LIKE MOLASSES IN JANUARY
The Legislative session is off to a start so slow that the movement of molasses this month is quick by comparison. Next week the pace will increase but a notch.

Schedules already light this week due to swearing-in ceremonies and the inaugural ball became even less busy when many committees shut down on Thursday to allow members and others the opportunity to attend the funeral of Representative Pat Scott (D-Everett), who died on Sunday night after a long battle with lung cancer.

Several committees are not holding a full schedule of meetings next week either and few are hearing bills. In fact, there are few bills to hear. As of Thursday only about 250 bills have been introduced between the two houses. Legislators seem intent on focusing on the budgets, getting out of town with as few bruises as possible and winning the open seats – now totaling two – up for election next fall.

35 COUNTIES JOIN I-722 LAWSUIT
We reported earlier in The Courthouse Journal that Judge Pomeroy had created two additional classes of plaintiffs for the I-722 lawsuit and then extended the period of time in which counties could "sign up." It appears that 35 counties have joined in the legal action. Although an order has not yet been entered, it is our understanding that two counties (King and Kitsap), which were originally defendants, were being realigned and will become part of the plaintiff class of counties. The counties who chose not to join the lawsuit are Asotin, Grays Harbor, Kittitas and Island. Opening Briefs are due January 22, Opposing Briefs by February 5, Reply Briefs by February 16, and the Hearing on the Motion for Summary Judgment will be on Friday, February 23.

It is our understanding that Tim Eyman's attorney has already withdrawn or will withdraw his appeal on Judge Pomeroy's decision to issue an injunction so that this matter will get before the Supreme Court as early as possible.

PROPERTY TAXES
This week, WACO staff gathered signatures on the property tax proposals submitted by the Assessors' Association. There originally had been two hearings scheduled this week in the House Finance Committee; however, both were canceled and the first hearing of the House Finance Committee is now scheduled for next Thursday afternoon. Sponsors were secured on the Assessor's timber bill, the personal property ratio/electronic filing proposal, and the open space "death" window. No sponsors were secured on the omitted value proposal. Any assessor who has a legislator willing to sponsor the "omit bill" should contact WACO as soon as possible.

E-MAIL AND INTERNET PROBLEMS HIT THE WASHINGTON COUNTIES BUILDING
Early Wednesday morning, a telephone line went down beside the Washington Counties Building, creating all sorts of havoc for WACO, WSAC and WAPA. The phones were dead for several hours, the power went out while the line was being repaired, and worse yet, voice mail and Internet services have been down for two days and counting. If you have sent e-mails, we are not ignoring you! We simply have not gotten them yet. Please call us until the problem has been resolved. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this has caused to our members.

WSAC AND OREGON ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FILE JOINT PROTEST TO ICBEMP EIS
WSAC President Mike Shelton this week joined Oregon Association of Counties President Steve McClure of Union County, Oregon in filing a protest to the Final EIS done for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP). The protest
represents the conclusion of county officials from eastern Oregon and eastern Washington that the EIS fails to “contain satisfactory promise of a reasonable long-term approach to management of federal lands in the interior basin” and recommends that a Record of Decision not be issued.

County Commissioners from eastern Washington have participated for approximately five years in the ICBEMP process with colleagues from eastern Oregon, Idaho, and Montana as the Eastside Ecosystem Coalition of Counties. The current Washington representatives to that group are Joan Frey of Klickitat County and Bill Hinkle of Kittitas County. Ed Thiele, recently retired as an Okanogan County Commissioner, also was a Washington representative.

The protest is based on comments filed on July 6 to the Supplemental EIS. It includes comment on the lack of attention to the purpose and need to support economic and/or social needs of people, culture and communities, the relative priority of new restoration-related jobs and community-based solutions, and the lack of coordination in multiple federal analytical processes, such as ICBEMP, the Northwest Power Planning Council and TMDL (total maximum daily load) implementation under the Clean Water Act. Idaho counties also are filing a protest in a separate letter.

A copy of the full protest letter filed by Washington and Oregon will be sent to the Chair of the Board in each Eastern Washington county next week.

