

# South Sound Chamber of Commerce 2015 Legislative Report & Upcoming Events

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## Week One Update

1/12 - 1/16/15

The 2015 Legislative got started with the usual pomp and circumstance. Swearing in of legislators, work sessions in committee, bill introductions, etc... Most went as planned or expected – except for a vote in the Senate where Republicans hold a slim margin for the majority but were planning to re-seat Senator Tim Sheldon (D) as the President Pro-Tem. This is a position Senator Sheldon held during the two years of the “Majority Coalition Caucus” when Democrats had an actual majority but Sheldon and fellow D Rodney Tom both voted with Republicans to put the Republicans in control of leadership positions. Instead, on Monday, the Senate Democrats voted with Senator Pam Roach (R) and Senator Don Benton (R) to put Senator Roach in the position of President Pro-Tem, unseating Sheldon. The Senate also voted in a rule for their house that requires a 2/3rds vote for new taxes. This 2/3rds vote does not apply to existing taxes and fees and also only binds the Senate – not the Governor or the House.

Hearings were held this week on the Governor’s budget proposals but we don’t expect real discussions on the budget to get going until early February into March. Most policy bills will start to have hearings in the next week and the first committee cut off isn’t for four more weeks.

As you can see by the list below, we are starting to see quite a few bills introduced. I have highlighted the ones that are most important for the SSCCLC to review or get members involved with.

**Transportation:** Key here is that, while there has been a transportation budget introduced, reform bills introduced and we expect to see a carbon tax soon, nothing concrete has been established. However, we do know that internal discussions are happening and we hope to see a transportation package from Senator King in the next week. In the meantime, please keep urging our local legislators to fully fund and complete the South Sound projects.

**Education:** So far we are seeing policy bills but the real impact on education is going to come from the overall budget discussions. Republicans in both the House and Senate have introduced bills to fund Education first in separate budget from the operating budget. In addition, Senator Hill has introduced a bill to dedicate 2/3rds of new revenues to education. More attention is being paid to career and technical education and also to expanding dual college and high school credit options for grades 10-12. Since the Governor’s budget does not fund the provisions of I-1351, the WEA testified against this portion of his budget during hearings this week.

**Business:** As expected, Democrats in the House and Senate have introduced bills to increase the minimum wage to \$12/hour, fund the paid family & medical leave act, mandate paid sick leave, and mandate paid vacation. The Senate has also introduced SB 5332 which will pre-empt local ordinances on wage and hour. The minimum wage increase bill and paid sick leave are expected to have hearings in the House during the third week of session. The minimum wage increase will be heard on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January

## Upcoming Events

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 1/19 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 5082 - Public Hearing - Providing for career and technical education opportunities for elementary school students.

### **Education (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/19 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1031 - Public Hearing - Expanding participation in college in the high school programs.

### **Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 1/20 @ 8:00am**

- SB 5059 - Public Hearing - Creating the patent troll prevention act.

### **Judiciary (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/20 @ 10:00am**

- HB 1090 - Public Hearing - Concerning the financial fraud and identity theft crimes investigation and prosecution program.

### **State Government (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/20 @ 10:00am**

- HB 1089 - Public Hearing - Adding adherence to state wage payment laws to the state's responsible bidder criteria.

### **Labor (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/20 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1072 - Public Hearing - Requiring tracking of prevailing wage surveys.
- HB 1074 - Public Hearing - Ensuring the accuracy of prevailing wage survey data provided by interested parties.
- HB 1075 - Public Hearing - Creating an exemption from the intents and affidavits requirements when paying prevailing wages.

### **Capital Budget (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/20 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 1115 - Public Hearing - Concerning the capital budget.

### **Technology & Economic Development (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/21 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1078 - Public Hearing - Enhancing the protection of consumer financial information.

### **Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 1/21 @ 8:00am**

- SB 5112 - Public Hearing - Creating a pilot program that provides incentives for investments in Washington State job creation and economic development.
- SB 5111 - Public Hearing - Concerning projects of statewide significance for economic development and transportation.

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/21 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 1105 - Public Hearing - Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.

**Environment (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/22 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1278 - Public Hearing - Concerning building energy use disclosure requirements.

