I-695 BACKFILL STILL NOT COVERED

As final deliberations approach, budget writers have still not indicated to WSAC, WACO or AWC just how much of the backfill will survive. Rumors abound that cuts could be up to 25% of what your county received in 2000. The type of options being discussed are a percentage reduction across the board, changes to the formula developed and supported by WSAC last year, and funding only 18 months of the next biennium. A more onerous option discussed has been to cut all large counties, which ignores the fact that large counties have substantial unmet needs particularly in the law and justice area.

A budget is expected within the week from the Senate and budget writers in the House are developing their own version. It is extremely important that every WSAC and WACO member calls their legislators immediately and insists that the I-695 backfill be placed in the budget at the same level as last year. Other interest groups are putting enormous pressure on legislators to save programs that may be cut. If Legislators do not hear from counties our funding could be a way to meet other demands.

Remind legislators that this funding goes to pay for law and justice costs in counties. This category takes nearly 70% of the average county current expense fund. Without state assistance cuts will need to be made and that will result in less law and justice services in counties.

It should also be pointed out that in the adoption of the budget last year, the Legislature made it very clear that it was legislative intent to continue this funding with a growth factor. Most members of this legislature voted for that budget.

Please make those calls now. Without hearing from you it will be much easier for legislators to make cuts in the backfill funds.

SENATE SENDS SHORELINES RULE LIMITATION TO HOUSE

By a 28-21 vote, the Senate on Wednesday afternoon amended and then passed Substitute SB 5378. It contains – and expands upon - the language developed by WSAC based on our Resolution adopted at the Fall Legislative Conference. Senator Sid Snyder (D-Pacific County) led the effort to send the measure to the House where it faces an uncertain future. No shorelines measures emerged from the House Local Government and Housing Committee.

SSB 5378 allows counties with 75% or more of the county land base in natural resource production, preservation, or open space – and with a comprehensive plan and shoreline master program in place - to continue using the old shorelines rules. The amendment also allows counties bordering another state to continue with the old rules. That apparently leaves only six counties required to plan under the new shorelines rules: Island, King, Kitsap, Pierce, San Juan, and Thurston.

The bill has been lobbied heavily by the environmental community as inadequate protection for shorelines; the business community has argued to legislators that the bill does not go far enough in moving away from the newly adopted shorelines rules.

ESSB 5378 requires those counties (and their cities) not meeting the qualifications above to revise shoreline master programs within 36 to 72 months after full funding is provided to them to amend their shorelines programs. SSB 5378 also coordinates the planning schedules for GMA critical areas revisions and shorelines programs.
CUTOFF DATES
Scores of bills died on Wednesday afternoon with the 5:00 p.m. cutoff for legislators to consider bills in the first house. Next week, work begins in earnest with bills from the opposite house being scheduled for hearing. The next cutoff date comes within only two weeks. March 30 is the last day to hear bills from the opposite house, except House fiscal committees, Senate Ways and Means and Transportation committees. The cutoff for those committees is April 2. The last day to consider bills in the opposite house is April 13 and the regular 105-day legislative session ends April 22.

SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS! SCHOLARSHIPS
This is a great time for children of county employees to apply for a Washington Counties Scholarship! Since 1993, approximately 240 students vied for five awards of $1,500 each. Thanks to National Association of Counties President Jane Hague, the awards are substantially greater for the 2001/02 school year. For her outstanding contributions as NACo President, Metro King County Council Member Hague is allowed to select worthy students to receive two renewable scholarships. Other NACo presidents have limited the field to students of his/her own county. President Hague has secured authorization from NACo and the sponsors of the awards to use the Washington Counties Scholarship Fund application process and eligibility criteria thereby allowing students from across the state to be considered.

In addition to five $1,500 scholarships made by the Washington Counties Scholarship Fund, a joint WACO/WSAC venture, the NACo David Davenport and CH2M Hill Scholarships will be awarded in early May. The David Davenport Scholarship is $2,500 annually, renewable for four years; and, the CH2M Hill Scholarship is $1,000 annually, renewable for four years.

The application process opened last week. The completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 16 to be considered. “Eligible” students are dependent children of county employees who are enrolled full-time students for the 2001/02 school year in a baccalaureate degree, associate degree, or vocational/technical certification program.

Next week: Where do the scholarships come from?....Meanwhile: Call (360) 753-1886 for scholarship applications, or find an application online at www.wacounties.org/WACO/.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER DINNER CRUISE
As part of WSAC’s fundraising endeavors this year for the Washington Counties Scholarship Fund, the WSAC Western District Meeting in Oak Harbor next month boasts a “unique opportunity to demonstrate your munificent character and your voracious appetite for adventure on the high seas.”

Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, Inc., has generously donated their time and resources to host a dinner cruise to benefit the Scholarship Fund. For each registered member, guest or affiliate, Nichols Brothers will donate $20 to the Fund.

TAXATION, BUDGET & FINANCE

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PROPOSAL STILL ALIVE
A proposal to allow community revitalization financing (aka tax increment financing) remains alive after passage by the House. ESHB 1418, sponsored by Representative Jeff Gombosky (D-Spokane County) would allow redistribution of tax resources within a designated area to finance infrastructure improvements within that area. The measure requires approval of taxing districts that levy at least sixty percent of the regular property tax within the increment area and approval of a fire protection district, if one is included within the increment area.

TIMBER TAX
SSB 5702 has passed the Senate and is now in the House Natural Resources Committee and is scheduled for a hearing next Wednesday.

COMPENSATING TAX/DEATH WINDOW
SHB 1450 passed the House and has now been referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE REQUEST LEGISLATION
SHB 1202 and SHB 1467 are in the Senate Ways & Means Committee awaiting a hearing. These measures include several things to clean up the property tax system. Most importantly, it allows for three years worth of personal property data in computing personal property ratios. It provides a mechanism whereby errors in the levy-setting process can be corrected and eliminates all the old provisions of Referendum 47 that were declared unconstitutional by the court.
PROPERTY TAX/VETERANS

SHB 1011 passed the House and went to the Senate Ways & Means Committee. This is the measure that allows a full senior citizen-type exemption for totally disabled veterans, regardless of their age or income. Partially disabled veterans could qualify for the exemption, but they would not be required to count their disabled benefits as qualifying income. Also passing the House was HB 1408, which provides property tax exemptions for widows/widowers of veterans. To qualify, the person must be 61 years of age or older and be a widow/widower of a veteran who: 1) died as a result of service-connected disability; or 2) was rated as 100% disabled for 10 years prior to his death; or 3) was a former POW rated as 100% disabled for one or more years prior to his/her death; or 4) died in active training status as a member of the US military or Reserves or National Guard. The person claiming the exemption may not be remarried.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT STANDARDS

Representative Carrell’s bill, HB 1489, has passed the House and gone to the Senate Ways & Means Committee. If assessors have not reviewed this measure, please do so. This bill provides additional guidelines to be developed by the Department of Revenue establishing standards by which properties will be valued.

