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*Washington Association of County Officials
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Senate Minority Leader Mike Hewitt to Join Governor Gregoire at WSAC Legislative Rally

2006 Legislative Rally attendees will hear from both Governor Chris Gregoire and Senate Minority Leader Mike Hewitt at WSAC's annual Legislative Lunch on Thursday, January 19.

WSAC's Legislative Steering Committee meets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on January 19 at the Washington Counties Building which is followed by the annual Legislative Luncheon at the Ramada Inn Governor's House where both Governor Gregoire and Senator Hewitt will speak.

The Legislative Rally Reception will be from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada

Inn Governor's House. WSAC members are encouraged to invite their Senators and Representatives to join them for both the reception and dinner as well. If you are still in need of help with a dinner location please call the Association office.

Registration materials were e-mailed December 13. If you did not receive your materials, please contact Ginni Peppert at 360 753-1886 or gpeppert@wacounties.org. A copy of the agenda is attached to the back of the *Courthouse Journal*.

A Sea of Badges and Umbrellas

The Capitol was awash in a sea of badges and umbrellas as Washington State Sheriffs' Association (WSSA) hosted a group of sheriffs, police chiefs, several deputies and association staff kicking off the first day of the Legislative Session. Six cities and thirteen counties were represented.

The breakfast meeting included a briefing on legislative issues and was followed by a photography session with several members of the House of Representatives who are involved and supportive in law enforcement issues. The photo op "on the Capitol steps" meant the steps inside the North Doors

when the photographer chose to move his equipment out of some of this winter's wettest weather.

The sheriffs will activate the Visiting Sheriffs Program again this session. Each week sheriffs from around the state spend time working the important issues and providing information to the Legislature. Their duties begin at 7:30 a.m. Monday mornings in the Capitol Cafeteria when they meet and determine the priorities for the week.

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LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SELECT COMMISSIONER FOR DISTRICT 1

PRESS RELEASE

January 11, 2006

Lewis County Commissioner's Richard Graham and Dennis Hadaller announced this morning that Jim Lowery was selected as the Commissioner for District #1. Mr. Lowery replaces Eric Johnson, who resigned to accept the Executive Assistant Director position at the Washington Association of Counties Olympia, WA.

Mr. Lowery was born in Chehalis, raised in Galvin, Washington and graduated from Centralia High School. He served in the U.S. Army and returned to Washington State upon his discharge. Since then, he has extensively involved in the private and public sector as business owner, business agent for I.W.A. Local 338, and owner of an asphalt company. His public sector work includes Executive Director of the Pacific County Economic Development Council, Executive Director of the Washington State Rural Development Council, Mayor of the City of Shelton, and most recently, a member of the Lewis County Planning Commission.

"All three gentlemen were outstanding candidates," said Richard Graham, Chair of the County Commissioners. "But, Mr. Lowery's expertise further enhances this Board's ability to promote Lewis County as the place to work and live."

"I agree," said Dennis Hadaller, District 3 Commissioner. He not only understands the economic

development needs of the urban areas, but his experience as the Executive Director for the Washington State Rural Development Council gives him a well rounded perspective of how the County can have an rural feel while promoting economic development in many sectors: industrial, natural resources, commercial-retail, tourism, and the service industry. He'll be a great addition to the team."

Mr. Lowery will serve as the District 1 Commissioner until the November 2006 election is certified. Under Washington State law, an individual appointed to fill the remaining term of an elected official serves until the next general election is certified. At that time, the elected individual assumes the office. In this situation, the winner of the November election will serve the remaining two years of Eric Johnson's original four-year term.

Mr. Lowery will be sworn in at 1:00 pm, Thursday, January 12, 2006, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room by Superior Court Judge Richard Brosey. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

WACO has a new web page address as follows:

<http://wacounties.org/waco/>

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

Budget, Finance and Taxes

Taxation and Assessor Related Issues

The first week of session has been active to say the least. Many bills have been dropped, including Assessor and WACO priority bills.

The highlights of the first week:

SB 6141 sponsored by Sen.

Honeyford. Both Yakima County Assessor Dave Cook and Klickitat County Assessor Van Vandenberg offered successful and expert testimony in support of this bill. If successful, **SB 6141** would allow the Personal Property Valuation of Wind Turbines to be added as a component for new construction when locally assessed. As the law stands now, if it is a locally assessed project, that increase in value of the turbine mast, pod and blades cannot be counted as New Construction. There was no counter testimony offered, so hopefully this bill has a successful start on its' journey through the process. The ultimate result would be to allow the taxing district budgets to have room to grow through the additional value of the personal property in their levy calculations concerning the New Construction component.

HB 2354, sponsored by Reps. Brendan Williams and Maralyn Chase did not fare as well. **HB 2354** was brought forth by the Surveyors Association. The bulk of the bill was designed to update their association definitions, which had not been addressed since the late 1940s. Where it hit a snag was the new part added as Section 2 at the very end. It would have restricted a governmental entity from review, approval, or examination of survey data, documents prepared, or services preformed -- unless under

the supervision of another person authorized to practice land surveying.

