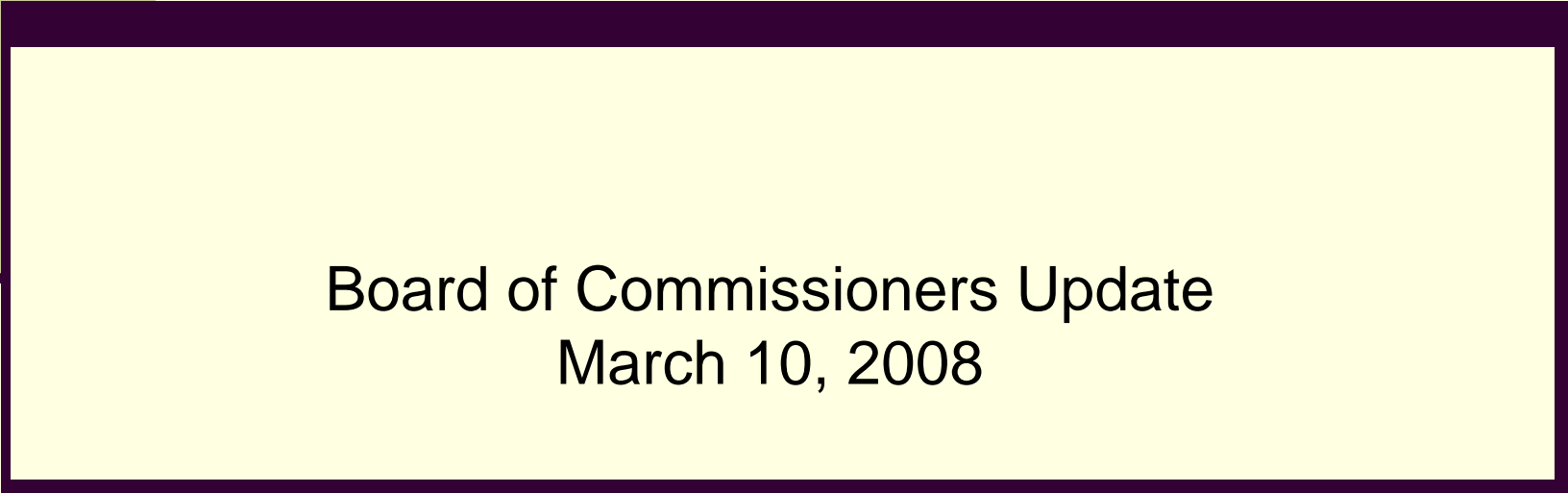




Olympia

2008 Legislative Session



Board of Commissioners Update
March 10, 2008

Updates on bills of interest

- Hydro budget proviso
 - In Senate version. Agreement still being sought among utilities.
- Governor's bill on design of GHG market-based reduction program/green collar jobs (E2SHB 2815)
 - Passed the legislature
- Increasing PUD bid limits (ESSB 6560)
 - Senate concurred with House language on "per calendar month"!
- Pole attachments (E2SHB 2533)
 - Compromise language passed the legislature
- Renewable procurement (HSB 2639)
 - Passed the legislature
- WSARP (SSB 6340)
 - Passed the legislature in a "nail-biter"

Updates on bills of interest (cont.)

- Commissioner compensation (SB 6717)
 - Passed the legislature
- Payment of industrial insurance benefits on appeal (E2SHB 3139)
 - Senate amendment turned this into a study bill. House needs to concur
- Electronic Devices (HB 1031)
 - Streamlined Senate version passed the legislature
- Coordinating the development of a statewide high-speed internet deployment and adoption initiative (E2SSB 6438)
 - House and Senate versions in dispute
- Filing certified payroll records on public works projects (ESHB 2864)
 - Did not pass by cutoff - died
- Open Public Meetings (HB 2567)
 - Died in the Senate

Legislative Schedule – Cutoff dates

- March 13 last day of session
 - House and Senate bills in “concurrence” process must be resolved
 - Budget must be agreed to
- Governor has 20 days from the end of session to make a decision to sign a bill