CHURCH PROPERTY EXEMPTION

HB 1092, which raises the number of acres of church property that qualifies from 5 to 20 acres, passed the House.

FEDERAL PROPERTY/LOSS OF EXEMPT STATUS

EHB 2005 provides that whenever property owned by the Federal Government and used for generating or transmitting electricity loses its exempt status, it will be subject to 20 years of back taxes, or the life of the exemption, whichever is less, together with the interest at the same rate and computed the same way on delinquent property taxes. This tax is to be collected from the purchaser but will not be imposed if the property is transferred to a non-profit, etc., and is used for a purpose that continues to be exempt under RCW 84.36, or the property qualifies for “timber land” under RCW 84.33.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR COMMUNITY RADIO STATIONS

HB 1219 passed the House again and is in the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

EXEMPTION FOR NEW OR REHABILITATED MULTI-UNIT BUILDINGS

ESB 5872 has passed the Senate. This is the measure discussed in the past, which allows for the continuation of the exemption if part of the housing units are sold to individuals that no longer qualify for the tax exemption as low-income housing.

EXEMPTIONS/PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICTS/NON-PROFIT COLLEGE FOUNDATIONS

ESHB 2191 has passed the House and is in the Senate. The measure provides an exemption for real and personal property leased to or used by a public hospital or owned or operated by a public hospital district. It also exempts real and personal property owned by a non-profit foundation of an institution of higher education, or if it is leased to or used by the institution for educational purposes. This bill differs a little bit from the Senate bill that originally included a waiver of the compensating taxes of property purchased by such non-profits.

SENIOR CITIZENS/ADULT CARE FACILITY

HB 1438 passed the House and is now in the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

PARK MODEL MOBILE HOMES/REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX VS. SALES TAX

SHB 2184 passed the House. This allows Park Model Mobile Homes when sold to pay the REET rather than the sales tax.

SENIOR CITIZENS

HB 1642, which was probably the most far-reaching senior citizen bill, failed to clear the House Rules Committee, so it is dead. This was the measure that created a new income bracket from $30,000 to $50,000, and granted a 2% limitation on the valuation growth for seniors between $30,000 and $50,000. HB 1642 also tied existing income brackets to a percentage of the county median income.

DAIRY FARMS/ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS/PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

HB 1888 failed to clear the House Rules Committee and therefore died for the session. The Senate counterpart, SB 5947, had not cleared the Ways & Means Committee before the last cutoff, so it appears that this issue has been set aside for the session.

FARM EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY EXEMPTION

SHB 1906, which would have exempted farm equipment from the state levy, failed to clear the House Rules Committee and is dead for the session. Its counterpart, SB 5668, had not cleared the Senate Ways and Means Committee, so both of these measures have died for the session.
AG BURNING EXEMPTION – EXPANSION FOR ORCHARDS

HB 2070 had cleared the House Finance Committee when WACO was contacted by its prime sponsor who asked WACO to prepare an amendment that would meet the concerns raised by some of the counties. The two primary issues were that the original bill repealed the sunset date for the existing exemption for equipment that reduced the burning of wheat stubble and created a further exemption for any other agricultural equipment used to reduce agricultural burning in orchards, hop farms, vineyards, etc. The potential fiscal impact of the new exemption was causing a great deal of concern by some affected counties. An amendment was prepared which would have allowed the farmers to take the sales tax credit on the purchase of such equipment but would not have allowed an additional property tax exemption. The amendment also preserved the expiration date for the existing exemption. We were informed on Wednesday that that amendment would not be offered when the measure came to the floor of the House. The fact that the measure did not clear the Rules Committee made the proposed amendment moot in any case. I expect the measure will be back next year. Local officials who had concerns regarding the impact of HB 2070, need to discuss it and work with their legislators in the interim.

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

2SSB 5447, modifying the forest fire protection assessment, died in the Senate Rules Committee yesterday, without it having moved to the floor calendar.

TRANSPORTATION

BRCT PACKAGE IS EXEMPTED FROM THE CUT-OFF

Both the Senate and the House passed resolutions that exempted bills related to the BRCT from the legislative scheduled cut-off periods. This means that these bills will have the same cut-off period as the transportation budget 4/13. Consequently, neither the House nor the Senate acted on any of these bills during this last week of floor activity. Prior to this decision the House had passed the right-of-way bill (SHB 1678) and the design/build bill (SHB 1680). As reported in last weeks bulletin, the Senate Committee actively considered most of the accountability /efficiencies measures in a proposed substitute format.

Later this week after the floor cut-off, the Senate continued discussion on two regional model bills, SB 6140 and SB 6148. SB 6140 is sponsored by many King and Snohomish County democrats as well as republicans. This bill creates a congestion relief board for the central Puget Sound region. Legislative districts define the regional boundary and three legislators from each of their respective legislative districts appoint the membership. The congestion relief board is empowered to institute and collect locally imposed taxes voted on by the people. SB 6148, sponsored by Senator Jacobsen and others, is a bill that would create a nine-member board appointed by the Governor to institute and collect locally imposed taxes voted in by the people. Attached is an updated summary of the regional models that have been introduced.

As reported in last week’s bulletin, the package of twenty-seven BRCT bills has taken on a different shape than the original package. This package will continue to change as the session evolves. Please refer to last weeks bulletin for a description of the substitute versions.

For questions or comments, please contact Jackie White (WSAC staff).

