

# Olympia

## 2009 Legislative Session

Board of Commissioners Update  
January 19, 2008

# Discussion Today

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- Activity so far – “it’s a marathon not a sprint”
- Bills of Interest so far
- Upcoming Hearings
- Legislative Schedule
- Upcoming Staff Activities
- Questions

# External Affairs Legislative Activity

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- Over 650 bills introduced already
- Monitoring about 100 bills
- Coordinating with Washington PUD Association
- Coordinating with our legislative delegation

# Bills of interest – District Specific

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- Recreation Use Statute Amendment for whitewater boating liability protection
  - Awaiting introduction
- Statewide CBRNE response program (HB 1039/SB 5010)
- Public works contracting bills
- Public Records and Open Public Meetings

# Bills of interest – Energy and Climate

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- Amendments to Initiative I-937 (RCW 19.285)
  - HR 1133 (Rep. McCoy)
  - HB 1294 (Rep. Blake)
  - HB 1163 (Rep. Blake)
  - SB 5137 (Honeyford)
  - SB 5280 (Holmquist, Hatfield and Honeyford)
  
- Climate change (not introduced yet)
  
- Energy (various sustainable energy bills)
  - Grant PUD solar water heating bill (HB 1134/SB 5198)
  - Feed-in tariff legislation (HB 1086, Rep. McCoy)

# Bills of interest – Natural Resources

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## ■ Natural Resources

- Permitting
- Fish and Wildlife Commission issues
- Water use and partial relinquishment

# Legislative Schedule – Cutoff dates

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- **January 12, 2009 - Session Began**
- **March 12, 2009, cutoff for consideration and hearing bills in their chamber of origin**
- **March 30, 2009, last day to consider bills from the opposite chamber**
  - **Except for bills from Senate Ways and Means, Senate Transportation, and House of Representatives fiscal committees**
- **April 17, 2009, (day 96), final cutoff for both senate and house to consider any bills**
- **April 26, 2009 – Last Day of Session (scheduled)**

# Upcoming Staff Activities

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- **Continue Discussions on Recreational Use Statute Amendment**
- **Continue work with Grant and Douglas on the role of hydro**
- **Engage State and Federal representatives on Energy and Climate issues**
- **Continue work with WPU DA and PGP**
- **Coordinate with BPA on climate and energy issues**

# Questions?

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