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## Washington Counties Scholarships Now Available

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### County elected officials and employees who have students in their families take note!

The Washington Counties' Scholarship Fund is offering five \$2,500 awards to children of county employees who will be enrolled full-time during the 2004/2005 school year in a baccalaureate program, associate degree program or vocational/technical certification program.

Complete information and applications are available on the Washington Counties' webpage - [http://www.wacounties.org/ScholarshipProgram/Scholarship\\_Program.htm](http://www.wacounties.org/ScholarshipProgram/Scholarship_Program.htm) or call the WACO office at (360) 753-7319 or the WSAC office at (360) 753-1886. Detailed information on requirements and the application process are provided directly on the Scholarship Application.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 5, 2004**. We encourage all students to apply!

NOTE: Legislative Committee schedules and agendas can be found at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

# Budget, Finance and Taxes

## Bills of Interest to Assessors Still Alive

HB 1133 would require county assessors to submit an annual property tax report to the Department of Revenue and has been revived from the 2003 Legislative Session. The bill passed the House Floor in 2003, but died in Senate Rules. In April of 2003 when session ended the bill was referred back to

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House Rules and it passed out again this year. Now referred to Senate Government Operations & Elections the bill will have its first 2004 hearing. Senate Government Operations & Elections passed it out last year with a do pass recommendation. The report would include banked capacity for all taxing districts.

**EHB 1510** would allow a fire district to protect 25 cents of its property tax levy from reduction under the \$5.90 aggregate limit.

**EHB 1677** would exempt farm M&E from county personal property tax if the county makes a declaration of public policy of its intent to provide the exemption in an attempt to preserve farms and agricultural land.

**ESHB 1723** creates an exemption for the state property tax for owner-occupied residential property on which expenditures for maintenance and repairs exceed 10 percent of the assessed value of the residential structure. The property must be listed on a local register of historic places, the Washington heritage Register, or the national Register of Historic Places.

**ESHB 1869** would require performance audits for all tax exemptions/preferences except those required by constitutional law or determined to be a critical part of the structure of the tax system. It creates a citizen commission to develop a schedule for review of exemptions, exclusions, deductions, credits, deferrals, and preferential rates. The Joint Audit and Review Committee would conduct the actual reviews of tax preferences according to criteria set forth in the bill. The legislation also requires an annual report to the Legislature on the reviewed tax preferences.

**SHB 1976** would create an exemption for retired widows or widowers of certain veterans on their principal residence similar to the senior citizen exemption.

**EHB 2044** would change the levy base calculations for school district levies.

**ESHB 2275** would make changes to the statutory formula for the allocation of Washington Wildlife and Recreation

Programs (WWRP). The bill requires state agencies receiving WWRP grants to pay an amount in lieu of property taxes and pay for control of noxious weeds.

**EHB 2318** would change the verification process of small forest landowner status for forest riparian easement program applications.

**HB 2436** is the House version of senior citizen property tax relief. It raises the income thresholds for each category and the deferral program.

**SHB 2452** exempts a division of land of less than five acres for construction and operation of unstaffed public or private electric utility facilities from the state subdivision law. This would be true if a survey of the land is properly recorded. Use of the land remains subject to local zoning and permitting requirements.

**SHB 2506** would allow private property owners to obtain access to their landlocked properties across state-owned land under certain circumstances.

**HB 2519** authorizes Counties to impose a new regular property tax of up to 50 cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of property in the county. The funds are to be used for criminal justice purposes only. The new authority is not subject to the \$5.90 per thousand dollars of assessed value limitation that applies to other junior and senior districts but is subject to the 1 percent of true and fair value limitation. Tax may be imposed for up to six consecutive years, but only after approval of 60 percent of the voters voting on the proposition at a general or special election. Any new tax that is imposed is subject to prorationing requirements under the 1 percent limitation and must be reduced before other levy types are reduced if the tax rate exceeds 1 percent of true and fair value.

**HB 2547** exempts vehicles carrying exempt license plates from property tax. This is a clean-up bill that was proposed by the Department of Revenue.

**HB 2563** the bill provides for nonagricultural commercial and retail uses that support and sustains agricultural operations on designated

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agricultural lands of long-term significance. This bill could conflict with open space statutes.

**HB 2654** would require a tax expenditure report be produced every two years with the Governor's budget. This report would be used to determine whether each exemption is the most fiscally effective means to achieve its purpose, whether the exemption is achieving its purpose, and an analysis of the persons benefiting from the exemption.

**HB 2693** allows counties to impose a 4% excise tax on timber harvested from public lands.

**SHB 2783** this would create a property tax exemption for nonprofits that assist small businesses. The levy for a taxing district with a nonprofit organization claiming this exemption will be reduced to prevent the remaining taxpayers from experiencing a higher tax rate.

**ESHB 3116** would create a tax exemption for nonprofit blood, bone, and tissue banks and would extend the exemption to include comprehensive cancer centers.

**SHB 3175** creates the non-appropriated County Assistance Account and the County financial assistance advisory council within the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. This council would make disbursement recommendations from the account to those counties with a tax base insufficient to provide basic county services.

**HJR 4204** amends the Constitution to provide for a simple majority of voters voting to authorize a school levy.

**SB 5034** is the Senate version of senior citizen property tax relief. It raises the income thresholds for each category, the deferral program and allows a deduction from income for payments made for health insurance.

**ESB 5326 A** would allow for the creation of regional fire protection service authorities by participating fire protection districts, cities, towns, port

districts, and tribes. Regular property tax levy rates of participating jurisdictions would be reduced by the rate levied by the new authority.

**E3SSB 5364** is the only tax increment financing bill still alive. It would create TIF areas for economic development. This bill has boundary language but does not allow counties to opt-in/out-out of the development.

**2SSB 6082** was a companion bill to **HB 2275** but does not include a payment in lieu of taxes for lands acquired.

**ESSB 6140** is a companion bill to **HB 2452** and would exempt uninhabited electric utility facilities from short plats and subdivision requirements.