**CORRECTION**

Loan applications using the new “open cycle” for the Public Works Board pre-construction loan program must be received by the 15th of the month or the first business day after the 15th to be considered at the next month’s board meeting. For example, the Board at its February meeting will consider applications received by January 16th. **The January 5 Courthouse Journal incorrectly stated that applications would be considered during the same month as received.**

Applications are available on the Public Works Board web site at [www.crab.wa.gov/pwtf](http://www.crab.wa.gov/pwtf). For further information contact the Board staff in Olympia at 360-725-5000.

**BILLS OF INTEREST**

**SB 5056** freezes hiring of state employees or filling state vacancies unless an exception is granted by the Governor.

**SB 5070** would restrict jury service to one trial and may not exceed two days unless to complete a trial. Jury terms are limited to one week.

**SB 5072** requires the county to pay $10.00 to jurors the first day of service and $45.00 for each additional day with the State reimbursing for anything over $10.00.

**SB 5077** allows sheriffs to extend provisional employees beyond the statutory four month period if "the commission certifies that it continues to use due diligence in advertising and testing for the position."

**SB 5084** establishes procedures for forming new counties.

**SB 5088** makes the office of sheriff non-partisan.

**COURT REFORM**

Both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees heard the final report on Project 2001, recommendations for court reform, as adopted by the Board for Judicial Administration (BJA) on Thursday.

Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, former Chief Justice Richard Guy, Spokane County Superior Court Judge James Murphy, Lewis County District Court Judge Michael Rowe, and Wayne Blair, former State Bar Association President presented the findings and answered the question posed by the committees. They noted that one of the preliminary accomplishments was the restructuring of BJA in order to present a single voice of the judges of all levels of the court. Other recommendations included court-coordinating councils; use of pro tem judges without party consent; stronger presiding judges; and, a revamp of the Judicial Information Systems (JIS) at a cost of $15,000,000.00.
Some bills are being drafted that will implement specific proposals which were included in Project 2001. The entire list will be mailed to the WACO membership on Friday, January 12, with other legislative information.

**COUNTY NEWS**

**SHERIFF BLAIR RESIGNS**
Yakima County Sheriff Doug Blair announced Monday that he is retiring at the end of this month, after 28 years in law enforcement. Blair was a line deputy and served as chief jail administrator before his appointment to sheriff in January 1986. He was elected to the job later that year and won re-election three more times. Blair is planning to conduct training for law enforcement officers.

**PIERCE COUNTY PROSECUTOR NAMED**
The Pierce County Council has appointed Gerry Horne as the new Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney, replacing John Ladenburg, the newly elected county executive. Horne has been with the office for the past 18 years and has served as the chief criminal deputy prosecutor for 11 years. He began his legal career with the Spokane County Public Defender's office in 1974; moved to Pierce County in 1979 to assist in a special prosecutor's corruption inquiry that resulted in the then-sheriff's conviction; spent time working in the Department of Assigned Counsel; and finally went to work in the prosecutor's office in 1982.

**BLANKET PRIMARY NEWS**
Legislators are getting an early jump on the issue of the blanket primary. This week the House Select Committee on Elections, chaired by Representative Val Ogden and Representative Dave Schmidt scheduled two hearings regarding the blanket primary. Steve Lundin, committee staff, gave a briefing on the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision holding the California blanket primary system unconstitutional. Bob Terwilliger, Snohomish County Auditor, and President of the County Auditor’s Association was invited by Representative Ogden to address the committee regarding concerns or comments the county auditors may have. Bob stressed that the fiscal impact to local government must be taken into account as well as honoring the will of the people. County Auditor legislative Co-chairs Bob Bruce, Doug Cochran and Suzanne Sinclair also attended the hearing.

On Friday, January 12, the Select Committee on Elections will hear a report from the Secretary of State’s Office on the public meetings that were held around the state on the blanket primary. In addition to hearings on the blanket primary, the House State and Local Government committee scheduled two work sessions for committee members this week on the civics of Washington state elections.

Numerous hearings are scheduled for the week of January 15 – 21, pertaining to the blanket primary. The House Select Committee on Elections will meet on 1/17, 10:00 am, and on 1/19 1:30 pm, in House Hearing Room E. The Senate State and Local Government committee will take up the issue on 1/15 at 1:30 pm, 1/17 at 1:30 pm and 1/18 at 3:30 pm all in Senate Hearing Room 3. On Monday, January 22, the Senate committee has scheduled a public hearing on the blanket primary.

