The First Legislative Budget Emerges

This week Senate Ways and Means Chair Dino Rossi unveiled his proposed omnibus budget for the 2003-05 biennium. (WSAC and WACO have sent out preliminary and more detailed summaries of that proposal out to members. If you haven’t received a copy, it is posted it on the WSAC website.) For counties, the budget has pluses and minuses. It was obviously constructed with some consideration of the county situation. A number of Senators have gone to bat for the counties and we are grateful. Some examples of the pluses are:

• Some funding for some of the most needy former equalization counties
• Two years of funding for local public health
• Funding for Becca, and HTS
• Improvements in the approach to funding local mental health

Some examples of the minuses include:

• The low level of funding for the former equalization counties
• The public health funding level is a slight decline from the current year level and makes no provision for new federal mandates (including smallpox vaccination), West Nile or any of the other emerging problems
• The shift of juvenile offenders from the state to the local level, which has been opposed by WSAC and many WACO affiliates
• No funding for shorelines regulations

The budget has several features that are sure to be sources of conflict before the Legislature adjourns. The Senate makes changes to Medicaid eligibility for children and imposes financial participation requirements on their families. In addition, the Senate budget includes a rather lengthy list of bills containing tax exemptions and cuts. State employees and teachers salaries are frozen in the budget (except for beginning teachers), while the cost of what they must pay for health insurance will increase. The Senate budget eliminates 2,500 state jobs. It also eliminates the growth hearings boards.

The Senate budget was passed by the Senate today by a vote of 28-20-1.

The Senate transportation budget revived the proposal to merge the CRAB and TIB staffs under a single director. The two boards would not be combined, but would be served by that single staff. WSAC testified in opposition to this proposal.

The House continues to try to find consensus on a budget. Some of the more controversial provisions in the Senate budget may help the House agree on what they dislike the most.

In both houses, Legislators continue to work to find funding or revenue options for counties and kill proposals for unfunded mandates. They need to continue to hear from county officials.
WACO and WSAC Minds Meet

Led by Vern Spatz, President of the Washington State Association of County Auditors (WSACA) and Pierce County Council Member and Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) President, Harold Moss, several WSAC officers and representatives of WSACA for WACO met in Olympia early Thursday and formed an interim work group. The group is charged with studying issues of concern to both groups and producing legislation that both WACO and WSAC can support in the fall.

Both groups committed to researching the checks and balances established in statute for county budget and financial activities; examination of the players’ roles in the budget process; examination of the roles regarding oversight of finances including payroll, accounts payable, monitoring of expenditures against the budget; and analysis of the resources necessary preparation and certification of the county auditor’s annual report to the State Auditor. The end product will be legislation both associations can support.

The work group was precipitated by discussion of HB 1594, a bill offered by WACO to clarify the roles of chief financial officers in charter counties. WACO agreed to ask that HB 1594 be pulled from the Senate Committee Calendar for today and has been working to accomplish that end.
Farm Equipment Exemption
Moves to Ways & Means

SHB 1677 was voted out of the Senate Agriculture Committee on April 3. The bill would authorize a county to exempt property used in agriculture from taxation. The amendment added in this Committee includes Legislative findings, stating the interest in preserving agricultural lands. Machinery and equipment used by farmers exclusively for farming purposes would be exempt from county levies. The county would have to make a declaration of public policy declaring its intent to provide the exemption in an attempt to preserve farms and agricultural land. Such an exemption cannot be disallowed by a county legislative authority once it has been granted.

The proponents feel it best to let the local counties determine whether the exemptions are needed or not, especially in high population counties that are seeing agricultural land go out of production and into pavement. The assessors have testified against the bill as has the Department of Revenue (DOR). The assessors’ concerns are the tax shift to other taxpayers and prorationing caused by higher county levy rates. DOR has constitutional concerns as well as concerns the bill would cause further fragmentation of the property tax system. Under this bill, the same type of property could be exempt in one county and taxable in another.
Bills of Interest

HB 1744, the superior court fee increase, appears dead for the session, but a district court increase, SB 6023 is alive and well since it is necessary to implement the budget. SB 6023 brings $16,000,000 into PSEA but also brings $3 million into counties. It does change the split on $20, but pays for programs we need. SB 6023 increases the surcharge on infractions from 60% of a fine or penalty to 70% - this is split with the county 32%, state/68% county. It also ups an additional penalty from $10 to $20 - sends $10 to state and splits $10. Instead of the state getting $3.20, they get $13.20. The question still remains - how come fees are good for the state and not for the counties and should we allow a change in the split if it benefits programs we need?