**SB 6141** is a companion to **HB 2547** and exempts vehicles carrying exempt licenses plates from property tax.

**SSB 6211** is a companion to **EHB 2044** and would change the levy base calculations for school district levies.

**SSB 6216** is WSACA priority legislation and would allow for incidental use under open space timber.

**SB 6237** is a companion to **HB 2563** and provides for nonagricultural commercial and retail uses that support agricultural operations on designated agricultural lands of long-term significance.

**SB 6516** would change the maximum size of church properties eligible for property tax exemption. Church property of up to 20 acres, building of no more than 1 1/3 acres and church camps of up to 40 acres would be exempt.

**SSB 6581** is the Assessors' amendment to the fire patrol statute and would eliminate the multi-parcel exemption for less than six parcels.

**SJR 8208** would amend the Constitution to allow for multiyear excess levies for cemetery districts.

### Hearings Next Week of Interest to Assessors

House Committees include:

February 23: House Capital Budget, **2SSB 6082** – Expanding the criteria for

habitat conservation programs.

February 24: House Technology, Telecommunications & Energy, **ESB 6140** – Exempting uninhabited electric utility facilities from short plats and subdivision requirements. House Finance, **SB 6141** – Clarifying the property taxation of vehicles carrying exempt license plates.

February 25: House Education, **SSB 6211** – Changing the school district levy base calculation

February 27: Agriculture & Natural Resources will hear the amendment to the fire patrol statute **SSB 6581**.

The Senate will hold public hearings in the following committees:

February 23: Land Use & Planning, **SHB 2452** – Regulating sites for construction and operation of unstaffed public or private electric utility facilities and **HB 2563** – Providing nonagricultural commercial and retail uses that support and sustain agricultural operation on designated agricultural lands of long-term significance. Parks, Fish & Wildlife, **ESHB 2275** – Expanding the criteria for habitat conservation programs.

February 24: Education, **EHB 6140** – Changing the school district levy base calculation

February 25: Economic Development, **SHB 2783** – Providing a property tax exemption for nonprofits that assist small businesses and **2SHB 2330** – Providing tax relief for aluminum smelters. Education, **HJR 4204** – Amending the Constitution to provide for a simple majority of voters voting to authorize a school levy. Government Operations & Elections, **HB 1133** – Requiring county assessors to submit an annual property tax report to the Department of Revenue.

February 26: Commerce & Trade,

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**2SHB 1897** – Establishing a trainee real estate appraiser classification.

### **The discussion on funding for counties with a small tax base continues**

The House Appropriations committee passed out **SHB 3175** week and is ready for action by the full House. The Appropriations committee amended the bill to remove the funding stream into the account. The amended bill retains the committee and distribution process. Please call your House members and ask them to support the bill and provide a revenue stream into the account.

### **Timber Excise Tax Proposal Gains Momentum**

**ESHB 2693**, sponsored by Rep. Bill Hinkle (R-Kittitas County), cascaded through the House with a 93-0 vote in favor. Over a 10-year period, **ESHB 2693** is anticipated to increase revenue to counties (and junior taxing districts) from timber harvest on public lands by at least \$4.5 million annually. The bill eliminates the property tax on timber and gradually increases the county share of excise tax to four percent.

The bill is now in Senate Ways and Means Committee.

### **County Treasurers**

**SHB 2878**, the county treasurers' management bill, is being heard by the Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee today (Friday). Treasurers' Legislative Co-chair Ron Strabbing, Grays Harbor County, will testify on behalf of the bill.

**SB 6620**, modifying the real estate excise tax administration of water rights, died with the cutoff on Monday.

### **Assessor Priority Bills Have Mixed Results**

**SHB 3063** requiring a review of property tax exemptions at least once every six years has died in House Rules. The bill received one pull in this Committee, but failed to make it to the House Calendar for a vote. The Senate version never had a hearing in Ways and

Means and died earlier in the session.

**HB 1869** is very similar to the Assessors' legislation in that it requires performance audits for tax preferences and has passed the House and is in Senate Ways & Means. Please read the details of this bill in the Bills of Interest to Assessors article in today's Courthouse Journal.

**SSB 6216** which would modify the open space land definition of "timber land" to include land used for incidental use has passed the Senate Floor and had a hearing in the House Agriculture & Natural Resource Committee on February 18. Patricia Costello, Thurston County Assessor, did an excellent job of testifying on behalf of the Assessors' Association at that hearing. The bill moved out of House Ag on February 20 with a do pass recommendation and appears to have no opposition. The Committee's vote was 11 yeas, 0 nays, 2 excused. The House version of this bill was scheduled for a hearing in the same House Committee earlier in Session, but because of timing issues, was never heard. Congratulations to all the Assessors who worked so hard with their Senators and Representatives to keep this bill moving!

## Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

### Strategic National Stockpile Agreement

The Department of Health and Human Services announced an agreement concerning the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) between Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Postal Service (USPS). The three agencies have agreed to plan for engaging postal workers in delivering antibiotics from the SNS to residential addresses in the event of a catastrophic emergency that overwhelms other local resources. Federal planning for this is just beginning and the agencies recognize that the postal service capacity must be integrated into local emergency planning. In addition, it is clear that communication and training for local postal workers that is consistent with each community's emergency plan will need to take place. The USPS is notifying all post offices about this agreement and the Department of Homeland Security will be informing the local emergency managers.

### Roundup of Civil Liability Bills

Tuesday was the last day to consider bills in the house of origin, and several county-supported civil liability bills made it through alive. County officials who support these bills should continue to contact legislators by telephone and email and ask them to keep civil liability reform moving.

**SHB 2485**, which lowers the interest rate on tort judgments from 12 percent to 4 percent over T-Bills, and **ESHB 2779**, related to employment reference checks, passed the House on Monday and Tuesday, respectively, and will receive public hearings in Senate committees next week. The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled **SHB 2485** for public hearing at 8 a.m., Wednesday, February 25. **ESHB 2779** will be heard in the Senate Commerce and Trade Committee, but the schedule is not yet finalized.

**SSB 5732**, which limits liability for county Area Agencies on Aging, passed the Senate Monday, and is scheduled for

public hearing in the House Judiciary Committee at 6 p.m., Thursday, February 26. **ESSB 5728**, the Senate's omnibus tort reform bill, also is scheduled for a House Judiciary Committee hearing at 8 a.m., Thursday, February 26.