The Washington State Grange has filed an Initiative to the People that could potentially preserve the blanket primary in Washington State. According to a news release by the Grange, the proposed primary “allows the political parties the freedom to choose their own candidates . . . it also allows the voters of this state the freedom to a totally secret ballot, as afforded by the Washington State Constitution, the right to vote for whichever candidate they prefer, and also allows candidates to choose the party, if any, with which they wish to be affiliated.” The Grange is responsible for the blanket primary, as we know it in Washington State. In 1934, they drafted, filed and successfully ran an initiative, Initiative 2, giving Washington the blanket primary of today. The Grange expects to have petition sheets circulating by the end of February or early March. They will have to turn in 197,734 valid signatures in order for the proposal to be placed on the November ballot.

**HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE & HOUSING**

**WEEK 2 HEARINGS IN HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE, AND HOUSING**
The following hearings will be coming up the second week of session. In the House, particularly noteworthy is a work session on Mental Health in House Health Care on Jan. 16 at 1:30 in HHR C. This includes the JLARC report and responses from the state, the providers, the RSNs, and NAMI. House Children and Family Services will also be discussing mental health but their focus is on children’s mental health. The hearing will be Jan. 15 at 1:30 in HHR D. House Criminal Justice and Corrections will have an update on the Special Commitment Center on Jan. 17 at 1:30 in HHR E. On the 19th at 8:00 AM, they will have a work session on the Jail Health Work Group including reviews of mental health courts, triage centers, intervention teams, and MICA programs. It will also be in HHR E. The brand new Juvenile Justice Committee will have hearings Jan 16 at 8:00, Jan 17 at 10:00 and Jan. 19 at 1:30 in HHR A and begin briefing the Committee on what juvenile justice is all about from sentencing to diversion.
Over in the Senate, the Human Services and Corrections Committee will be hearing a bill on less restrictive alternatives, **SB 5048**, and expanding the CD ITA, **SB 5051**. On the 19th at 8:00 they will have a work session on drug-affected infants. They meet in SHR 4. Senate Judiciary will have a hearing on the limitations on over-the-counter cold meds that can be used in manufacturing methamphetamine, **SB 5017**, on Jan. 15 at 10:00.

**Thurston County Announces New Program in Juvenile Detention**

Thurston County is the most recent county to announce the advent of some innovative programming in their juvenile detention facility. Detention manager Mark Tips has noticed the increase in the number of kids who need mental health services that are in the detention facility. He said that while it used to be only one or two kids per year, now there was at least one child in the center all the time. The result was a scramble for detention staff to connect the youth with counseling as opposed to just locking them up. Now Thurston County RSN staff have developed a new program, the Mentally Ill Juvenile Offender Project, that is expected to be operational in one or two months.

The program will provide mental health evaluations of teens when they enter juvenile detention, some psychiatric consultation with center medical staff for youth in detention, and immediate links to mental health services as soon as they leave detention. It is hoped that the program will keep some teens, who have committed misdemeanor crimes that appear connected to a mental illness out of detention. According to Mark Freedman, RSN Administrator, “We try to divert someone from the front door who doesn’t need to be there.” The Thurston-Mason RSN already funds programs for about 800 children and teens in the two counties but this is one point where corrections crosses over with juvenile mental health that the RSN wanted to expand.

A $75,000 grant from DSHS is providing startup money for the program. The RSN has agreed to keep it running for the second year and evaluate its effectiveness for continued funding. Tips feels this kind of program will provide better tools for dealing with kids. He notes his concern about the state failing to come up with good plans for dealing with mentally ill kids and how they get shuffled from foster homes and group homes and detention centers. Local mental health advocates are cautiously optimistic about the program. They note they would like to see a mental health court and triage center in the area. These are two ideas that are under discussion by the county. Already underway is a specialized training program for the Olympia Police Department.