The PSEA money will fund family reconciliation centers, crisis residential funding, secure crisis residential centers, hope beds, and street youth programs.

ESHB 1218, the building mapping system for response to critical incidents, is in the Senate Rules Committee. Sheriffs are urged to contact their senators in Rules and urge them to “pull” ESHB 1218 and pass it out of the Senate. The same holds true for the companion bill in the House. Sheriffs need to call House Rules members and urge them to “pull” ESSB 5269, the Senate version.

SHB 1236, child dependency hearings, is in the Senate Children and Family Services Committee and must be voted out today to survive the cutoff. SHB 1236 will open dependency hearings to the public with certain exemptions.

Both ESHB 1001, voyeurism, and EHB 1427, the prosecutors’ “corpus delecti” bill, are in the Senate Judiciary Committee. They have until the end of the day to move out. There appears to be “log jam” in the Senate for House bills sponsored by Representative Pat Lantz. SSB 5018, the Senate voyeurism bill, is in the House Judiciary Committee.

HB 1816 and SSB 5592, garnishments, are in Judiciary Committees in opposing houses and are facing today’s cutoff. Both bills allow attorneys to issue writs of garnishment in district courts only.

SSB 5168, allowing the court to waive or reduce interest on legal financial obligations of criminal offenders, and SSB 5169, finding an offender guilty of a violation if he fails to pay an LFO while incarcerated, are both in the House Rules Committee. Both bills are sponsored by Senator Hargrove.

SSB 6002, transferring collection of legal financial obligation from the Department of Corrections to county clerks, is up for a second reading on the Senate floor. SSB 6002 is included in the Senate budget bill as well, and transfers $3.4 million from DOC to the Administrative Office of the Courts, with $1.8 million to be used solely for local clerks’ offices for the program.

ESSB 5990, the 50% “good time” bill that allows early release of non-violent offenders, has drawn consistent opposition from county prosecuting attorneys who foresee local courts and law enforcement being inundated with repeat burglars and car thieves. The WACO Legislative Committee came out in support of WAPA’s position on Wednesday and took issue with a fiscal note from AOC stating their was no impact to locals.

SB 5673, jail liability, appears stuck in the House Judiciary Committee. The bill would relieve jails of liability for inmates who have been released. Courts have found that a governmental entity can be held civilly liable for the subsequent violent act of a former inmate, committed after his release pursuant to a court order.
Elections, Licensing and Recording

Bills up for hearing in Senate Government Operations/Cutoff
Friday afternoon is the cutoff for bills to be out of policy committees and into Rules or they will be dead for the session. By April 18, bills must be passed by the opposite house. Several bills of interest to county auditors will be heard Friday afternoon in the Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee, at 1:30 p.m. They include SHB 1593, requiring the delivery of endorsements by recording officers (Auditors’ priority bill); SHB 1093, ballot candidate order; SHB 1160, harmonizing election crimes and penalties; ESHB 1431, changing the date of the primary election; ESHB 1158, enhancing voting systems certification; and SHB 1122, requiring voting devices to be accessible to individuals with disabilities. The fate of these bills will be reported on later.

Auditors took another quick poll on their positions relating to changing the date of the primary. ESHB 1431 was originally introduced in the House with a June primary election date. The bill was amended so that the primary would be held on the first Wednesday after Labor Day. The majority of auditors expressed their feelings that a primary only two weeks before the current date would gain them absolutely nothing and confuse voters who are used to a Tuesday election day. They voted to oppose that date and come back next year, most likely with an August date.

Other Election News
SSB 5221, the bill reorganizing Title 29 election laws, finally emerged from the House State Government Committee Thursday, unscathed. Representative Hunt withdrew his amendments regarding daily counting of absentee ballots after election day, and the bill remains policy neutral. Many thanks to those who helped in this effort this week, including the King County executive and elections offices, Bob Terwilliger, Karen Flynn and Al Brotche.

This week, the Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee heard SHB 1390, authorizing instant runoff voting (IRV). Pierce County Auditor Pat McCarthy testified with serious concerns about the IRV concept.

The Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee passed HB 1106 this week, which allows the Secretary of State to make unannounced visits to county election offices and facilities to observe handling, processing, counting or tabulation of ballots.

Recording Bills Subject to Cutoff
SB 5477 requiring the delivery of endorsements by recording officers has to be voted out of House Local Government Committee by today.

SHB 1081, increasing the recording fee on deeds of trust by $1 to prosecute real estate fraud was in the Senate Financial Services, Insurance & Housing Committee, and was not scheduled for a hearing, but was added at the very end of a hearing last week and was immediately voted out of committee. The bill is now in the Senate Rules Committee.
Emergency Management

Court Rules Thurston Justice Center Must Remain in County Seat

In a matter that could impact other counties as they attempt to expand jails and courts, a superior court judge ruled this week that a proposed Thurston County regional justice center, which would include elected officials’ offices, must remain in Olympia, the county seat.