### WACO Priority Bills

WACO bills from FIC to fees floundered and died on Tuesday evening. Few WACO priorities in the criminal justice and courts arena are left to discuss. **ESSB 6136**, search warrants for electronic tracking devices, lives still and was on the schedule for next Thursday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the House Judiciary Committee but the last word was it has been pulled.

**SHB 2580**, the clerks' miscellaneous fee bill, breathed its last (auditors' historical document fee did the same). **SB 6591**, the state forensic pathologist bill, supported by the Forensic Investigations Council and the coroners and medical examiners as well, also failed to be voted out of the house of origin before cutoff. **HB 2584/SB 6300**, extraordinary criminal justice costs, earned WACO support and missed the cutoff.

**SHB 2519**, law enforcement property tax levies, is okay! It has been referred to Senate Ways and Means, while its companion **SB 6205**, failed to cross over. **HB 2519** has not been set for hearing but would prove another valuable local option for counties to have. Pacific County officials led by Commissioner John Caino and Sheriff John Didion have been instrumental in moving **HB 2519** along and merit the support of other county officials. Please contact your senators and urge their support of **HB 2519**.

### This Week in Review:

**ESB 5083**, recognizing concealed weapon licenses issued by states that recognize Washington's permits, was heard in the House Judiciary Committee this week. The Attorney General's office will provide ongoing research to recognize eligible states and will maintain the information on their website.

House Judiciary also heard **SB 5168**, authorizing reduction on legal financial obligations. An applicant could petition the court to reduce the interest on obligations excluding restitution if he has paid the entire principal or can prove a "good faith effort" as defined by the bill. The committee discussed amending **SB 5168** to lower the interest rate to be consistent with **HB 2485**, which sets interest on certain tort judgments at the treasury bill rate plus 4%. **HB 2485** is set for hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee at 8:00 a.m. next Wednesday, February 25 at 8:00 a.m.

**SB 6121**, was also heard in House Judiciary. **SB 6121** allows the filing of a will under seal with the county clerk before the testator's death. The filing will be subject to the statutory fee of \$20 (fee of filing of will only) and may only be withdrawn upon court order.

### Of Interest to Sheriffs:

**E2SHB 1151**, exotic animals, is set for Thursday, February 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee. The bill has been amended to ban exotic animals and eliminates the county licensing requirements.

**HB 2848**, tribal law enforcement officers, died on Tuesday while **E2SHB 2322**, law enforcement prehire screening, passed to the Senate Judiciary Committee. In its current state, **E2SHB 2322**, mandates that all new applicants who have been offered a conditional offer of employment as a full-time or part-time officer must pass psychological testing and a polygraph. The hiring agency can charge the recruit up to \$400 for testing but the Criminal Justice Training Commission is out of the picture in the current version. Earlier the Commission was charged with testing for smaller agencies.

# Environment, Land Use and Resources

## Environment, Land Use and Resources Bills

The GMA Workgroup has had great success in getting all but one bill to move out of the House of origin. All of the work over the summer and the fall is paying off with the Legislature. The workgroup was able to advance all but one bill in one chamber or another. The only bill that failed to advance is the one to help clarify Best Available Science. The bill was opposed by the Association of Washington Business.

The House has passed the following land use bills over to the Senate for their consideration

**HB 2811** requires the buildable land counties to publish their annual permit performance reports on their webpage.

**HB 2563** provides limited commercial and retail development on agricultural lands of long term significance.

**ESHB 2905** provides for additional development and redevelopment flexibility of for the type 1 LAMIRDs. The bill is now finally agreed to by all parties in the GMA working group. This will help the bill make its way through the Legislature.

**HB 1667** clarifies that cities and counties can regulate the location of gambling facilities through the land use laws.

**SHB 2781** allows CTED, through rulemaking, to develop a list of development regulations that must be submitted to the state for 60 day review. The bill was brought forward by the City of Kent, who appealed because they failed to submit a development regulation to the state.

The Senate has passed the following land use bills over to the House for their consideration.

**SB 6237** provides limited commercial and retail development on agricultural lands of long term significance.

**SSB 6238** clarifies that type 1 LAMIRDs can develop and redevelop within the existing boundary. The bill also clarifies that the type of uses can change. WSAC will ask the House to amend the bill to be consistent with **ESHB 2905**.

**SSB 6367** protects the integrity of national historic reserves in urban growth areas. This bill is intended to protect the Eby Island reserve in Coupeville.

**SB 6488** requires CTED to study the designation of agricultural lands of long term significance in Chelan, King and Yakima counties.

**SSB 6534** changes the siting development process for industrial land banks.

**SSB 6592** extends the GMA update cycle for the non-buildable land counties to 10 years, creates a basic update for the slow growing counties; and provides some appeal protection for the aspects of your plan that you are required to update. This bill still doesn't have an agreement yet. Please call your House members and ask them to support the bill.

**SSB 6413** limits the times at which a county could collect impact fees on residential development. As amended, it would restrict collection of the fees to the time of final inspection of the residence or the time the certificate of occupancy is issued. WSAC will continue to work on this bill in cooperation with school district interests and the cities.

**SSB 6264** would allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue programmatic permits under the hydraulics code. It also, allows local governments to issue programmatic permits for routine activities under the Shoreline Management Act.

**SSB 6587** requires local governments to develop ordinances and publish general fee schedules for SEPA mitigation. The bill will restrict the ability for local governments to impose site specific mitigation fees under SEPA. It will also require you to retool your systems.

## State Land Acquisition Bills Move Forward

Several bills that embrace WSAC goals on state land acquisition policy continue to move ahead. These measures would require a comprehensive analysis of all existing state and federal public lands prior to new state land acquisition, require state agency

payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) and ensure proper land management of state properties, and improve county access to land acquisition funds and input into new purchases.

**HB 2275** and **SB 6082** amend the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) in significant ways. The WWRP, established 10 years ago in the Capital Budget, has typically dedicated \$40 to \$50 million a biennium for land acquisition for habitat and for recreational purposes.

