

Washington Cattlemen's Association – 2022 Week 2 Legislative Report

Upcoming Schedule

Description	Date, Time & Location
<u>HB 1870</u> Concerning Certain Wheeled All-terrain Vehicles.	Mon 1/24/22 3:30 PM House Committee on Transportation Note: Sponsored by Rep. Klicker. Allows certain ATVs on rural county roads with a speed limit of 50 mph or less.
<u>SB 5721</u> Consolidating Natural Resource Management Under The Commissioner of Public Lands.	Tue 1/25/22 1:30 PM Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Park Note: Sponsored by Sen. Van De Wege. Allows for the Public Lands Commissioner to appoint the directors of WDFW, State Parks and Recreation. Allows for the Appointment of WDFW Commission.

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<p><u>HB 2027</u></p> <p>Concerning The Governance Structure Of The Department Of Fish And Wildlife.</p>	<p>Wed 1/26/22 10:00 AM</p> <p>House Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources</p> <p>Note: Sponsored by Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon. Creates a task force to review options to restructure or eliminate the fish and wildlife commission and provide recommendations for a new governance structure for the department of fish and wildlife, and the fish and wildlife commission. Includes agriculture on the task force.</p>
<p><u>SB 5882</u></p> <p>Clarifying The Existence Of Riparian Stock Watering Rights.</p>	<p>Thu 1/27/22 1:30 PM</p> <p>Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Park</p> <p>Note: Sponsored by Sen. Ron Muzzall. Restates that stockwater rights are current law. Provides “clarity” for the department of Ecology that livestock can drink from creeks. - Support</p>
<p><u>HB 2026</u></p> <p>Implementing A Per Mile Charge On Vehicles.</p>	<p>Thu 1/27/22 3:30 PM</p> <p>House Committee on Transportation</p> <p>Note: Sponsored by Rep. Wicks. Establishes a 2.5 cent per mile Road Usage Charge. - Oppose</p>

Description	Date, Time & Location
<u>HB 1891</u> Concerning A Rangeland Fire Protection Association Pilot Project.	Fri 1/28/22 8:00 AM House Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Note: Sponsored by Rep. Dent. We have supported this effort in the past and will testify PRO this year. Support

Hello WCA Friends and Family:

Is it possible that weeks feel like months? It sure seemed like it this week at the legislature in Olympia! Buffers, Cougars, Water Rights and more. Updates on some key bills below:

SB 5613 – Van De Wege, Rolfes - Concerning the use of dogs to hunt black bear, cougar, or bobcat.

Thank you WCA members that signed in opposing this bad bill. Kudos to Jeff Dawson who testified for WCA and did an awesome job explaining the absolute necessity for counties to have this authority. Also appreciated the support from Sheriff Brad Manke from Stevens County and Sheriff Bob Songer in Klickitat County who both gave excellent testimony in opposition to the bill. It was also opposed by Hunters Heritage.

However, the bill was brought up for a vote and our friends on the committee were outnumbered in their opposition to an amendment from Senator Van De Wege that allows counties to continue using hounds to hunt cougars, but requires they get state approval.

The fight will continue. The bill was referred to Rules – If it is pulled to the Senate Floor, that will be the next chance to potentially amend the bill in this challenging legislative environment.

SB 5624 – Warnick, Van De Wege - Extending the expiration date of certain sections of chapter 92, Laws of 2019, regarding livestock identification.

WCA, The Cattle Feeders and Agri-Beef were all in support of this bill in the Hearing. It was voted out of committee unanimously. Sent to Rules.

HB 1838 – Lekanoff, Fitzgibbon - Protecting, restoring, and maintaining habitat for salmon recovery. “THE BUFFER BILL”

This may be the battle of the year. The worst of the bad legislation heard this week. First and foremost, has been **HB 1838 – “The Buffer Bill”**, which very well may put many producers out of business – especially on the west side of the mountains. As a refresher, this is the one that we talked about last week that calls for mandatory riparian buffers of up to 200ft, with \$10,000-a-day fines for landowners who don’t plant trees along creeks and rivers crossing their property. The bill directs the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to set and enforce “riparian management zones”.

