

2020 Legislative Session Update

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Overview

- Session ended March 12
- 1244 new bills this session
- All bills from the first half of session were in play as well



HB 2825

- Prime Sponsor: Rep. Goehner
- Leveraging substantial progress made last session By Sen. Hawkins on SB 6012
- Passed the House 93-4 on March 10
- Final status - No hearing in Ways and Means



SB 6012

- Prime Sponsor: Sen. Hawkins
- Passed the Senate 39-9 on Feb. 17
- Amended in House Finance based on utility input to expand eligible hydro projects
- Final status – Did not get out of Rules



Energy Bills

- SB 6135 - CETA reliability study (support)
- HB 2311 – GHG emissions goals (neutral)
- HB 2405 – Alternative funding mechanism for commercial building improvements (support)
- HB 2248 - Community Solar (neutral)
- HB 2819 – Pumped Storage (neutral)
- HB 2645 – PV stewardship program (neutral)

Human Resources

- SB 6267 Long Term Care opt-out program (neutral)
- HB 2614 – PFML revisions (concerns)
- HB 1390 – PERS 1 increase (neutral)
- HB 2458 – Optional benefits for school districts - relates to VEBA programs (support)
- SB 5473 – Unemployment insurance study (neutral)



Safety

- SB 6440 - Industrial insurance medical exams (neutral)
- HB 2409 - Industrial insurance employer penalties, duties, and Third Party Administrators (neutral)

Other Bills

- HB 1261 – Suction Dredging (support)
- HB 2588 – Special purpose districts (neutral)
- HB 1888 – Protecting employee information from public disclosure. (support)
- SB 6065 – Blockchain workgroup (support)
- SB 6518 – Pesticides in water (neutral)

Budget related

- Broadband Office Funding increased
 - WPU DA worked hard to secure the funding
- Green Transportation grants secured
 - Link to be awarded \$1.4M for electric bus infrastructure

Bills that did not pass

- HB 2413 – Wildfire funding
- HB 2594 – Electric and gas disclosure
- HB 2629 - Utility connection charges
- HB 2667 – Residential energy code deferral
- HB 2922 – Pole attachments
- SB 5981 – Cap and trade
- SB 6046 – Special district commissioner pay
- HB 2586 - Electrification

Questions?