**Association of County Human Services (ACHS) To Meet in Olympia**

ACHS will be holding its bimonthly meeting in Olympia from January 17 – 19. Due to the legislative session, the meetings will be held to two different places. Developmental Disabilities (DD) and Chemical Dependency (CD) will meet at the Aladdin next door to the Counties’ Building. Mental Health will meet at the Counties’ Building downstairs conference room.

DD will be having a pre-meeting on Tuesday afternoon. For more information on that, please contact one of the two section leaders, Denise Rothleutner, Pierce, or Mary Strehlow, Clark. On Wednesday, DD will meet from 9 – 3:30 at the Aladdin Inn, 900 S. Capitol Way. In the morning, reports will be presented on the residential WACs, the Infant and Early Childhood Conference, Parent Coalition support for the March 2001 meeting, Olmstead planning and implementation, and the strategy for getting 2001 transition funding put back in the state budget.

In the afternoon Janet Adams, DDD, will discuss self-determination. At 3:30, Linda Rolfe, Acting Director, DDD, will join us to discuss the Governor’s budget and the ARC lawsuit.

On Wednesday, the group moves to the WSAC Conference Room for Mental Health. The Section is scheduled from 9:30 – 4:00 broken by the business meeting from 11 – 12 noon. JLARC will come to the Section meeting at 9:30 to provide a presentation on the recent public mental health audit. Their presentation will allow for interaction between the RSNs, county mental health coordinators and JLARC staff. JLARC will be followed by a discussion on some of the issues surrounding implementation of the Dangerous Mentally Ill Offender act. A Department of Corrections representative has been invited to attend.

During the Business Meeting, there will be an update on the cross-section crisis response discussions now being done internally to DSHS and DVR’s implementation of Order of Selection.

In the afternoon of the Mental Health Section, the WAC revisions to the Aging and Adult Services Board Home rules will be discussed and other areas as needed with the Mental Health Division.

On Friday, CD will meet from 9 – 4:30. In the morning there will be workgroup reports from prevention. CODICAC, the legislative committee, Title XIX, and ADATSA. Following that will be work group assignments as necessary, an update on the legislature by WSAC staff, updates from the Methamphetamine Coordinating Committee and Central Office.
Questions about the meetings can be referred either to Carol Carey, Benton-Franklin Human Services Department or the Thurston-Mason Health and Human Services Department where you may contact Donna Bosworth, CD, Jane Boone, DD, or Mark Freedman, RSN.

PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SOLID WASTE

HEARINGS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK OF INTEREST TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOLID WASTE
House Agriculture and Ecology will hear reports on litter and discussion of recycling on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 8 AM in House Hearing Room A.

House Health Care will hold a work session dealing with Health Workforce Shortages and will include presentations from Mary Selecky, Secretary of Health and Don Sloma, Executive Director, State Board of Health as well as a presentation from the Long-term Care workforce Panel. It is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th at 8 AM in House Hearing Room C. It will also be on TVW.

Senate Environment, Energy & Water will hold a work session on Tuesday, January 16th at 3:30 PM in Senate Hearing Room 1. It will include an update by the Attorney General’s Office on recent court decisions and pending litigation relating to water resources issues. It will also be on TVW.

Senate Health and Long Term Care will hold a work session on Monday, January 15th at 1:30 PM in Senate Hearing Room 4. It will consist of four parts: (1) Public Health 2001: What are the new tools public health is using to reduce health disparities and increase the value of health care expenditures in Washington State? WSALPHO has been invited to participate along with Secretary of Health Selecky and the State Board of Health. (2) Tobacco: Will the state’s new smoking prevention and cessation initiatives work? (3) Immunizations: What are the policy issues prompted by the availability of new vaccines? (4) Oral Health: How well is the state doing to control tooth decay, our most widespread, preventable infectious disease?

Also in Senate Health and Long Term Care there will be another work session on Thursday, January 18th at 3:30 PM. The Health Care Authority will talk about the Basic Health Plan and Public Employee Benefits. DSHS Medical Assistance Administration will talk about Healthy Options and Medicaid Fee for Service.