These bills will allow counties to join state agencies in applying for habitat conservation funds and will create two new fund categories: for riparian protection (open to state and local agencies) and for farmland preservation (open only to counties and cities). The bills also increase opportunities for local input into WWRP acquisitions, requiring for instance, consistency with local comprehensive plans, and require state agency payment in lieu of taxes and noxious weed payments on WWRP acquisitions.

**SB 6082** is scheduled to be heard in the House Capital Budget Committee on Monday at 1:00 p.m. It was amended in Senate Ways and Means to remove the new funds authorizing purchase of farmland and riparian areas. **HB 2275** is scheduled for hearing at the same time on Monday in the Senate Parks, Fish and Wildlife Committee. It continues to allow counties to apply for habitat conservation funds, riparian protection funds and farmland preservation funds, improve local input into state land purchases, and require state agency payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) and noxious weed payments. Both bills are expected to continue to evolve.

**SB 6242** directs the Inter Agency Committee on Outdoor Recreation to inventory state agency land purchases for habitat and develop a strategic plan for habitat acquisition and disposal, taking into account existing state, federal and local lands and land dedicated to habitat purposes that is owned by non-profit organizations. It is also before the House Capital Budget Committee.

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### **Cougar Management Legislation Now in the House**

SSB 6118 is scheduled for hearing before the House Fisheries, Ecology and

Parks Committee on Thursday, February 26 at 8:00 a.m. After long discussions with affected counties and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Senate Natural Resources Committee expanded the cougar management pilot

program to include Chelan and Pend Oreille counties in addition to Ferry, Okanogan and Stevens. Animal welfare groups are organizing opposition.

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## ***Elections, Licensing and Recording***

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### **WACO Priority Bill Needs a Hearing**

SHB 1594, the chief financial officer in a charter county needs a hearing this coming week. Please contact the committee chair, Senator Pam Roach and ask her to schedule the bill for a hearing. The bill is in Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee.

### **WACO Priority Bill Dies in Senate Rules Committee**

SSB 5478 increasing the surcharge for the preservation of historical documents from \$2 to \$3 died in Senate Rules this week.

### **Increasing Marriage Licenses for Domestic Violence Funding**

HB 2481, increasing marriage license fees by \$10 to fund community-based domestic violence programs was amended to allow county auditors to collect an additional \$3.00 for marriage licenses to fund domestic violence prevention services within the county. The bill passed the House and is scheduled for a hearing in Senate Judiciary Committee on February 26 at 8:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.

### **Auditors Recording/Privacy Bill Dies in Senate Rules**

SB 6573, states that when any instrument is presented to a county auditor or recording officer for recording, the document shall not contain the following information: (1) A social security number; (2) A date of

birth identified with a particular person; or (3) The maiden name of a person's parent so as to be identified with a particular person. This bill died in Senate Rules this week.

### **Other Bills of Interest to County Auditors**

HB 2694, revising distribution of funds for operating and maintenance of very low-income housing projects has been amended four times. The most important amendment to county auditors is the one that restores current law provision related to the auditors' retention of funds. It also corrects an error in the section that causes the allocation of funds to add up to more than 100%. **The bill passed the House and has been referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee.**

### **Veterans' Relief**

SHB 2670, expands the counties' role in services for indigent veterans. The substitute bill replaces the original bill in its entirety, and allows counties to continue to provide services to indigent veterans without disruption. The permission extends only until July of 2005. In the absence of extending legislation, the counties would need to be in full compliance with RCW 73.08 at that time. The substitute also instructs the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs to investigate the county policies and the current veterans' relief act. The study also concludes in July of 2005. **The bill passed the House and is scheduled for a hearing next week in Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee on February 24**

at 1:30 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 3.

## Public Health and Human Services

### Bush Economic Team to Meet Mirari

Press Release Tuesday, 2/17/04

Prior to the economic meeting today in Richland, President Bush's economic team was made aware of the Mirari Medical Corporation/FFTF re-use initiative. Follow-up meetings are in the process of being arranged.

Reactor status continues to be a pressing concern. As the Bush Administration looks for opportunities to create jobs and address national health and energy needs, they will be hard pressed to find a better opportunity than to privatize the FFTF.

Momentum continues to build for a national radioisotope production park. Mirari Medical Corporation is ready and willing to go. Governor Locke endorsed FFTF/Mirari on January 16, 2004. The State House likewise endorsed it, voting 85 to 8 in a landslide victory with bipartisan support readily extended from both sides of the aisle. Key players in the State Senate are preparing to expedite action in that chamber.

A key provision of the Memorial puts the U.S. Secretary of Energy on notice that the people of Washington State want the manufacture of life-saving medical isotopes to occur through the use of the FFTF.

### Bills of Interest to Public Health – Some Survive – Some Don't

**HB 1868** – Prohibiting Smoking in Public Places, while not passing out of the House before cutoff, is rumored to be one of the bills that will be exempt from cutoff as negotiations between House and Senate begin. The WSAC position, along with that of the public health officials, is that the state should pass a statewide ban on smoking in indoor public places. What we are hearing is that there will be a negotiating team consisting of a legislator from each chamber, a representative of industry, and a representative of the smoking ban advocates.

Survivors: **HB 2014** – Insurance coverage for injuries sustained because of alcohol or narcotic use. **HB 2511** –

Clarifying seat belt requirements – a housekeeping bill designed to take care of a technical problem with the original legislation. **SHB 2596** – Providing for early intervention services for children with disabilities. **SHB 2680** – Requiring development of a model policy for nutrition and physical activity for schools. **SHB 2711** – Funding a Central resource center for the nursing work force. **HB 2772** – Controlling genetic information. **ESHB 2844** – Increasing the regulation of the sale of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine. **SHB 2871** – Requiring measuring the performance of the HIV/AIDS services delivery system. **SHB 2985** – Providing for individual health insurance for retired and disabled public employees. **SHB 3043** – Promoting physical fitness in middle school. **ESHB 3054** – Restoring the vehicle tire fee. **SHB 3081** – Revising provisions relating to medical and dental care and testing for children in the care of the department of social and health services. **SB 5597** – Prohibiting tobacco sampling. **SSB 6166** – Funding Group Life Insurance. **ESB 6180** – Prohibiting the use of genetic information in employment decisions. **ESSB 6478** – Increasing the regulation of the sale of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine. **SSB 6636** – Regulating the disposal of animals.