The county wanted to site the new justice center in Tumwater, about six blocks outside the Olympia city limits. The plan would have included a 768-bed jail, court facilities, and the offices of the county’s elected clerk and prosecuting attorney. Judge F. Mark McCauley, a visiting judge from Grays Harbor County, ruled that state law requires core courthouse offices, such as the prosecutor and clerk, to reside within the city limits of the county seat.

State law and Supreme Court rules mandate that a county’s prosecuting attorney and clerk shall keep offices “at the county seat.” Thurston County officials filed the declaratory judgment to get the court to clarify the definition of “at” before they moved ahead with a ballot measure to fund the project.

Over many months of meetings, the county had enlisted inter-jurisdictional city partners in the project, and they chose the Tumwater site because it is the only undeveloped, non-residential land available in the urban area that is large enough to accommodate the regional justice center. The site of the existing courthouse complex is already fully built-out and cannot support the kind of jail and court expansion needed. The existing jail, built in 1978 to house 86 inmates, now routinely holds more than 400 inmates. Due to increased workloads, the Legislature has approved adding an eighth superior court judge, but the position remains unfilled because the county currently cannot provide courtroom and office space.

According to a recent article in The Olympian, county officials are now considering whether to split the project, keeping the elected officials’ offices and civil courts on courthouse hill in Olympia and locating the jail and criminal courts at the Tumwater site.

Although the decision in the Thurston case could impact many counties that have limited space to expand jails and courts, it will not affect the King County Regional Justice Center in Kent. While the Kent facility houses a jail, law library, courts and deputy prosecuting attorneys, the official offices of the elected county prosecutor and clerk remain at the courthouse in Seattle, the county seat.

Local Plans Required To Receive Federal Mitigation Funds

Now is a good time for elected county officials to check in with their local emergency managers about the state of hazard mitigation planning in their communities. Only 11 counties currently have completed plans, according to the state Emergency Management Division (EMD).

A local Hazard Mitigation Plan facilitates good government decision-making and now is also required for counties to be eligible to apply for federal hazard mitigation funds after November 1, 2004. Mitigation grants are designed to fund projects that will eliminate or significantly reduce the impacts (costs) of future disaster events. The funding amounts vary according to the annual federal program, but the state is currently in the process of allocating more than $330,000 in pre-disaster mitigation grants and has received more than $1 million over the 2-year life of that particular federal program.

If a county hasn’t yet developed a hazard mitigation plan, it still has time to complete the process by the November 1, 2004 deadline.

There is also plenty of help available. One tool already offered to each county by the state EMD was a mitigation planning software called “Mitigation 20/20.” While not every county has taken advantage of this product yet, it is still available – and it is free. Additionally, the EMD staff has developed other tools and is available to provide guidance and technical assistance to county staff in order to help them develop the county plan.

For more information, please contact Marty Best, State Hazard Mitigation Program Manager at (253)512-7073 (or M.Best@emd.wa.gov) or John Ufford, Mitigation Program Coordinator at (253) 512-7475 (or J.Ufford@emd.wa.gov). Both individuals are available to guide elected officials and their staff through the process and make sure a county remains eligible for these potential mitigation funds. Now is time to ask the question – where are we with our Hazard Mitigation Plan?
Water Bills Enter Negotiations

Now that committee hearings are over for 2003, it is time for Committee Chairs to sift through what survives and begin to negotiate with counterparts from the opposite house over final products. In the world of water policy, every key topic remains alive and it is too soon to tell just what the outcome will be.

All of the topics included in Governor Locke’s water package survive -- both in House and Senate versions:

- Watershed Planning (SHB 1336, SSB 5027)
- Municipal Water Rights (SHB 1338, SSB 5024)
- Trust Water Rights (SHB 1317, SSB 5125)
- Wells (SHB 1337, SSB 5023)

Other topics that appear likely to be addressed are stock watering, the linkage between water rights and water pollution, and possibly the groundwater exemption for domestic use. Relinquishment and consumptive use also could be addressed.

It is still simply too early to predict final outcomes, but the table is set for a much needed new water law.