BILLS OF INTEREST TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SOLID WASTE AND HEALTH CARE
HB 1003  -  Modifying solid waste disposal standards. This bill amends current statute to extend the provisions of RCW 70.95.060 to any expansion or modification of an existing landfill when that modification or expansion begins on or after July 1,2001, and results in a total landfill design capacity meeting or exceeding the criteria in this provision. This bill references that the active area may be no closer than five miles to any national park or a public or private nonprofit zoological park displaying native animals in their native habitats; or over a sole source aquifer designated under the federal safe drinking water act, if such designation was effective before January 1, 1999.

SB 5016  -  Revision motorcycle equipment laws.
This bill would amend the helmet law to require helmets only for those under 21. It also removes the provision that helmets must be of a type conforming to rules adopted by the state patrol and removes the authority of the state patrol to adopt such rules. Helmets must be "commercially manufactured" protective "motorcycle" helmet.

SB 5017  -  Regulating sale of larger quantities of ephedrine and derivatives. The sale of precursor drugs used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

SB 5026 , SB 5027, SB 5030 all deal with the issue of the high cost of prescription drugs and study or create programs to provide more affordable access to prescription drugs.

SB 5028  -  Establishing the legal presumption of reasonable value from the certification of health care records. Declares that treatment charges on a health care provider's billing statement certified under this act for treatment provided to a patient are presumably the reasonable value of necessary health care treatment.

SB 5039  -  Allowing endorsed dental hygienists to provide sealants to low-income school children. Declares an intent to address the problem of poor access to oral health care by providing for school-based sealant programs through the endorsement of dental hygienists. Directs the department of health to report to the legislature by December 1, 2005, on the impact of granting school sealant endorsements to dental hygienists to assess for and apply sealants in public and private school-based, school-linked sealant programs.
SB 5044 - Clarifying parental involvement in AIDS education. Provides that each school district shall, at least one month before teaching AIDS prevention education in any classroom, conduct at least one presentation during weekend and evening hours for the parents and guardians of students concerning the curricula and materials that will be used for such education. The parents and guardians shall be notified by the school district of the presentation and that the curricula and materials are available for inspection. The parents and guardians may attend the presentation but are not required to attend. This bill allows parents to exempt their children from the AIDS curriculum even if they do not choose to attend the presentation of the curriculum.

SB 5074 - Creates a women’s health advisory committee which would not include a representative from local public health. The committee would advise the Department of Health with regard to strategic planning to improve the department’s public health services and programs targeting women; analysis of departmental policies regarding specific issues related to women’s health; coordination of pilot projects and planning projects funded by the state that are related to women’s health; dispersing information to the public regarding women’s health data, strategies, and programs that address women’s health issues, including pregnancy, breast and cervical cancers, AIDS, osteoporosis, and menopause, as well as issues that impact women’s health, including substance abuse, domestic violence, housing, teenage pregnancy and sexual assault; identification of public and private sources of funding for initiatives in women’s health; and ways to encourage innovative responses by public and private entities that seek to address women’s health issues.

SB 5089 - Designates all state ferries as no smoking areas.

SB 5093 - Relating to the unlawful dumping of litter. Changes the language related to location of a class 1 civil infraction as defined in RCW 7.80.120 for a person littering in an amount greater than one cubic foot from the unincorporated area of the county to the incorporated area of the county.

FIRST-EVER REPORT OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON PUBLISHED

The good news: Washington adults are more likely to be active during their leisure time compared to the rest of the nation. The bad news: Only 26 percent of us meet the national guidelines for moderate physical activity in our spare time.

The first-ever report, “Physical Activity in Washington State”, is full of information describing the physical activity, cardiovascular and muscular strength levels of adults and youth. The report also estimates specific health problems and health-care costs that result from leading a sedentary lifestyle. In 1998, too little physical activity was responsible for about 1,270 deaths, 6,000 hospital admissions and $84.5 million in hospital charges in Washington.

“If we all were moderately active on a daily basis, we’d be so much healthier – as individuals, and as a population,” said state Health Officer Dr. Maxine Hayes. “Physical activity reduces a person’s risk of heart disease and blood pressure. But what most people still don’t know is that a daily, brisk walk reduces your chances of getting diabetes, colon cancer and depression.”