**Labor (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/22 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1211 - Public Hearing - Addressing fees and costs related to methods of wage payment.

**Health Care (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 1/22 @ 10:00am**

**Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 1/22 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 5056 - Public Hearing - Concerning the use of chemical action plans for recommendations of safer chemicals.

**Judiciary (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/22 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1092 - Exec Session - Creating the patent troll prevention act.

**Local Government (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/22 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1084 - Public Hearing - Addressing notice requirements for land use applications, approvals, and decisions.

**Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/22 @ 3:30pm**

- HB 1105 - Exec Session - Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.

**BUSINESS AND CAPITAL**

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1072</a>	Prevailing wage surveys	Requiring L&I to keep track of the number of wage	H Labor	Manweller	Neutral	Medium

		surveys sent to and received from certain categories, including those received from labor unions and "other interested parties."				
<a href="#">HB 1073</a>	Prevailing rate of wage	Requires L&I to use a Stratified Random Sampling Methodology to Determine Prevailing Wage	H Labor	Manweller	Support	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1074</a>	Prevailing wage survey data	Requires L&I to verify wage data with employer when data comes from an outside source.	H Labor	Manweller	Support	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1078</a> <a href="#">(SB 5047)</a>	Consumer financial info	"Data Breach Bill" -- implements penalties under the Consumer Protection Act if notification of data breach to consumers and Attorney General's office does not occur. Establishes specific criteria and provisions for the data breaches that require notification.	H Tech & Econ D	Hudgins	Concerns	High
<a href="#">HB 1084</a>	Land use applications/notice	Addressing notice requirements for land use applications, approvals, and decisions.	H Local Govt	Pollet		Monitoring
<a href="#">HB 1089</a> <a href="#">(SB 5050)</a>	Responsible bidder criteria	Prohibits businesses that have been found to have willfully or repeatedly violated state wage and hour laws from bidding on state contracts. Has a three-year "look back" period.	H State Governme	Hunt	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1090</a> <a href="#">(SB 5058)</a>	Finan. fraud, identity theft	Concerning the financial fraud and identity theft crimes investigation and prosecution program.	H Judiciary	Kirby		Monitoring
<a href="#">HB 1092</a> <a href="#">(SB 5059)</a>	Patent infringement claims	Creating the patent troll prevention act.	H Judiciary	Jenkins		Monitoring
<a href="#">HB 1105</a> <a href="#">(SB 5076)</a>	Operating sup budget 2015	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Hunter		
<a href="#">HB 1106</a> <a href="#">(SB 5077)</a>	Operating budget 2015-2017	Making 2015-2017 operating appropriations.	H Approps	Hunter		
<a href="#">HB 1115</a> <a href="#">(SB 5097)</a>	Capital budget 2015-2017	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Dunshee		
<a href="#">HB 1156</a>	Industr. insurance/jobs act	Creating a 3-Way Workers' Compensation Program in Washington State	H Labor	Pike	Support	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1163</a>	Paid vacation leave	Mandating that Employers	H Labor	Tarleton	Oppose	High

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		<b>Provide Paid Vacation Leave</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1211</a>	Wage payment/fees and costs	Fees and costs related to methods of wage payments	H Labor	Hunt	Support	Low
<a href="#">HB 1253</a>	Workplace injury reporting	Requiring Workplace Injury Notification	H Labor	Manweller	Neutral	Low
<a href="#">HB 1265</a> (SB 5249)	Local revival. finan. proj's	Creating a bond issuance exemption for qualifying local revitalization financing projects.	H Tech & Econ De	Fey	Neutral	Low
<a href="#">HB 1273</a>	<b>Family &amp; medical leave insur</b>	<b>Implementing Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance</b>	<b>H Labor</b>	<b>Robinson</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>High</b>
<a href="#">HB 1278</a>	Building energy use	Building Energy Disclosure Requirements	H Environment	Fitzgibbon	Concerns	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1314</a>		<b>Implementing a carbon pollution market program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</b>		<b>Fitzgibbon</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>High</b>
<a href="#">HB 1321</a>		Single Payer Health Care		Robinson	Oppose	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1325</a>		Restricting the ability of state agencies to enforce greenhouse gas admission reduction programs		Shea		Monitoring
<a href="#">HB 1354</a>		<b>Employee Anti-Retaliation Act</b>		<b>Ryu</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>High</b>
<a href="#">HB 1355</a>		<b>Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over four years.</b>		<b>Farrell</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>High</b>
<a href="#">HB 1356</a>		<b>Establishing minimum standards for sick and safe leave from employment.</b>		<b>Jinkins</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>High</b>
<a href="#">SB 5026</a>	Reproductive health care	Declaring that it is an unfair practice for any employer who provides health insurance to its employees as part of an employee's benefit package to not include contraceptive coverage as part of the benefit package, to fail to comply with federal rules adopted under the affordable care act relating to the provision of contraceptive coverage, or to discriminate against any employee based on that employee's use of any reproductive health care service, drug, or device.	S Law & Justice	Pedersen	Oppose	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5043</a>	Small business	Raises threshold of Small	S Trade &	O'Ban	Support	Medium