Only a Handful of Land Use Bills Survive the Cutoff

Prior to this week’s cutoff, there were over twenty land use bills alive. Only a handful have survived and will move on to the floor of the House or Senate for consideration. A brief description of those bills is listed below:

SHB 1707 allows local governments to make infill developments complying with the GMA comprehensive plans categorically exempt from SEPA under certain circumstances. It also requires local governments to determine that the analysis, review and mitigation of adverse environmental impacts in GMA comprehensive plans and development regulations satisfy SEPA’s procedural requirements for a development project if certain conditions are met.

SHB 1755 establishes a new method for cities to annex unincorporated islands adjacent to multiple cities. Cities and counties would hold public hearings and affect the annexation through an interlocal agreement. The bill was amended in committee to remove the provision to annex islands that are completely within a city boundary.

SB 5409/SHB 1231 are the bills that create a new petition method to annex uninhabited and inhabited lands.

The Shorelines Debate Still Hangs On

The approach between the House and the Senate is still very different on Shorelines issues. The Senate has a hard time accepting the guidelines from the settlement agreement. The Senate also failed to appropriate money in their budget to update the shoreline master programs.

The House Local Government Committee stripped the language in SB 6012 and inserted the language from ESHB 1769. The only changes are to the list of local governments as early adopters. Snohomish and Whatcom counties have agreed to be named early adopters in the bill. An early adopter has until December 2005 to update and submit their revised shoreline master program to Ecology.

The Senate Land Use Committee has passed SB 6022, changing the requirement for all local governments to update their shoreline master programs from two to five years after the guidelines are adopted by Ecology.

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Competition for the 17th Annual Innovations in American Government Awards is Underway

The Institute for Government Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University announced the competition for 2003 Innovations in Government. The Innovations in American Government Program is a significant force in identifying and promoting excellence and creativity in the public sector. Innovations Award winners receive national press attention, serve as model programs worthy of replication, and spark research and teaching cases at the Kennedy School and other schools across the country.

Through its annual awards competition, the Innovations Program has recognized 295 government initiatives, which have received a total of $17.9 million in grants. By offering the recognition and grants, the program serves as a catalyst for transforming creative and effective ideas into best practices throughout the nation and around the world. In order to encourage this transformation, the program will award grants to finalists and $100,000 to five winners of the 2003 Innovations Award.

The program invites applications from all types of programs, particularly those that involve interagency collaboration, tap the creativity of frontline employees, reshape agency missions and routines, or entail significant policy departures. Counties should not feel constrained to submit only one application; multiple submissions are encouraged. You will find the information and application with detailed instructions on the Innovations website at www.innovations.harvard.edu

Archives Legislation

A Secretary of State request bill, SHB 1152, revising funding of the archives division, was heard in the Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee on Wednesday. Snohomish County Auditor Bob Terwilliger was on hand to testify in favor of the bill; unfortunately public testimony was not taken, as the members on the committee were in support of the bill. As the committee went into executive session, SHB 1152 was brought up for a vote, an amendment was offered, and voted on. The amendment is the same as the one that was offered on the House side. As the bill now reads, two accounts for the Division of Archives and Records Management are created. The imaging account is a non-appropriated account, and the local government archives account has been made subject to appropriation in the House version of the bill as well. This defeats the purpose for local government.

SHB 1153 allows records that were previously confidential to become available to the public 75 years after they are created is still in Senate Govt. Operations & Elections Committee.

HB 1154, which provides funding for the State Archives oral history program as well as other archive activities, is still in the Senate Govt. Operations & Elections Committee.
Public Health and Human Services

Senate Budget Improves Human Services Funding
The Senate budget is a great improvement over the Governor’s proposal. They restore the cuts to mental health, developmental disabilities, children’s programs and portions of income and medical assistance. Please use the included link in today’s mailing to see the summary of the differences between the two budgets.

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The highlights include the restoration of the caseload increase in mental health, prevocational funding in developmental disabilities, Becca funding, crisis residential centers, secure crisis residential centers, Readiness to Learn grants, both the Children’s and the Long-Term Care Ombudsmen, and $1 million of the gravely disabled drug and alcohol treatment projects. Brand new items that are included are the proposed closure of Fircrest School which would supply additional funds to the community as well as provide equal care for the residents either in the community or at other Residential Habilitation Centers.

In addition, the Senate plans for the passage of SB 5903, Juvenile Sentencing Alternatives and the resulting savings at the state level of almost $9 million with an appropriation to the counties of almost $7 million for a net of $2 million in savings. The bill would increase the number of youth who are committed to local sanctions including a new mental health sentencing alternative rather than state institutions. Our understanding is that the House Juvenile Justice Committee will amend the Senate bill to delete the Community Commitment Program and also make sure any high health care costs are planned for in the state appropriation. They will also add an amendment requiring evidence-based treatment programs for those who are given what is known as Option B – the suspended sentence alternative.