TRANSPORTATION BILLS OTHER THAN THE BRCT PACKAGE

SB 5733 – An act relating to county road construction projects. Current law permits counties to utilize day labor to construct or improve county roads that are limited to no more that the annual county road construction budget or a specific dollar amount. The percentage and the dollar amount vary depending on the total annual county road construction budget. The Senate took positive action on SSB 5733, which would allow this annual limit to be increased by 10 percent in counties with a population of less that 50,000 people.

HB 1394 - Clarifying the use of county road funds in salmon recovery projects. The use of county road funds is restricted to county road purposes. Any county road dollars that are expended on areas outside of county road purposes may be considered a diversion of county road dollars. HB 1394 clarifies that county road moneys may be expended for the purposes of removing barriers to fish passage without creating a diversion. This may include engineering services, stream bank stabilization, stream restoration, or channel modification. The language clearly states that the local legislative authority makes this determination. The House voted out this bill without amendment 98-0.
LAW & JUSTICE

HOUSE HEARING SET FOR 911 ASSISTANCE BILL
The House Technology, Telecommunications and Energy Committee has scheduled a March 21 hearing on SSB 5335, which would ensure ongoing local operational assistance from the state 911 office. The hearing begins at 1:30 in House Hearing Room B in the John L. O’Brien Building. County officials are encouraged to attend the hearing to support the bill, which is a priority on the WSAC legislative agenda.

The Senate passed the bill last week. However, HB 1181, a companion measure, did not pass the House. To keep SSB 5335 alive in the House, county officials are encouraged to send emails and faxes to their own representatives as well as members of the Technology, Telecommunications and Energy Committee.

SSB 5335 removes the restrictions on the use of the statewide E911 tax concerning salaries for those personnel who answer 911 calls. It allows the money to be used for a variety of operational needs by all counties that levy the full 50-cent local land-line phone tax but don’t realize adequate revenue from the tax to sustain 911 services. The bill also removes references to the development of regional 911 operations for call answering and establishes legislative priorities for the use of the statewide E911 account funds.

GOVERNOR NAMES COUNTY REP TO STATE SENTENCING COMMISSION
Beginning in April, Grant County Commissioner Deborah Moore will represent counties on the state Sentencing Guidelines Commission. She was appointed by Governor Gary Locke to serve a three-year term on the 20-member Commission.

King County Councilmember Greg Nickels previously served in this position.

The Commission evaluates and monitors adult and juvenile sentencing policies and practices, and recommends modifications to the Legislature. It derives its authority from the Sentencing Reform Act of 1981, RCW Chapter 9.94A. The Commission is currently engaged in a study of the fiscal impacts (including local fiscal impacts) of sentencing policies and practices.

Other Commission members represent judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, juvenile administrators, cities, crime victims, and citizens. Four legislators and four state agency representatives serve on the commission in a non-voting capacity.

APPEALS COURT RULES THAT INTERPRETERS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR PROSPECTIVE JURORS
Division III of the Washington State Court of Appeals issued an opinion last week in a Spokane County case, State v. Nemitz, (COA 18680-6-III), holding that trial courts need not provide interpreters for prospective jurors who do not read, write and speak English.

In this case, the District Court refused to provide an interpreter for a Vietnamese prospective juror who had trouble understanding spoken English. The appeals court engaged in both constitutional and statutory analysis, finding that the U.S. Constitution allows states to prescribe relevant qualifications for jurors and that Washington law unambiguously requires jurors to be able to communicate in English. The court reasoned that although a Washington statute (RCW 2.43.030) does provide interpreters for defendants, witnesses and others compelled to appear at trial, this is easily distinguished from the more-specific statute (RCW 2.36.070(4)) that requires jurors be able to communicate in English.

SHERIFF’S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY
HB 1560, restricting the use of the term “sheriff” and “sheriffs posse” passed the House on March 13 with 91 yeas, 3 nays, and 4 absent. The bill is in Senate Judiciary Committee and is scheduled for a hearing on Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

SHERIFFS: Please contact members of this committee and ask for their support. The members of the committee are: Adam Kline (D-37), Chair; Dow Constantine (D-34); Bob McCaslin (R-4) Ranking Minority Member; Jeri Costa (D-38); James Hargrove (D-24); Stephen Johnson (R-47); Jim Kastama (D-25); Jeanine Long (R-44); Pam Roach (R-31); Pat Thibaudeau (D-43) and Joseph Zarelli (R-18).

NONPARTISAN SHERIFFS
SB 5141, the Sheriffs’ recommendation requiring the office of county sheriff to be nonpartisan, passed the Senate 29-20 this week and moves on to the House. All 39 county sheriffs are supporting this bill and are making repeated contacts with House members for support and to get a hearing for the bill.
COURTS

TAX WARRANTS

SHB 1793. Tax warrants, “if it continues its circuitous route to the Governor’s desk, would be the perfect bill to use as an example of how a bill becomes law in some high school civics class,” according to Representative Pat Lantz. SHB 1793 passed out of the House on Wednesday after a week of travels from one committee to another. Given the time frame involved, SHB 1793 was near death several times. Credit for the “saves” go to Representatives Lantz, Hatfield and McDermott and all those calls to legislators from the county clerks. SSB 5115, the senate companion, has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Please call Representatives Lantz and Carrell, Judiciary Chairs, to request a hearing.

FAMILY LAW COURT FILES

HB 1864. Removing information from family law court files, will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m. Thurston County Clerk Betty Gould will testify in support of HB 1864 on behalf of the Washington State Association of County Clerks. The senate version, SB 5975, did not pass the Senate.

ENVIRONMENT, LAND USE & RESOURCES

GMA TIMELINE BILL

As reported in last week’s bulletin, the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is advocating for amendments to the current statutes that now require all GMA planning jurisdictions to review and update if necessary, local GMA plans and development regulations by September 2002. HB 1588 and the companion bill SB 5841 would have established new deadlines beginning in 2004 over a 4-year period. Both bills have been given public hearings but did not pass either the House or the Senate Committees. However, the Senate committee amended SSB 6070, a GMA-related bill to include language that would extend the GMA timelines beginning September 1, 2004 over a 3-year period. We understand that even though the House did not take action on this measure before the scheduled cut-off period that they are still planning to address this issue along with critical area timelines and the Shoreline Management Act.

Please contact WSAC staff, Jackie White for questions or comments.