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	assistance	Business B&O credit to a flat \$50,000	Econom			
<a href="#">SB 5044</a>	Shoreline devel. mitigation	Shoreline Master Programs may not require mitigation for environmental impacts that are not the direct result of the development	S Energy, Enviro	Brown	Support	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5047 (HB 1078)</a>	Consumer financial info	Enhancing the protection of consumer financial information.	S Law & Justice	Braun		Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5050 (HB 1089)</a>	Responsible bidder criteria	Adding adherence to state wage payment laws to the state's responsible bidder criteria.	S Commerce and L	Roach		Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5056</a>	Safer chemicals/action plans	Requires DOE to bring specific plans for banning chemicals to the Legislature for evaluation before any changes or bans can be made.	S Energy, Enviro	Ericksen		Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5058 (HB 1090)</a>	Finan. fraud, identity theft	Concerning the financial fraud and identity theft crimes investigation and prosecution program.	S Law & Justice	Fain		Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5059 (HB 1092)</a>	Patent infringement claims	Creating the patent troll prevention act.	S Law & Justice	Frockt		Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5084</a>	All payer claims database	All Payer Claims Database	S Health Care	Becker	Concerns	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5109</a>	Infrastructure/local govt	Infrastructure Financing for Local Governments	S Trade & Economi	Brown	Neutral	Low
<a href="#">SB 5111</a>	Econ devel & transp projects	Allows for local governments to review projects in their locale that are determined to have statewide significance.	S Trade & Economi	Brown	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5142</a>	Health benefit exchange	Prohibits state Health Care Exchange from aggregating premiums	S Health Care	Becker	Neutral	Low
<a href="#">SB 5230</a>	Job creation and econ devel	Creating a pilot program that provides incentives for investments in Washington state job creation and economic development.	S Trade & Econom	Brown		Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5249 (HB 1265)</a>	Local revital. finan. proj's	Creating a bond issuance exemption for qualifying local revitalization financing projects.	S GovtOp&StSec	Darneille	Neutral	Low
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<a href="#">SB 5275</a>	Tax code	Concerning tax code	S Ways &	Schoesler		Monitoring

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	improvements	improvements that do not affect state revenue collections.	Means			
<a href="#">SB 5283</a>		Implementing a carbon pollution market program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.		Ranker	Oppose	High
<a href="#">SB 5285</a>		Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over four years.		Jayapal	Oppose	High
<a href="#">SB 5306</a>		Establishing minimum standards for sick and safe leave from employment.		Habib	Oppose	High
<a href="#">SB 5331</a>		Establishes Group Self Insurance in Washington State		Braun	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5332</a>		Local Government Preemption of Wage and Hour Laws		Ericksen	Support	High

## EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1001</a>	Education, funding first	Creates a separate Education Budget and requires appropriations to this budget prior to appropriations for general Operating Budget.	H Approps	MacEwen	Support	High
<a href="#">HB 1031</a>	College in the high school	Allows a "College in the High School" program to be developed.	H Education	Johnson	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1081</a>	College in the high school	Expanding participation in the college in the high school programs.	H Education	Sullivan	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1385</a>		Prioritizing state revenue growth for education.		Magendanz	Support	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5042</a> (HB 1241)	Hiring veterans B&O credit	Creates a B&O tax credit for businesses hiring veterans	S Ways & Means	O'Ban	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">SSB 5063</a>	Revenue growth for education	Directs Legislature to appropriate 2/3rds of all future revenues to Education funding	S WMDPS	Hill	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5080</a>	Dual credit educ. options	Increasing Dual Credit Options in High School	S EL/K-12	Dammeier	Neutral	High
<a href="#">SB 5082</a>	Career & tech ed/elem school	Providing CTE options for elementary school students	S EL/K-12	McAuliffe	Support	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5086</a>	Dual credit ed opportunities	Additional Dual Credit Options in High School	S EL/K-12	Litzow	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">SB 5112</a>	Job creation and econ devel	Invest in Washington Act	S Trade & Econom	Brown	Support	High
<a href="#">SB 5334</a>		Lowering reliance on local levies to fund basic education.		Mullet		Monitoring

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## TRANSPORTATION

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<a href="#">HB 1072</a>	Prevailing wage surveys	Requiring L&I to keep track of the number of wage surveys sent to and received from certain categories, including those received from labor unions and "other interested parties."	H Labor	Manweller	Neutral	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1073</a>	Prevailing rate of wage	Requires L&I to use a Stratified Random Sampling Methodology to Determine Prevailing Wage	H Labor	Manweller	Support	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1074</a>	Prevailing wage survey data	Requires L&I to verify wage data with employer when data comes from an outside source.	H Labor	Manweller	Support	Medium
<a href="#">HB 1075</a>	Prevailing wages, paying of	Creating an exemption from the intents and affidavits requirements when paying prevailing wages.	H Labor	Manweller		Monitoring
<a href="#">HB 1180</a> (SB 5128)	High-capacity trans service	Dedicated Transit Funding	H Trans	Fey	Concerns	High
<a href="#">HB 1218</a>	Nontoll transp. projects	Public Private Partnerships for non-toll transportation projects	H Trans	Zeiger	Support	High
<a href="#">HB 1219</a>	State bridges	Expediting Permitting and Contracting of Structurally Deficient Bridges	H Trans	Zeiger	Support	High
<a href="#">HB 1297</a>	Trans sup budget 2013-2015	Making 2013-2015 supplemental transportation appropriations.	H Trans	Clibborn	Neutral	High
<a href="#">HB 1298</a>	Transportation projects/bonds	Authorizing bonds for the financing of transportation projects.	H Trans	Clibborn	Neutral	High
<a href="#">HB 1299</a>	Trans budget 2015-2017	Making transportation appropriations for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium.	H Trans	Clibborn	Neutral	High
<a href="#">HB 1300</a>	Transportation revenue	Transportation Revenue bill	H Trans	Clibborn	Neutral	High
<a href="#">SB 5053</a>	Highway construction errors	Transportation Reform: Requiring DOT to do reports detailing Engineering errors that cause cost increases over \$500,000	S Transportation	O'Ban	Support	High
<a href="#">SB 5054</a>	Trans. projects/design-build	Transportation Reform Measure Requiring Design Build for Projects Over \$10 Million	S Transportation	O'Ban	Support	High
<a href="#">SB 5128</a> (HB 1180)	High-capacity trans service	Dedicated Transit Funding	S Transportation	Liias	Concerns	High

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<a href="#">SB 5325</a>		Incentives for using alternative fuel vehicles		King	Neutral	Low
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## Uncategorized Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1006</a>	Wage violations, damages for	Increases damage awards for wage payment violations and changes the law to allow an employee who "colludes" in the violation, they to still take action against the employer	H Labor	Sawyer	Oppose	High
<a href="#">HB 1025</a> (SB 5132)	WA health security trust	Requires the state to submit a waiver to the federal government to allow creation of the Washington Health Security Trust	H HC/Wellness	Appleton		Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5132</a> (HB 1025)	WA health security trust	Requires the state to submit a waiver to the federal government to allow creation of the Washington Health Security Trust	S Health Care	Kohl-Welles		Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5339</a>	New businesses B&O tx credit	Creating a business and occupation tax credit for new businesses.		Padden		Monitoring
<a href="#">SJR 8200</a>	2/3 vote for tax increases	Amending the Constitution to require a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to raise taxes.	S GovtOp&StSec	Roach		Monitoring