There is still no word on when the House will release their budget. It is guaranteed that it will look quite different from the Senate in Human Services. The Senate was able to restore many of the human services cuts by making alternative reductions primarily to health care for low-income families and children. The House is not likely to accept the depth of these reductions necessitating deeper cuts to some of the county programs.

Please contact your House members and encourage them to accept the Senate Human Services restorations and find alternative methods or sources of revenue to restore the health care cuts to children.

Cut-off and Hearings Week of April 7 – 13 in Human Services
March 31 – April 5 was the last week for any substantive hearings of interest to human services. All the committees will be on the floor the week of April 7 - 13 passing those bills that will survive the final cut-off of April 17 for bills from the opposite house. Of interest next week will be a hearing in front of the House Judiciary Committee on local government liability issues on April 10 at 8:00 in House Hearing Room B.

Death Investigations
SB 5545, electronic death registration, and HB 1223, coroner jurisdiction, are still “alive” as of this writing. Monies for SB 5545, if it passes, are included in the Senate budget for the Department of Health.
Governor Hosts All Night “Pajama Party” for the Transportation Committee Leaders
Governor Locke handed pajamas to the four corners working on the transportation budgets. They negotiated until 3:00 a.m., but failed to reach an agreement. According to some participants, they are very close but still far apart. The main sticking point is how much flexible fund monies should be raised and for what uses. The Senate approach is to raise less and spend the majority of it on passenger and freight rail. The House raises more and would spend it on a variety of uses.

CRAB and TIB Merger Still Lives
Even though the Senate has not yet passed SSB 5527, their proposed budget assumes that the bill passes. The House has said they have no interest in merging the two agencies. Please call your Senators and ask them to retain the CRAB and TIB as two separate agencies!
We were sorry to learn of the death of former Adams County Sheriff Ron Snowden, 66, who passed away last week. He and his wife Arlene had recently returned home after spending the winter in Arizona. Ron served as sheriff from 1975 until his retirement in 1994. Condolences can be sent to 601 E. Main, Ritzville, WA 99169.
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NACo Annual Conference, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, WI

July 16 - 18
Association of County Human Services (ACHS) meeting, Vancouver

July 29-August 23
IACREOT Conference, Denver CO

July 30
CPO Training, WCRP Sponsored Elective Course Title (TBD), Spokane

August 21
WCIP Board of Directors Rate Setting – Wyndham Gardens at SeaTac

September 3-5
WAPA Special Assault Training Program, Leavenworth

September 7-9
WAPA Juvenile Training Program Leavenworth

September 8-11
Washington State Association of County Assessors Fall Conference, Red Lion, Kennewick

September 9-12
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference, Campbell’s, Chelan

September 17-19
ACHS meeting, Moses Lake

September 18
WCIP/ WCIP Insurance Advisory Committee 2004 Renewal Meeting, WCIP Board of Directors, WCIF Board of Trustees --- West Coast Hotel at SeaTac

September 29–October 3
WACO/WSAC Joint Conference, Doubletree Hotel, SeaTac

September 30
CPO Training, Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials (full day core course), SeaTac

October 1
WCIF Board of Trustees in conjunction with the WACO/WSAC Legislative Conference

October 15
WCIF/ WCIP A.C.E. Committee Meeting, Yakima

November 17–20
WASPC Fall Conference, Campbell’s Resort, Chelan

November 19-21
ACHS meeting, Seattle

2004 MEETINGS
February 27 – March 2
NACo Legislative Conference, Hilton Washington & Towers, Washington D.C.

April 21-23
WAPA Spring Training Program, Spokane

May 12-14
WAPA Support Staff Training Program, Chelan

May 24–27
WASPC Spring Conference, Yakima Convention Center, Yakima

June (Date TBD)
National Sheriffs’ Association meeting, Seattle

June 22–25
WSAC Summer Convention, Sheraton Tacoma, Pierce County

June 23-25
WAPA Summer Conference, Chelan

July 15–19
NACo Annual Conference, City & County of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

October 3-7
WACO/WSAC Joint Conference, Ocean Shores

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WAPA Summer Conference, Chelan

July 16-18
ACHS, Vancouver

July 16–20
NACo Annual Conference, Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ

September 14-17
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference, Campbell’s, Chelan

October 4–8
WACO/WSAC Joint Conference, Spokane

November 15-18
WASPC Fall Conference, Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores

2006 MEETINGS
July 21-26
NACo Annual Conference, Denver, CO

2007 MEETINGS
TBD
NACo Annual Conference, Richmond, VA (Sponsored by the Counties in the Metropolitan Richmond Area)