Non-Survivors: **SHB 2548** – Creating a Food Bank Outreach Pilot Program. **HB 2780** – Establishing an early learning and child care legislative work group. **SB 5764** – Public Water Fluoridation. **SB 5964** – Preventing denial of insurance coverage for injuries caused by narcotic or alcohol use. **SB 6312** – Clarifying seat belt requirements. **SCR 8419** – Creating a joint select committee on health disparities. Bills pertaining to the Basic Health Plan: **HB 1375**, **SB 5704**, **SB 5944**, **SB 6422**. Other bills of interest to public health that did not survive cutoff: **HB 1513/SB 5228** – Selling or leasing contaminated property. **HB 1979/SB 5876** – Authorizing local governments to restrict or prohibit smoking in public places. **HB 2399/SB 6272** – Establishing Family Leave Insurance. **HB 2495** – Providing

for adequate means to identify a person requesting a copy of a birth certificate. **HB 2569/SB 6271** – Requiring safe drinking water in Washington public schools. **SB 2588** – Concerning testing for bloodborne pathogens. **HB 2599** – Requiring informed consent for abortion. **HB 2617/SB 6223** – Establishing parental notification requirements for abortion. **HB 2692/SB 6385** – Promoting environmental education. **HB 2699** – Changing provision relating to children in foster care with HIV. **HB 2748** – Defining abstinence education and comprehensive sex education for K-12 students. **HB 2749** – Affirming the right of a woman to refuse to have an abortion. **HB 2760** – Providing for health foods for school children. **HB 2763/SB 6423** – Improving the delivery of health care services to school children. **HB 2785/SB 6551** – Increasing access to health insurance coverage. **HB 2789** – Permitting health information and disease prevention instruction. **HB 2798** – Stabilizing the health insurance market and providing coverage for uninsured individuals. **HB 2860** – Limiting sales of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine. **HB 3034** – Selling or leasing of contaminated property. **HB 3169** – Regarding purchase of prescription medications by county and municipal government agencies. **HB 3182** – Concerning national pollutant discharge elimination system permits for application of aquatic pesticides. **HB 3184** – Providing for a study and recommendations on health insurance coverage for children. **SB 5791** – Prohibiting Smoking in Public Places. **SB 5878** – Protecting the right of health care providers, carriers, and facilities to limit participation in or payment of services by reason of conscience or religion. **SB 5879** – Strengthening conscience clauses. **SB 6122** – Prohibiting smoking within 35 feet of a public place. **SB 6181** – Including genetic information as a protected category in the law against discrimination. **SB 6214** – Expanding the farmers' market nutrition program for women, infants, and children. **SB 6222** – Regarding health care provider

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right of conscience. **SB 6231** – Prohibiting smoking in public places. **SB 6262** – Providing funds to ensure waste tires are disposed of properly. **SB 6294** – Increasing the physical activity of the citizens of Washington State. **SB 6330** – Providing funds to enforce the tobacco sampling statutes. **SB 6388** – Providing for early intervention services for disabled children from birth to three. **SB 6431** – Providing health information for youth. **SB 6590** – Requiring seat belts on school buses. **SB 6633** – Providing for a study on the causes of autism. **SB 6658** – Protecting workers from harmful airborne particles. **SB 6699** – Providing insurance coverage to dependent children. **SB 6708** – Providing for defibrillators in schools. **SB 6725** – Forming market assistance plan and joint underwriting associations. **SB 6727** – Regulating a joint underwriting association for persons and entities that provide services to children and vulnerable adults.

### February 23 – 27 Hearings of Note in Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Housing

The next cut-off is Friday, February 27 for bills to pass out of the policy committees of the opposite house. The following Monday, March 1 is the cut-off for bills to pass out of the fiscal committees of the opposite house. And the final cut-off is Friday, March 5 for bills to pass off the opposite house floor. Then it's all the final end game on the big bills which this year will include not only the supplemental operating and capital budgets, but some huge policy bills such as the style of primary election to be held in Washington State, tax increment financing, sales tax sourcing, and assistance for low tax base counties. With the shortness of the time for bills from the opposite house to be heard, agendas remain unset in many committees. Go to the [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov) website for up to the minute information on scheduling.

Monday, February 23  
1:30

House Capital Budget  
Executive Session on **SB 6442**, relating to the community land trust  
Possible executive session on **HB 2573**, relating to the supplemental capital budget  
House Children & Family Services  
**SB 6577**, relating to a study of reporting requirements for community action agencies

3:30  
House Appropriations  
Senate Ways & Means

Tuesday, February 24

8:00  
Health Care  
Various bills relating to boarding homes  
House Juvenile Justice & Family Law  
**SB 6105**, relating to mental evaluations for youth involved in animal cruelty  
Senate Children & Family Services & Corrections – agenda not listed

10:00  
House Criminal Justice & Corrections  
**SB 6358**, relating to exchange of information between mental health and chemical dependency treatment providers and DOC and jails and responsibility for awareness of violation of either treatment orders or conditions of supervision by DOC

**SB 5216**, relating to forensic examinations being completed by one evaluator

3:30  
House Appropriations  
Senate Ways & Means

Wednesday, February 25

8:00  
House Capital Budget  
House Children & Family Services  
**SB 6559**, relating to revising TANF  
Senate Judiciary  
**HB 2485**, relating to the interest rate on tort judgments  
House Education  
Work Session on special education  
Senate Children & Family Services & Corrections

1:30  
House Criminal Justice & Corrections  
Senate Health & Long-Term Care

3:30  
House Appropriations  
Senate Ways & Means

6:00  
House Health Care  
House Juvenile Justice & Family Law  
Senate Children & Family Services & Corrections

8:00  
House Criminal Justice & Corrections

Thursday, February 26

8:00  
House Judiciary  
**SB 5728**, the omnibus tort reform bill  
Senate Children & Family Services & Corrections  
Senate Judiciary

**HB 2578**, adding situations in which a crime victim is vulnerable or incapable of resistance due to the lack of a fixed residence to the list of aggravating circumstances for imposing an exceptional sentence