REALTORS ASSOCIATION CONTINUES TO ADVANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT USING GMA AS THE TOOL FAILED TO MEET CUT-OFF

WSAC and AWC staff negotiated a compromise with the realtors that would have included our GMA time extension bill (SB 5481) and language on the economic development element that would not have a substantial impact on cities and counties. But after many hours of negotiation, this compromise did not meet the cut-off deadline.

The house bill (HB 2056) failed to be considered for executive action before the scheduled cut-off date in the House Local Government Committee.

Please contact Jackie White, WSAC staff, for more information or comments.

RURAL COUNTIES MAY DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO GMA

SB 5107 passed by the Senate this week would allow rural counties to develop alternative methods of achieving GMA planning goals. The bill defines a rural county as a county with a population density of less than 100 persons per square mile. The alternative may not be used to change the authority of GMA hearings boards regarding designation and protection of critical areas and natural resource lands, siting of essential public facilities, or adoption of a capital facilities plan element.

MANDATORY 120-DAY LAND USE BILL PASSES HOUSE (ESHB 1458)

In spite of both County and City efforts to discourage House members from advancing a mandatory 120-day land use application timeline bill without the protection of a liability waiver, the House passed an amended version this week. This bill now requires all cities and counties planning under GMA to establish targets for completing review of development permits. The targets should include the total elapsed time, rather than being focused on the start/stop clock model adopted by the 1995 legislature. In addition, it requires cities and counties to establish permit process standards and reports to their respective local government legislative authority at least annually on compliance with the targets established by local government. It also requires the State Office of Community Development to report every two years to the legislature on city and county performance in meeting their performance targets.

Both WSAC and AWC oppose this legislation on the basis that local governments already have timelines that are being met and that this legislation is unnecessary.
GOVERNOR’S WATER BILL GETS NEW LOOK
Using shuttle diplomacy and joint diplomacy last week and over the weekend, the Governor’s Water Czar Jim Waldo and House Agriculture and Ecology Co-Chairs Kelli Linville (D-Whatcom County) and Gary Chandler (R-Grant County) have assembled a water bill addressing key WSAC topics. Proposed Substitute HB 1832 is scheduled for hearing in House Appropriations on Tuesday afternoon and is expected to be sent to the Senate by the end of next week.

The new bill includes clarification that the authority of conservancy boards includes approval of transfers; expands the use of trust water rights; includes added funding for WRIA (Water Resource Inventory Area) planning efforts; creates separate processing lines for new water rights and water rights changes; prohibits lawsuits against counties or conservancy boards for the boards’ proposed decisions; allows limited transfers of family farm water rights, including to supply water inside an urban growth boundary; and provides tax incentives for water conservation. The re-write also provides funding for establishment of instream flows, whether by the WRIA planning unit or Ecology, allows multi-county conservancy boards, and elaborates upon procedural requirements for conservancy boards.

Bills addressing separate permit lines (SSB 5100), trust water rights (SSB 5361), increased funding for WRIA planning units (SSB 5586) and water rights relinquishment (SSB 5910) have also passed the Senate. No conservancy board legislation moved from the Senate.

PARKS AND RECREATION BILLS FIND MIXED RECEPTION
A measure to allow counties and cities to use a portion of Real Estate Excise Tax revenue for parks and operation maintenance failed to move from Senate Rules this week, but a proposal to establish a task force to look at parks and recreational facilities funding has passed the House and is now in the Senate Natural Resources, Parks and Shorelines Committee. SHB 1836 is scheduled for a hearing in the Committee on Wednesday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m.

CONSERVATION FUTURES INCREASE MOVES TO HOUSE
SSB 5104, sponsored by Senator Don Carlson (R-Clark County), has been sent to the House for consideration. The bill allows a county, at its option, to increase its conservation futures levy to up to 10 cents per one thousand dollars valuation. A similar House proposal, which would have authorized a higher levy but would have required a public vote, was not reported from Committee.

HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH & SOLID WASTE
The most important issue facing local public health in this session remains the 695 backfill funding. Local public health needs the original proviso language relating to the time frame for expenditure of the backfill funds to be lifted so that the funding for this current biennium is concurrent with the state fiscal year. This is necessary because local public health only received one month of MVET funding in 2000 (MVET distribution to local public health jurisdictions had been on a monthly, rather than quarterly, basis). Additionally, local public health needs 24 months of 695 backfill funding in the 2001-03 biennium. Revenue sources available to public health are limited – consisting of county current expense contributions, fees and permits for services, grants and the 695 backfill funding. That backfill funding, on average, represents one-third of the un-restricted funding for public health services.

Lots of activity this week in the House and Senate determined the fate of many bills of interest to public health and solid waste.

PASSING THE SENATE:
SB 5093 – Unlawful Dumping of Solid Waste – Now in House Agriculture and Ecology. This is a housekeeping bill.
ESSB 5112 – Child Passenger Restraint Systems. This bill increases the age for use of child restraint systems to eight years and eighty pounds.
ESB 5258 – Disclosure/Health Care Information. This bill requires health care providers to take reasonable safeguards for the security of health care information by making sure fax number records are current, and verifying the accuracy of a fax number prior to transmission. A negligent violation of the confidentiality statutes for sexually transmitted disease information is defined to include sending the protected information to an incorrect number when the sender should have know the number was wrong.
SSB 5291 – Requiring immunization of staff/residents in long-term care facilities.
SSB 5296 – Youth Access to Tobacco. This bill restricts youth access to tobacco products.
SSB 5401 – Eliminating Boards and Commissions. This bill passed out of the Senate. SSB 5401 no longer included the Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a committee to be eliminated.
SB 5478 – Reducing childhood lead exposure. This bill requires the Department of Health to implement a public health education program aimed at reducing childhood exposure to lead in residential settings.

SSB 5679 – Creating the HIV/AIDS Prevention Study Committee. This bill calls for a committee to review the AIDS Omnibus Act passed in 1988 and make recommendations to the Legislature by January 2002. Local public health has three representatives (out of a thirteen member committee) on the committee.

2SSB 5820 – Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment. This WSAC supported bill passed the Senate. The Susan G. Komen Foundation has pledged $400,000 to this effort, reducing the state’s obligation to 22 cents on the dollar. The Federal Government provides 65 cents of each dollar.

