schedule – Cutoff dates

- Slate of bills to track should narrow down after February 8:
 - A bill must be heard in committee by this date (Feb. 12 for a fiscal bill) in order to move further through the process this year unless the legislature deems it necessary to implement the budget.
- Slate of bills should further narrow by February 19:
 - If a bill hasn't passed its house of origin (i.e. Senate or House) by then, it is too late for it to move further through the process this year unless the legislature deems it necessary to implement the budget.