10:00  
House Health Care  
House Juvenile Justice & Family Law  
Senate Health & Long-Term Care

1:30  
House Children & Family Services

3:30  
House Appropriations  
Senate Ways & Means

6:00  
House Judiciary  
**SB 6274**, changing provisions relating to serious offenses in the context of competency restoration

Friday, February  
8:00  
House Criminal Justice & Corrections

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11:00  
Senate Children & Family Services &  
Corrections

1:30  
House Judiciary  
**SB 6213**, technical changes to  
mental health advance directives

Saturday, February 28  
9:00  
House Appropriations

### **DSHS moves to postpone Snohomish County project on Medicaid Integration until October 1, 2004**

*Taken from a 2/13/04 DSHS Press  
Release:*

Dennis Braddock, Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), said on February 13, 2004 that the Steering Committee of a pilot project aimed at integrating different Medicaid services in Snohomish County agreed this week to extend the kickoff for the project by three months, until October 1, 2004.

Snohomish County officials in January requested a delay, and Braddock -- who will help outline the project at a public meeting in Everett on Tuesday, February 17 -- said the additional time is needed to address local providers' concerns and to work out the details of the contracting with managed care health plans. The public meeting will take place as scheduled.

The Washington Medicaid Integration Partnership (WMIP) will provide managed care services in mental health, substance-abuse treatment, and medical care to an estimated 6,000 disabled and elderly Snohomish clients. Those services are currently provided to clients by different parts of DSHS, which means clients may have to deal with different programs, different providers and different rules. Under the philosophy of Medicaid Integration, the services would be centered on the client for more efficient and effective delivery.

Braddock noted that the Snohomish County representatives, legislators and mental health providers in the region

have raised concerns about the project, especially the possibility it would take away funds used to support other mental health care systems. He said he believes those fears can be addressed and are currently being resolved - he and other DSHS representatives have been meeting with legislators and their staff over the past month. However, he said the agency needs more time to address the issues and resolve the concerns. In addition, three health plans are currently interested in the project and details of the contract are still being finalized.

The project is the culmination of several DSHS initiatives that have proven successful. Among them:

\* A Medicaid Drug Treatment Cost Offset project over the past two years showed that expediting and coordinating drug abuse treatment with other kinds of health care not only provided high-risk clients with better health outcomes and taxpayer savings - it also literally cut the crime rate. Clients in the program were measurably less likely to commit new crimes and go to jail.

\* A Disease Management program begun in 2002 is in its second year of providing coordinated care for Medicaid clients with high-risk complexes such as diabetes, kidney disease, asthma and congestive heart failure. By providing nurse managers and better information and education, Medicaid is keeping those clients healthier than before and lowering the cost of care for taxpayers, with an estimated \$2 million savings in its first year.

\* A DSHS study demonstrated that coordination of mental health treatment with other kinds of care offset up to 50 percent of the cost of providing medical services. Psychotropic medication with mental health treatment offset up to 64 percent of the costs.

The Feb. 17 meeting was held at the P.U.D. Auditorium in downtown Everett (2320 California Street) from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. It was to include a project overview, public testimony, questions and answers, and an opportunity for providers to discuss rates and other, more technical issues. Other DSHS staff at the meeting was to include the different WMIP partners, including

Medical Assistance Administration, the Health and Rehabilitative Services Administration, which includes the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse and the Mental Health Division, as well as other programs.

The Snohomish County pilot will not initially include long-term care services, but the DSHS Aging and Disabilities Services Administration is participating in the Medicaid Integration initiative planning, and its representatives also will attend the meeting. Current plans are to bring long-term care into the project as early as mid-2005.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND: Jim Stevenson, Communications Director, MAA, DSHS, 360-902-7604; Doug Porter, Assistant Secretary, Medical Assistance Administration, DSHS, 360-725-1867; MaryAnne Lindeblad, Director, Division of Program Support, 360-725-1786; Alice Lind, Manager, Coordinated Care Section, DPS, MAA, DSHS, 360-725-1629.

# Transportation and Public Works

## US Senate Passes Their Highway and Transit Reauthorization Bill

Senate passes \$318 billion, six-year highway and transit reauthorization bill 76-21. The bill, S. 1072, would authorize and guarantee \$255 billion for highways, \$56.5 billion for transit, and the remainder will go to highway safety. On the other side of the Capitol, the House passed a four-month extension of TEA 21. House Leaders are reportedly acknowledging that they are unlikely to move the \$375 billion bill introduced by the Transportation and Infrastructure leadership and instead are looking at a reauthorization bill that funds the programs near the levels passed by the Senate. U.S. Sen. Patty Murray added a last-minute amendment to the Senate bill that would triple spending on the nation's ferries from \$38 million a year to \$120 million. The amendment contains language that would give funding preference to the largest ferry systems, which could bode well for Washington State Ferries, the largest in the country.

The Administration issued a statement of policy indicating the President's advisors would recommend a veto of the Senate bill if certain conditions were not met, including lowering of the funding levels.

## Congressman Baird meets with Highway Users Federation

Congressman Brian Baird took time out of his busy schedule to meet with members of the Highway Users Federation to give his perspective on the transportation reauthorization. However, he is doubtful the House will act anytime soon. The bill is the middle of campaign politics. Each side is unwilling to act because they are afraid a vote on this bill may be used against them in elections.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has delayed for a second time a markup of its six-year transportation reauthorization because of continuing disagreements over how to fund the \$375 billion bill.

The markup, originally scheduled

for February 25, is now scheduled for March 3, said committee spokesman Steve Hansen. It previously was scheduled to take place before the Presidents Day recess.

## Key Transportation Bills That Have Passed One Chamber So Far

**ESSB 6680** would:

- Create a State Freight Investment Program to be managed by the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB),
- Create a Freight Investment Account as a repository for federal funds and for any new state revenues dedicated to the ongoing support of freight mobility,
- Allow the Highways and Local Programs division of WSDOT to administer federal funds deposited in the Freight Investment Account, and
- Amend the make-up of the TIB board to include one representative (not two) of the public transit system, a private sector representative (who may be a member of the Washington Trucking Association), and a member representing the railroad industry.