SSB 5993 – Limitations on smoking in public places. This bill, a compromise worked out between the Restaurant Association and the tobacco prevention and control advocates, prohibits smoking in public places where children under the age of 18 are allowed.

SS 6020 – Access to Dental Care. This bill addresses the problem of poor access to dental care of low-income children by providing for school-based sealant programs. DOH would create a school sealant endorsement program for dental hygienists and dental assistants.

SJM 8001 – Northwest states should consider cooperative strategies to address the challenge of the high cost of prescription medications.

PASSING THE HOUSE:

HB 1162 – Providing Medical Assistance to Small Rural Hospitals.

SHB 1163 – Disposal of garbage and junk vehicles. This bill provides that new penalties for littering and abandoning junk vehicles in an incorporated area are the same as the existing penalties in the unincorporated portion of a county.

SHB 1180 – Public Health System Funds. This DOH request legislation would allow DOH to accept gifts, grants, or other funds.

SHB 1187 (SSB 5255 also passed Senate) – Public Disclosure/Terrorism – This bill exempts from public inspection and copying vulnerability assessments and response plans intended to prevent or mitigate criminal terrorist acts.

HB 1320 – Relating to Adult Family Homes. This bill includes requirements for DSHS training of food handlers to be equivalent to the State Board of Health Food Handling Standards.

2SHB 1365 – Infant/child products recall. This bill requires DOH to promote awareness of products designed to be used by infants and children, excluding toys, that have been determined to be unsafe by the US Consumer Products Safety Committee.

E2SHD 1658 - (SSB 5837 also passed the Senate) – State Oyster Reserve Lands. Creates a pilot program to evaluate the feasibility of growing shellfish on non-productive oyster reserve lands in Puget Sound. Revenues from the leases and from the sale of shellfish from these lands are deposited into the State Wildlife Fund and used for managing oyster reserve lands, new research and development activities at the Pt. Whitney and Nahcotta shellfish laboratories, the state general fund, and the shellfish-on-site sewage grant program. The Puget Sound Action Team is directed to establish a shellfish-on-site sewage grant program to improve on-site sewage systems in areas that could adversely affect water quality in commercial and recreational shellfish growing areas.

SHB 1759 – Sale of hypodermic syringes. This bill allows that individuals over 18 years of age may possess up to 10 sterile syringes to reduce the transmission of bloodborne diseases. Injection syringe equipment may be distributed through pharmacies. Pharmacists may provide drug prevention and treatment materials at the point of sale. Sterile syringes sold under this act must be designed to reduce the risk of an exposure incident after the syringe has been used.

HB 1911 – Neurodevelopmental Therapies. For public employee and employer-sponsored health plans covering neurodevelopmental therapy, this bill modifies the RCWs removing the phrase of “age six and younger”. This brings those plans into alignment with Medicaid benefits and will assist those families with older children to get the care that they need. It does not change the language that says such therapies have to be medically necessary to either improve function or prevent deterioration.

SHB 2082 – Children Exposed to Methamphetamine Manufacturing. Creates the rebuttable presumption that a child has suffered negligent treatment or maltreatment if the child is found in a place where methamphetamine is being manufactured.
HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE & HOUSING

HUMAN SERVICES AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEES START SCHEDULING HEARINGS AGAIN
Bills that survived cut-off are now being referred to their respective committees in the Opposite House. The hearings of interest in human services are listed below. The following week, March 26 – 30 will be the second and final week of hearing bills from the Opposite House. Cut-off is March 30 out of the policy committees and April 2 out of the fiscal committees.

MONDAY, MARCH 19
10:00 AM
House Criminal Justice and Corrections
SB 5017, precursor drug bill for methamphetamine manufacture

1:30 PM
House Children & Family Services
Four (4) bills on coordination of services both within and without DSHS for children who are dependents

Senate Health & Long-Term Care
SB 2011, Pierce County’s Psychiatric facility licensing bill

TUESDAY, MARCH 20
1:30 PM
House Health Care
SB 5176, rules on medical marijuana

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
8:00 AM
Senate Human Services & Corrections
Three bills on juvenile justice issues

House Children & Family Services
SSB 5355, limiting liability for errors of judgement (currently limited to state workers, some interest from WSAC in expanding it to local government workers)
ESB 5051, the expansion of the chemical dependency ITA

10:00 AM
House Juvenile Justice
ESSB 5500, integrating BECCA and the Hope acts
Four other juvenile justice bills relating to truancy, juvenile records, and emancipation

1:30 PM
House Criminal Justice and Corrections

CHANGES IN HUMAN SERVICES LEGISLATION POST-CUT-OFF
Actually very, very few human services bills of interest to us were lost during the cut-off from the House of Origin. Two of note were SSB 5544, dealing with mental health evaluations for kids arrested for bomb threats and/or arson. We had actually fixed this bill as well as placing an amendment on it fixing last year’s firearms bill. The bill died on the Senate Second Reading Calendar. The other bill was SSB 5652, which would have raised the wages of long-term care workers. This bill was widely supported but the funds are just not available so its death was not unexpected. Everything else that was mentioned in last week’s Legislative Bulletin passed out of the House of Origin.

Four bills on sexual predators
Senate Health & Long-Term Care
Miscellaneous primary care bills including raising reimbursements for small, rural hospitals

THURSDAY, MARCH 22
8:00
Senate Human Services and Corrections
SHB 1252, faith-based chemical dependency programs

House Health Care
SSB 5522, mental health ombuds
SSB 5184, releasing information on vulnerable adult abuse to employing agencies

1:30 PM
House Children & Family Services
SSB 5416, relating to drug-affected babies and treatment
SSB 5417, changing provisions relating to methadone programs

3:30 PM
Senate Health & Long-Term Care
SHB 1759, allowing purchase of syringes and needles to reduce bloodborne diseases

FRIDAY, MARCH 23
8:00 AM
Senate Human Services & Corrections
Miscellaneous bills on sexual offenders and DOC

House Criminal Justice & Corrections
Possible executive session

10:00 AM
House Health Care
SSB 5583, implementing the JLARC recommendations
Two bills regarding tobacco limitations
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES (ACHS) BI-MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULED IN YAKIMA

ACHS will be meeting in Yakima, March 21 – 23 at the WestCoast Yakima Center at 607 Yakima Avenue. The Developmental Disabilities Section is meeting Wednesday, March 21 from 9:00 – 3:30. In the morning there will be a legislative/bill update, transition funding discussion for 99 – 01, stakeholders workgroup update, and the ITEIP Data Systems presentation. The afternoon will be discussions from the work order committee, supported employment, funding codes, and other business as necessary.