Only 9 percent of the state’s adults realize that 30 minutes or more of moderate physical activity, at least five days a week, is necessary for maintaining good health. For some, doing a half-hour of activity at one time is difficult. Shorter, 10-minute spurts of, say, walking, swimming or leaf raking also produces benefits.

In addition to promoting cardiovascular health, regular activity helps people maintain proper body weight and alleviate depression and anxiety. Frequent physical activity helps older adults build strength and flexibility thereby decreasing their risk of falls and fractures.

The report stresses three new messages about what most people call “exercise”:

- Regularity of activity is more important than intensity.
- Activity need not be limited to exercise sessions in the gym, but instead woven into an everyday routine.
- Every increase in activity brings some health benefit, in particular to very inactive people.

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MRSC POST OPEN

WACO is looking for someone who would be interested in serving on the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) Board to replace Kittitas County Prosecutor Greg Zempel who has resigned. He was appointed to the Board in July of 1997 to assist with the transition of making MRSC’s services available to the counties, as approved and funded by the legislature that year. The transition has gone smoothly, and Zempel is going to turn his attentions elsewhere. The MRSC Executive Board will appoint another WACO
member to the MRSC Board. We are asking WACO members who are interested in serving to please contact WACO staff so that we may forward names to MRSC. The MRSC Board term is two years with a maximum of three terms, or six years.

**SALARY COMMISSION TO MEET**
The Washington Citizens Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials is holding a hearing and work session on setting salaries, January 24, in Olympia. Those attending will be afforded an opportunity to speak. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. in the first floor auditorium of the General Administration Building.

**MEETINGS & CONFERENCES**

**PUGET SOUND RESEARCH CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH**
Puget Sound Research 2001 takes place February 12-14 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. The Conference provides a forum for presenting and discussing the environmental and natural resource science information that will guide future efforts to protect and restore the biological health and diversity of Puget Sound and the Georgia Basin.

Former EPA Director and Chair of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board William Ruckelshaus will deliver the keynote address. Over thirty sessions on recent science will also be offered.

Early registration, due by January 20, is $150 for the full conference, $90 for one day. To get registration information contact Joanie Pop, 360-357-8044 or e-mail edijoanie@home.com.

**COMING EVENTS**

February
2  WSAC Legislative Steering Committee meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.
14  Washington Counties Building and Best Western Aladdin Motor Inn; Auditors: Guest House Inn; Clerks: WestCoast Olympia Hotel; Treasurers: WestCoast Olympia Hotel.
14  Legislative reception for State Representatives and State Senators sponsored by WSAC, WACO and AWC, Saint Martins Pavilion, Lacey, 6:00 p.m.
15  WSAC Legislative Rally, Olympia.
15  WACO Affiliate Meetings continued.
16  WSAC Legislative Steering Committee meeting, Washington Counties Building

**JOBS**

**District Court Probation Administrative Supervisor** - Salary Range: $42,931 to $61,541 per year. Yakima County is recruiting for a dynamic individual to assist the Court Administrator in implementing probation programs, long-range planning activities and supervising day to day operations of professional staff. Bachelor’s degree and four years of progressively responsible program related experience including two years’ program coordinating, supervisory or managerial experience. Applications must be received in Yakima County Human Resources Department, 128 N. 2nd Street, Room 412 Courthouse, Yakima, WA 98901, (509) 574-2210 or email humanresources@co.yakima.wa.us by 5 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2001. Yakima County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**Cowlitz County Director of Administrative Services** – This position is responsible for planning, directing, organizing, staffing and motivating managers in the assigned functional areas. This includes establishing expected end results and evaluating the achievement of those results. This position reports directly to the Board of County Commissioners. Requirements: requires a bachelor’s degree in Public or Business Administration or related field. Five (5) years experience in government administration, financial management, human resources management or related areas or five (5) years experience in industry with emphasis in accounting and demonstrated supervisory/management skills and ability or any equivalent combination which provides the required skills, knowledge and ability to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position. Salary: $7,917 to $8,750 per month (DOQ). Applications and complete job description can be obtained by visiting Administrative Services, 207 4th Avenue N., Kelso, WA 98626 or calling (360) 577-3065 or TDD (360) 577-3061. Applications must be returned to Administrative Services by 2/23/01. Cowlitz County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.