WSAC has sent a letter to the sponsor asking them to amend the bill to ensure the rural portions of counties can compete for this new funding.

**SB 6701** requires that the distribution allocation for federal flexible funds remain the same as it was under the Transportation Equity ACT, with the exception that the state Rural Economic Vitality Grant Program is replaced with a Freight Investment Program.

**E2SHB 1960** - Regional Transportation Governance - This measure passed the House by a 63-35 vote but faces an uncertain fate in the Senate. The bill creates a nine-member elected council in 2006 to be responsible for transportation planning and coordination within King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties. It also transfers governance of the Regional Transportation Investment District and the Regional Transit Authority to the Puget Sound Regional District Council. The Council will develop and enforce standards for the coordination of public

transportation services in the region, including investment, service, fare policies, and coordination and approval of each transit systems six-year plan. Refers this act to voters in the region.

**ESHB 2736** - Transportation

Governance - This bill passed the House by a 97-1 vote. The bill's approval by the Senate is very much in doubt. The Governor appoints the Secretary of Transportation. A bipartisan review panel is directed to make recommendations on the disposition of the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Transportation Commission. The recommendations must be submitted to the House and Senate by December 3, 2004. The Transportation Commission would be dissolved in October 2005.

**ESHB 2808** - HOV Toll Lanes - Passed the House 57-41, the bill will probably pass the Senate in some form. This bill authorizes a pilot High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes project on State Route 167. Utilizes the HOV lane with HOVs free and single occupancy vehicles paying a toll based on time of day and traffic congestion. It requires that the DOT modify the pilot project to address identified safety issues and to mitigate negative impacts to HOV lane users. It also requires that the DOT address person and vehicle movements by mode when assessing the HOV lane project. The bill also directs that a reasonable proportion of monies in the account be used for transit, vanpool, carpool, and trip reduction services in the corridor.

**SB 6326** - Unlawful Bus Conduct - Passed the Senate by a 48-0 vote, it should pass the House. Adds the RTA to the statutes governing unlawful bus conduct.

**SB 6702** - Commute Trip Reduction - Passed the Senate 49-0. Within 18 months of reaching the population threshold, counties, (including the cities and major employers within) are required to comply with CTR statutes. Goals for reducing the miles traveled per employee are based on the calendar in which a jurisdiction adopts a CTR plan. By December 1, 2004, the LTC must complete a study of CTR, which includes analyzing the types of

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employers that must comply, location of employers, and congestion levels.

**SB 6175** dies in rules. This bill would have required counties to forfeit lead agency status on a transportation project if they failed to meet certain timelines.

**HB 2648** and **HB 2649** the County Road Administration Board's request legislation failed to move out of the Rules Committee.

**ESHB 2941** is the Monorail Authority's request legislation requiring people who live within the taxing district to disclose their address in order to avoid paying the tax. Failure to disclose would be a Class C felony.

**E2SSB 5585** allows the counties and cities outside of the central puget sound to create new public benefit transportation benefit districts. The bill is modeled after the Regional Transportation Investment District legislation and has greater project selection criteria and funding sources.

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## ***Boards and Commissions***

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### **Still Need County Representative on the State Council on Aging**

The Washington State Council on Aging needs a new county representative. King County Councilwoman Carolyn Edmonds had volunteered to serve as the WSAC representative but her many other responsibilities have made it impossible for her to continue in that role. It is with regret that she must step down. This is a gubernatorial appointment. Applications may be obtained from WSAC staff. The representative may either be an active or retired commissioner or council member or an appointed employee of a county community services or human services department who serves the aging population.

The State Council on Aging is an advisory council to the Governor, the

Department of Social and Health Services, and the Aging and Disabilities Services Administration. As an advisory body, they review and help formulate policies that affect older persons. They have defined statutory duties in RCW 43.20A.680. In addition to serving as an advisory body, they function to create awareness of the special needs and potentialities of older persons; and to provide for self-advocacy by older citizens of the state through sponsorship of training, legislative and other conferences, workshops, and such other methods as may be deemed appropriate.

The regular meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month but generally occur about eight times each year in the Sea-Tac area. Expenses are reimbursed.

Please contact WSAC staff, Jean Wessman if you are interested in this

position or know of a retired commissioner, council member, or appointed employee who may be interested.

## ***Training and Upcoming Events***

<i>Training or Workshop</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
<b><i>FEBRUARY 2004</i></b>			
CPO Training - Emergency Management 101	Community Education Training Center, Colfax	February 25	(360) 753-1886
CPO Training - Emergency Management 101	Ellensburg Inn, Ellensburg	February 26	(360) 753-1886
<b><i>MARCH 2004</i></b>			
CPO Training - Risk Management	Yakima	March 3	(360) 753-1886
CPO Training - Risk Management	Mount Vernon	March 4	(360) 753-1886
CPO Training - Risk Management	Cheney	March 10	(360) 753-1886
CPO Training - Risk Management	Lacey	March 11	(360) 753-1886
<b><i>APRIL 2004</i></b>			
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Spring Training Program	Spokane	April 21-23	(360) 753-2175
<b><i>MAY 2004</i></b>			
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Support Staff Training Program	Campbell's Lodge, Lake Chelan	May 12-14	(360) 753-2175
<b><i>JUNE 2004</i></b>			
WA Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners'	Campbell's Lodge, Lake	June 22	(360) 477-9670 x 752

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## **Upcoming CPO Training**

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### **“Are you Prepared - Emergency Management for Local Officials”**

- What are your roles and responsibilities in an Emergency?
  - What is your role in public information?
- What is the role of State Agencies – what is their authority?
  - What are the functions of an Incident Command System?
- The latest information on Homeland Security and impacts in Washington State

#### **Locations: It's not too late!!**

February 25      Colfax

February 26      Ellensburg

### **“Minimizing Risk:**

#### **When Employer/Employee Actions make Front Page News”**

- What actions by public employers or employees become front page news?
- How can you reduce your chances of being the Lead Story on the 6 O'clock News?
- What policies and procedures should be in place to reduce your liability?
  - What do you provide and say to the media when they ask?