On Thursday, March 22, the Mental Health Section meets from 9 – 4 broken by the Cross-Section/Business Meeting at 11. In the morning, the Section is expected to hold discussions with the Mental Health Division on use of additional federal block grant funds, the state hospital downsizing budget proposal, inpatient emergency pool funding. 01-03 contract development, the WAC revision, outcomes/performance indicator for 01-03, MAA costs for doctors and transportation, state hospital bed allocation, and planning for HIPAA and the Balanced Budget Act implementation.

In the afternoon, Cathy Gaylord from the Mental Health Council will attend for ½ hour and discuss Council priorities and activities. Following that discussion is an open session tp finish anything from the morning.

Chemical Dependency will meet on Friday from 9 – 4:30. Their morning agenda includes work group reports from prevention, CODIAC, the legislative committee, the Title XIX workgroup, ADATSA, and Pioneer Center North. There will be work group assignments, a BDSS update, and the Methamphetamine Coordinating Committee report.

In the afternoon, DASA Headquarters will cover TARGET, HIPAA, TANF funding, the SSI pilots, the prevention MIS, and do a legislative update. Finally the session will be closed with the CD Section Roundtable of items of interest to the whole group.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

SB 5692, Youth courts, passed the Senate on Wednesday and will most likely be assigned to the House Juvenile Justice Committee for hearing. The House version HB 2042 did not clear the Rules Committee in time to beat the cutoff. SB 5692 is a WACO priority bill and has been part of the legislative agenda for Snohomish County officials for three legislative sessions.

HB 5393, Truancy records, has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Juvenile Justice Committee for hearing on Wednesday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. SB 5691, which adds a limitation on the sealing of juvenile records, will be heard at the same time as well as SB 5392, which allows court commissioners to hear petitions for emancipation of minors.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

SSB 5319, that reduces the number of members on the Municipal Research Council from 23 to 14, has passed the Senate and now resides in the House Local Government and Housing Committee. The bill also eliminates the requirement that requests for legal services by county officials and the responses to those requests be sent to county prosecuting attorneys.

STATE ARCHIVES

Compromise language has been agreed upon between Secretary of State Sam Reed and local governments who were represented by Snohomish County Auditor Bob Terwilliger. HB 1925, which removed the sunset provision on a surcharge collected by county auditors to support local government records needs in the State Archives, died in the House. HB 1926 has been exempted from the cutoffs and will become the vehicle that will do the following: 1) remove the sunset on the $1.00 surcharge; 2) increase the surcharge to $2.00; 3) authorize use of the second $1.00 to pay debt service for construction of a specialized regional facility in eastern Washington for storage of electronic records. At the time the debt service is paid, one half will still be used for local records by the archives and the other half will be paid back to counties based on population. The new draft also includes training and grants to local governments for local records that is paid out of the existing surcharge. HB 1926 will most likely be amended following release of the proposed capital budget for the coming biennium.

AUDITORS

What a week! Thanks to all of the auditors who so diligently contacted their legislators. Both of the Auditors’ WACO priority bills, SB 5275 and SB 5273, have passed out of the Senate and are on their way to the House. Both of these bills are tentatively scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday 3/21 at 1:30 pm in HHR C. SB 5274, the WSACA licensing bill, has also passed. It was amended to include language from the two subagent request bills. The bill now includes the subagent fee increase and allows the transfer of sub-agencies to family members or employees. However, the person nominated would still have to meet all the qualifications that currently exist for subagents. SHB 1230, moving the date of the primary unfortunately, did not make it out of the Rules committee. SB 5272, died in the Rules Committee.
Both bills dealing with conservation districts passed out of their respective houses. **SHB 1502** and **ESSB 5904** will need to be amended in order for auditors to conduct these elections. Bill Varney and Suzanne Sinclair are working with the conservation district folks on these bills. This bill is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Agriculture Committee on March 21 at 8:30 a.m. in SHR 3. Two of the Secretary of State request bills passed to the opposite house; **SHB 1644**, regarding recount procedures and **SHB 1739**, dealing with voter integrity passed. Both bills are supported by WSACA. **HB 1108**, allows the Secretary of State’s Office to view county election procedures has also passed the House and will move onto the Senate. **HB 1577** is also a Secretary of State bill dealing with the way in which party affiliation is determined when a candidate has been nominated by more than one political party. **SHB 1644** and **HB 1108** are both scheduled for a hearing on 3/19 at 1:30 p.m.

As reported before, **ESB 5053**, the UCC fixture-filing bill, was sent to the House Judiciary Committee. The bill was amended in the Senate to respond to auditor concerns. **ESSB 5936**, which adds three dollars onto all recorded documents for the purpose of providing assistance for low-income housing, passed the Senate and will move to the House. **2SSJR 8206** also passed the Senate. This joint resolution would require a geographic distribution of initiative signatures. Should this pass the legislation, it would be placed on the ballot in November. **Please contact your Senators and thank them for their support on SB 5273 and SB 5275!**

**TREASURERS**

**Treasurers' Cleanup Bill**
**SB 5638**, making technical corrections in county treasurers’ statutes, passed the Senate this week and has moved to the House Local Government and Housing Committee. A compromise has been struck with the Association of Washington Cities that the changes treasurers made in Sections 1 and 2 of the bill will be amended in the House to make it clear that when an annexation takes effect, only those road district taxes that are delinquent, when collected by the county treasurer, will be placed in the county road fund.

**NEW ADDITIONS TO MRSC WEB PAGES**
Two new pages have been added to the Parks and Recreation subject area on MRSC.org relating to special districts.