Kudos to Randy Goode who gave excellent testimony. There were so many people signed up to oppose the bill, that it actually took two different hearings to capture it all (that’s the first time I can remember seeing that). It certainly wasn’t all testimony in opposition though – The Governors staff, the environmentalists and many tribal members spoke in support of the bill. I recently spoke to Representative Chapman who shared that the bill “as written” likely didn’t have the votes to get out of committee... And that’s the part that is frightening. We don’t want this bill to get out of committee in any way, shape or form. More to come on this fight. Stay tuned.

HB 1909 – Dent, Pollet - Concerning the misbranding of meat and poultry products.

Very much appreciate Representative Dent’s work on this bill. We anticipate an amendment for Voluntary Country of Origin Labeling, which we fully support.

HB 1856 – Chambers, Springer - Adding counties to the voluntary stewardship program.

We support this bill for the few counties that did not join the voluntary stewardship program. It is scheduled for executive session from the House Ag Committee.

Bill Tracking List

Bill	Title	Prime Sponsor	Status
<u>HB 1682</u>	Concerning A Compliance Pathway Specific To Emissions-intensive, Trade-exposed Businesses For Achieving Their Proportionate Share Of The State's Emissions Reduction Limits Through 2050.	Joe Fitzgibbon	Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment & Energy at 8:00 AM. (1/18)

Bill	Title	Prime Sponsor	Status
<u>HB 1732</u>	Delaying The Implementation Of The Long-term Services And Supports Trust Program By 18 Months.	Pat Sullivan	Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 4:00 PM (1/25)
<u>HB 1733</u>	Establishing Voluntary Exemptions To The Long-term Services And Supports Trust Program For Certain Populations.	Dave Paul	Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 4:00 PM (1/25)
<u>HB 1750</u>	Authorizing An Agricultural Employer To Select Any 12 Weeks In A Calendar Year As Special Circumstance Weeks For Labor Demand, During Which In Each Of The Selected 12 Weeks, The Agricultural Employer May Employ Agricultural Employees For Up To 50 Hours Before The Requirement To Pay Overtime Applies Under Rcw 49.46.130.	Larry Hoff	First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards. (1/10)
<u>HB 1774</u>	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions In Buildings.	David Hackney	First reading, referred to Environment & Energy. (1/10)
<u>HB 1823</u>	Concerning Environmental Leadership Through Outdoor Recreation And Climate Adaptation Investments.	Mary Dye	First reading, referred to Appropriations. (1/10)
<u>HB 1824</u>	Concerning Outdoor Recreation Affordability.	Mary Dye	First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development. (1/10)

Bill	Title	Prime Sponsor	Status
<u>HB 1858</u>	Alleviating Consumer Inflation By Leveraging The State's Significant Budget Surplus To Reduce Taxes On Producers Of Certain Consumer Staple Goods.	Drew Stokesbary	First reading, referred to Finance. (1/10)
<u>HB 1869</u>	Encouraging Salmon Recovery Through Voluntary Stewardship.	Mark Klicker	Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Environment & Energy at 10:00 AM (1/28)
<u>HB 1870</u>	Concerning Certain Wheeled All-terrain Vehicles.	Mark Klicker	Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM (1/24)
<u>HB 1921</u>	Concerning The Valuation Of Property Related To Renewable Energy For The Purposes Of Property Tax And Providing For A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes For Renewable Energy Facilities.	Alex Ramel	Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 1:30 PM. (1/18)
<u>SB 5665</u>	Protecting, Restoring, And Maintaining Habitat For Salmon Recovery.	Christine Rolfes	First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks. (1/10)
<u>SB 5669</u>	Strengthening Energy Codes.	Marko Liias	First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology. (1/10)

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<u>SB 5722</u>	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions In Buildings.	Joe Nguyen	Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology at 10:30 AM. (1/13)
<u>SB 5842</u>	Concerning State Laws That Address Climate Change.	Reuven Carlyle	Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology at 8:00 AM (1/26)
<u>SB 5860</u>	Concerning Water Policy In Regions With Regulated Reductions In Aquifer Levels.	Judith Warnick	First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks. (1/13)