#### **Locations:**

March 3    Yakima

March 4    Mount Vernon

March 10   Cheney

March 11   Lacey

**More Info/Registration:** <http://www.wacounties.org/CPO/CPO.htm>

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## **Courthouse Ramblings**

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Congratulations to **Cherie Flood**, who has been appointed by Skamania County Commissioners as the new county treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Sandra Willing, who retired the end of last month. Cherie has been employed in the treasurer's office for 13 years.

## Calendar of Events

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
<b>2004</b>			
NACo Legislative Conference	Hilton Washington & Towers, Washington, DC	February 27 - March 2	www.naco.org
WA State Association of County Auditors Recording Conference	Sun Mountain	March 16 - 18	(360) 753-7319
Association of County Human Services Meetings	Pierce County	March 17 - 19	(360) 753-1886
WA Counties Insurance Pool Board Meeting	Red Lion Yakima Gateway, Yakima	March 18	(360) 586-0466
WA Counties Insurance Fund Board Meeting	Red Lion Yakima Gateway, Yakima	March 18	(360) 586-0466
Insurance Advisory Committee Full Membership Meeting	CANCELLED	March 18	(360) 586-0466
WA State Property Records Education Partners (PREP) Meeting	Sun Mountain Lodge, Winthrop	March 19	(360) 753-7319
WA County Administrative Association Annual Conference	Leavenworth	March 24 - 26	(360) 397-2232
WA State Association of Counties - Eastern District Meeting	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	April 8 - 9	(360) 753-1886
ACE Committee (Payroll & HR)	Yakima Convention Center	April 14	(360) 586-0466
WA Counties Risk Pool Risk Managers Roundtable	Icicle Inn, Leavenworth	April 14	(360) 586-7447
WA Counties Risk Pool Spring Board Meeting	Icicle Inn, Leavenworth	April 15	(360) 586-7447
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Spring Training Program	WestCoast Ridpath Hotel, Spokane	April 21-23	(360) 753-2175
WA State Association of Counties Western District Meeting	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver	April 22 - 23	(360) 753-1886
Association of County Human Services Meetings	Chelan County	May 19 - 21	(360) 753-1886
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys/ Support Enforcement Project Annual Training Symposium	Best Western Lakeway Inn, Bellingham	May 3 - 7	(360) 753-3953
WA State Association of Police Chiefs Spring Conference	Yakima Convention Center, Yakima	May 24 - 27	(360) 486-2380
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys District Court Training Program	Icicle Inn, Leavenworth	June 3-4	(360) 753-2175
WA State Association of County Assessors Annual Conference	Hallmark Inn, Moses Lake	June 14-16	(360) 753-7319
WA State Association of County Auditors' Annual Conference	Lakeway Inn, Bellingham	June 16 - 18	(360) 753-7319
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Summer Training Program	Campbell's Lodge, Lake Chelan	June 23-25	(360) 753-2175
National Sheriffs' Association	Seattle	June 26 - 30	www.sheriffs.org
County Clerk's Association 2004 Summer Conference	North Bonneville Hot Springs Resort. Skamania	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-7319

## **Calendar of Events (continued)**

County Treasurer's Association 2004 Summer Conference	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-7319
WA State Association of Counties 98 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	Pierce County, Sheraton, Tacoma	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-1886
IACREOT 33 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference	San Antonio, TX	July 15-24	
NACo Annual Conference	Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ	July 16 - 20	www.naco.org
Association of County Human Services Meetings	Kittitas County	July 21 - 23	(360) 753-1886
WA Counties Risk Pool Annual Board Meeting	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	July 22	(360) 586-7447
WA Counties Risk Pool Summer Conference	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	July 20 - 22	(360) 586-7447
WA Counties Insurance Pool Rate Setting Meeting	Wyndham Gardens, SeaTac	August 19	(360) 586-0466
Association of County Human Services Meetings	Grays Harbor County	September 15 - 17	(360) 753-1886
WA Counties Insurance Pool Board Meeting	Radisson Hotel, SeaTac	September 16	(360) 586-0466
WA Counties Insurance Fund	Radisson Hotel, SeaTac	September 16	(360) 586-0466
Insurance Advisory Committee	Radisson Hotel, SeaTac	September 16	(360) 586-0466
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 14 - 17	www.geocities.com/wsacrpdc
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	Spokane	October 4 - 8	(360) 753-7319
ACE Committee (Payroll & HR)	Yakima Convention Center	October 13	(360) 586-0466
WA Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Fall Conference	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	November 15 - 18	(360) 486-2380
Association of County Human Services Meetings	Spokane County	November 17 - 19	(360) 753-1886
WA Counties Insurance Fund 2005 Budget Meeting	Red Lion at Columbia Center, Kennewick	November 18	(360) 586-0466
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Winter Meeting & Banquet	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Seattle	December 9-10	(360) 753-2175
<b>2005</b>			
NACo Legislative Conference	Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC	March 3 - 4	www.naco.org
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Support Staff Training Program	WestCoast Ridpath Hotel, Spokane	May 11-13	(360) 753-2175
WA State Association of Police Chiefs Spring Conference	WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee	May 23 - 26	(360) 486-2380
WSAC 99 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	WestCoast Hotel at Columbia Center, Kennewick	June 13 - 16	(360) 753-1886
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Summer Conference & Training Program	Campbell's Lodge, Lake Chelan	June 22 - 24	(360) 753-2175

## ***Calendar of Events (continued)***

IACREOT 34th Annual Conference	New York, NY	June 28 - July 8	
NACo Annual Conference (City & County of Hawaii)	Honolulu, HI	July 15 - 19	www.naco.org
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 13 - 16	www.geocities.com/ wsacrpdpd
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	Ocean Shores	October 3 - 7	(360) 753-7319
<b>2006</b>			
WA State Association of Counties 100 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	Whatcom County, Bellingham	June / TBD	(360) 753-1886
IACREOT 35th Annual Conference	San Francisco, CA	July 2-7	
NACo Annual Conference	Denver, CO	July 21 - 26	www.naco.org
<b>2007</b>			
NACo Annual Conference (Sponsored by the counties in the Metropolitan Richmond Area)	Richmond, VA	TBD	www.naco.org
IACREOT 36th Annual Conference	Charlotte, NC	July 14-22	