- **Comparison of Park & Recreation District and Park & Recreation Service Area.** MRSC has received a number of inquiries on the formation of P&R Districts and P&R Service Areas. Web address: http://www.mrsc.org/parks/prcompare.htm
- **List of Washington Park & Recreation Special Districts** This page lists existing districts by county. Information will be added as MRSC receives copies of interlocal agreements and other related documents. Web address: http://www.mrsc.org/parks/prdistricts.htm
- **Information on the Endangered Species: Salmon and Bull Trout** has been enhanced with three new Web pages.
- **Documents and Programs to Protect and Restore Salmon and Bull Trout by Topic** The topics listed are selected from those covered in state recovery plan and from the 13 limits cited in the Citizens Guide to the 4(d) rule. Web address: http://www.mrsc.org/environment/esa/esa-docs.htm
- **Habitat Conservation and Restoration.** This page lists reference guides and information about local government programs. Web address: http://www.mrsc.org/environment/esa/esa-habitat.htm
- **Pesticides and Integrated Pest Management** This page integrates material on pesticides from an existing environmental nuisance page with and material relating Limit 11 of 4(d) rule, Integrated Pest Management. Web address: http://www.mrsc.org/environment/esa/esa-pest.htm

New pages have also been added to Water Conservation relating to domestic water use. If anyone has additional information to contribute to these new pages or existing pages, please contact Lynne De Merritt, (ldemerritt@mrsc.org. 206-625-1300) or send items to the Municipal Research & Services Center, 1200 5th Avenue, Ste. 1300, Seattle, WA 98105

**ONLINE TRAINING - MRSC PARTNERS WITH LEARN2.COM**
MRSC has partnered with Learn2.com to bring Washington local government officials and employees affordable online training. A new MRSC/Learn2.com site features hundreds of interactive, self-paced courses covering all of the most widely used office software applications. Learn2.com, Inc. is an e-learning company that provides engaging multimedia learning solutions for corporate, government and individual clients. Fortune 1000 companies, schools and federal, state and local governments throughout the United States and abroad employ their engaging content, patented technology and services. For more information about the program and its offerings, go to: http://www.mrsc.org/learn2.htm
COURTHOUSE RAMBLINGS

NEW WACO OFFICIALS APPOINTED TO UNEXPired TERMS
Yakima County Commissioners have appointed Ken Irwin to the position of sheriff. He has been serving as interim sheriff since the retirement of Doug Blair, January 31. Dave Anderson has been named the new Adams County Assessor, moving to that position from the Adams County Building and Planning Department. Finally, Okanogan County Commissioners have appointed undersheriff Michael Murray as sheriff.

COMING EVENTS

2001 Conferences, Meetings and Special Events: Several changes and additions have been made to this list of conferences. Please make note of them.

March
21-23 Association of County Human Services, Yakima.
30 Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building.

April
5-6 WSAC Western District Meeting, Best Western Harbor Plaza, Oak Harbor.
13 Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building.
19-20 WSAC Eastern District Meeting, Community Colleges of Spokane, Colville Center, Colville.
22-28 National County Government Week.
25-27 Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys’ (WAPA) Annual Spring Training Program, WestCoast Olympia Hotel, Olympia.
27 Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building.
26-28 Washington State Association of County Clerks’ and Superior Court Administrators’ Joint Conference, Lakeway Inn, Bellingham.

May
7-9 Washington State Association of County Auditors’ Elections Conference, Yakima.
16-18 Association of County Human Services, Walla Walla.

June
10-14 International Association of Coroners’ and Medical Examiners’ Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.
11-13 Washington State Association of County Assessors’ Annual June Conference, Olympia.
12-15 Washington State Association of Counties’ (WSAC) Summer Conference, Cavanaugh’s, Yakima.
15-21 International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers’ Annual Conference, Billings, Montana.
18-22 Washington State Association of County Treasurers’ Annual Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Wenatchee.
19-20 Washington Association of Coroners’ and Medical Examiners’ Annual Spring Training, Moses Lake.
19-22 Association of Washington Cities’ (AWC) Annual Conference, Bellevue.
20-22 Washington State Association of County Auditors’ Annual Conference, Quality Inn, Clarkston.
20-22 Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys’ (WAPA) Summer Training Program, Campbell’s Lodge, Chelan.
23-27 National Sheriffs’ Association Annual Conference, Marriott Marina, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
24-29 Washington State Association of County Clerks’ Annual Conference, Howard Johnson Hotel, Everett.

July
16-18 Washington State Association of County Auditors’ Finance/Licensing Conference, WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee.
18-20 Association of County Human Services, Port Angeles.
August

September
  9-12  International Association of Assessing Officers’ (IAAO) Annual Conference, Miami, Florida.
  19-21 Association of County Human Services, Ellensburg.

October
  1-5  Washington Association of County Officials’ Annual Conference, Port Ludlow Resort and Conference Center, Port Ludlow.

November
  12-15 Washington Association of Sheriffs’ and Police Chiefs’ (WASPC) Annual Fall Conference, Doubletree, Pasco.
  14-16 Washington State Association of Counties’ (WSAC) Annual Legislative Conference, Silverdale Hotel on the Bay, Silverdale.
  14-16 Association of County Human Services, Silverdale.

December
  13-14 Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys’ (WAPA) Annual Winter Meeting, Crowne Plaza, Seattle.

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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY Department of Public Services, Planning & Building Division**, has an opening for the **Director of Planning & Building** with a monthly salary of $4,541 - $5,451 DOQ. This is a highly responsible administrative, supervisory and technical position. **MIN. QUALS:** Bachelor’s Degree in Urban Planning, Regional Planning or closely related field and five years experience as a planning professional with a minimum of two years as a senior level planner, including three years experience at a supervisory level; OR a Bachelor’s Degree in Urban Planning or Regional Planning or closely-related field and seven years experience of which three are served as a senior level planner, including three years experience at a supervisory level. Planning experience must include a working knowledge of the principles and practices of community planning and land use law. Experience must demonstrate responsibilities including, but not limited to, subdivision administration, shorelines master program administration, contract administration, budgeting and personnel AND five years experience in the building inspection or related field. A valid WA State Motor Vehicle Operator’s license is required. Employees exempt from the bargaining unit are required to establish residency in Grays Harbor County within six months of accepting employment. Applications and a complete job description may be obtained from Grays Harbor County Management Services, 3rd Floor Admin. Bldg. Suite 33, P.O. Box 790, Montesano, WA 98563, (360) 249-4144 or on our website at www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us. Closing: April 2, 2001 at 5 p.m. Grays Harbor County Is An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT** is seeking a full-time/part-time **Public Health Nurse(s)** to provide prenatal and early childhood nursing home visitations. Individuals will apply knowledge of public health nursing practices and concepts of disease epidemiology, prevention and health promotions to situations involving individuals, families and targeted populations. Salary $3198 - 4734 per month DOE with excellent benefits. Requires a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a valid Washington State Registered Nurse’s license. Two years Maternal Child Health nursing experience or other relevant experience preferred. Resume and cover letter to Dept. 188, Snohomish Health District, 3020 Rucker Ave., Suite 300, Everett, WA 98201. Open until filled. EOE.

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**SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT** is seeking a full-time **Public Health Nurse** to perform nursing services for clients of the Local Community Service Offices designed to prevent unintended pregnancy. Talk with individuals to explain birth control methods and refer to community resources. Meet with groups to promote prevention of unintended pregnancy. Work as part of a team. Salary $3198 - 3597 per month DOE with excellent benefits. Requires a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a valid Washington State Registered Nurse’s license. Two years Maternal Child Health nursing experience or other relevant experience preferred. Resume and cover letter to Dept. 328, Snohomish Health District, 3020 Rucker Ave., Suite 300, Everett, WA 98201. Open until filled. EOE.

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**ELECTION TECHNICIAN, AUDITOR’S OFFICE, THURSTON COUNTY.** Starting range $2323 - $2509 per month. Takes a leading role in the planning and coordination of the technical aspects of the election process. Assists Election Supervisor in all technical operations of voter registration and elections. Develops complex election master plan of ballots and taxing district codes using planning skills, coordination, and strict attention to detail; ensure all parts of the election process meet specifications set in master plan. Plans, organizes, and supervises the work of assigned employees. Recommends selection of staff, provides training, and evaluates performance. Coordinates the preparation and distribution of ballots for absentee voters; mails all ballot...
material to voters, both domestic and overseas. Plans and coordinates the vote-by-mail election process. Acts as purchasing agent for the Elections Department. Plans, purchases, and maintains sufficient inventory for all election activities. Prepares computer coding which is used for tabulation of ballots and election return information. Prepares coding so computer will accept data cards and related programming translation for each election. Prepares and maintains county, city, town, precinct, and levy code maps, as well as fire school, legislative, commissioner, and other special taxing district maps. Coordinates state and federal census data to aid in legislative and new city development and in redistricting. Minimum requirements: two years of cartography experience, AA degree in cartography or related field with courses in data processing or substituting any demonstrated combination of experience and education which provides the applicant with the equivalent experience and education. Closing Date: March 16, 2001. Applications available online at www.co.thurston.wa.us, by calling (360) 754-3800, or at the Information Desk in Building I of the Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502.

YAKIMA COUNTY, SENIOR PLANNER. Annual Salary Range: $38,411 to $55,061. The Yakima County Planning Department, an organization known throughout the State of Washington for its leadership and innovation in urban, rural and environmental planning issues, is seeking a high-energy individual to be a part of the team. This position will be involved with or will manage complex, often highly visible subdivision, zoning and environmental projects at all levels of review. This position requires the equivalent of a Bachelor’s Degree in Planning and three years of progressively responsible planning experience including current planning. Experience with ARC/info, ARC/view and WA State land use and environmental law are desirable. Check out the County’s website at www.co.yakima.wa.us or www.visityakima.com for more information. Apply by Friday, April 20, 2001. Yakima County Human Resources, 128 N. 2nd Street, Courthouse Room 412, Yakima, WA 98909. Phone (509) 574-2220. Email: human.resources@co.yakima.wa.us.

WA STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Forest Practices Division Manager, Administrative Services Division, Olympia, WA. This is an exempt employment opportunity. Closing Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. This position seeks a dedicated manager to lead the Forest Practices Division. As division manager of the program, the manager will lead, organize and control the work of forty-five division staff in protecting public resources including water, fish, wildlife and capital improvements of state and local governments while maintaining a viable forest industry. Salary: Up to $72,444 annually, plus a full benefit package. Desirable Qualifications: A bachelor’s degree, preference will be given to degrees in natural sciences, law, public administration or related; experience providing leadership to a program and developing a rewarding environment for staff; experience working with a natural resource of enforcement related program and environmental regulations; experience collaborating and negotiating with diverse stakeholders; an understanding of complex budgets and the legislative process; preference will be given to candidates who also have experience in forestry or land management programs, or the alternative dispute resolution process. For a complete position description, application processing questions/information and/or packet please contact Kayci Brand, Department of Natural Resources, 1111 Washington St. SE, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 47033, Olympia, WA 98504-7033, email: kayci.brand@wadnr.gov or telephone at (360) 902-1651.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE DIRECTOR - Snohomish Health District, which serves the population of approximately 600,000 in Snohomish County, is seeking an experienced public health professional to fill the role of Director of the Communicable Disease Division. Snohomish Health District’s Communicable Disease Division provides population-based and personal health services in the areas of general communicable disease investigation and control, sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis. The successful applicant will lead a staff of 32 and become part of the multidisciplinary Executive Leadership Team of the Health District. The Health District desires a person for this position who has the following:

- Strong supervisory and management skills
- Community collaboration and team-building skills
- Program development, planning, oversight and evaluation skills
- Experience in public health
- Understanding of communicable disease control principles

Requires a bachelor’s degree in nursing, health education, microbiology or a closely related field; at least 10 years of progressively responsible experience; at least 5 years of supervisory experience; or a master’s degree in public health or closely related field with 7 years experience and 3 years of supervisory experience. Salary $5461-7319 per month DOE with excellent benefits. Resume to Dept. 238, Snohomish Health District, 3020 Rucker Avenue, Suite 300, Everett, WA 98201. Position open until filled. EOE

SAN JUAN COUNTY PERMIT CENTER seeks a Land Use Section Manager to supervise employees engaged in the review of development permit applications for consistency with land use, shoreline and environmental regulations. Will develop and manage an efficient land use permit review process pursuant to the Unified Development Code. For position description/qualifications and application contact: Administrative Services, 350 Court Street #5 (mail) or 105 Second Street (physical location), Friday Harbor, WA 98250, (360) 378-3870, www.co.san-juan.wa.us. Salary: $4,255.52 month plus benefits. Open until filled. EOE