On the surface, it would prevent governmental agencies (counties, cities, assessors, planning departments, etc.) from approving or disapproving Short Platts, Long Platts, Subdivisions, surveys and who knows what else unless it was done by a professional surveyor.

Many counties, cities and Assessor offices just do not have the luxury of having a licensed surveyor on staff, so this would have proved problematic and ultimately very expensive.

Eight people showed up to testify against the bill, of note Julie Sexton from WSAC and Robert Carlton as former Columbia County Assessor. In listening to the testimony, it seemed clear to the committee that there were serious problems with the bill. We will continue to work with the Surveyors Association through Pat Beehler to see if this can be worked out.

Assessor Bills and WACO Priority Bills in the System

SB 6249 is a bill relating to the merging of Open Space Timber into the Designated Timber Statutes. Sponsors of the bill are Sens. Doumit, Morton and Parlette. A call to these folks thanking for their support would be appreciated. Also, if you have any Senators you would like to add as sponsors please feel free to do so. It was sent to the Ways & Means Committee, but as yet there is no hearing date.

HB 2509, which Assessors refer to as the Tax Clarification Bill, now has the official title of "An act relating to local ballot measures

authorizing taxes." This bill would require both the dollar amount and the projected levy rate to be listed on the ballot title of any referendum by local government or by any taxing authority. Many thanks to prime sponsor Rep. Dean Takko and to Reps. Morrell and Simpson for supporting this bill. Here again, a call to these legislators expressing appreciation would be in order. A hearing on this bill is scheduled for January 19, at 1:30 P.M. in the John L. O'Brien Building in front of the Local Government Committee. Any Assessors that wish to testify please mark your calendar for that date.

SB 6414 is the companion bill to **HB 2509**. The Bill's Prime Sponsor is Sen. Pridemore, and a call thanking him would be appreciated. The bill does not as yet have a hearing date, but it has been assigned to the Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee.

Here again, more Senators to prod this bill would be great. If you know'em, call'em!

Bills on the Oh Shift Watch List

These are bills that have been filed which could have a negative effect on Assessors, taxpayers or that could represent a substantial tax shift to taxpayers. **SB 2433** would raise the Senior Citizen Exemption level and house value substantially. Highlights are raising the income level from \$25,000 to \$36,000 and exempting them from all regular taxes on a value of \$85,000 or 60% of the house value. From \$36,000 to \$43,000 in income it exempts them on the greater of \$70,000 in value or 35% not to exceed \$100,000. An income of \$50,000 exempts them

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from all excess property taxes.

The fiscal note accompanying this represents costs, revenue impacts and tax shifts in 2007 would be in the neighborhood of \$138,000,000. This projected neighborhood would increase substantially in size in 2008.

Many thanks to Scott Noble for his quick response and numbers and an even better follow up on the fiscal impacts.

You may wish to contact Reps. Campbell, McCune, Ericks, McDonald, Appleton, Linville, Conway, Wallace, Morrell, Dunn, Sells and O'Brien expressing concern.

Also on the Watch List

HJR 4214 is the House version of a 1% valuation limit per year, plus new construction, if any, or an increase to the recent sale price of the property. This was a pre-filed bill, and has been assigned to House Finance. No hearing as of yet.

SB 8219 is the mirror image Senate version of **HJR 4214**. It has been assigned to Ways & Means. No hearing as yet.

SB 8218 has similar provisions to **SB 8219/HJR 4214** but it establishes a new base year for valuations, not to be prior to 2004. That should read and mean a property valuation roll back. It has also been assigned to Ways & Means. No hearing as yet.

Sales Tax Exemption for Farm Fuel Would Hit Rural County Budgets

On January 10, the House Finance Committee heard three pieces of legislation to exempt farm purchases from retail sales and use tax. **HB 2457**, sponsored by Rep. Grant, would exempt used farm machinery

and equipment, replacement parts, and repair services. **HB 2417**, sponsored by Rep. Buri, would exempt the same items, but only from the state's portion of the sales tax.

HB 2424, also sponsored by Rep. Grant, would exempt from retail sales tax diesel fuel to a farm fuel user for non-highway use. Diesel fuel used for space or water heating for human habitation is not exempt under the legislation. The fiscal impact of **HB 2424** for local governments is \$185,000 for fiscal year 2007 (April 1st to June 30th) and \$1.2 million each fiscal year thereafter. We do not know the fiscal impact by county, but counties with a high concentration of wheat and other cereal grain production are expected to be more severely impacted since production of those crops require large amounts of fuel.

To preserve local revenue, WSAC asked that **HB 2457** and **HB 2424** each be amended to exempt only the state's portion of the sales tax. That request is being considered for **HB 2457**. However, **HB 2424** was fast tracked to the floor calendar the following day. The vote was 96 yes, 1 no (Rep. Tom), and 1 excused. Identical legislation, **SB 6393** and **SB 6148** has been introduced in the Senate and will be heard on January 16th, at 10:00 am, along with **HB 2424**, in the Agriculture & Rural Economic Development Committee. Contact your Senator if you have concerns with the fiscal impacts of these bills.

Sales Tax Streamlining Bills Up for Hearing

On Tuesday, January 17, at 1:30 pm,

the Senate Ways and Means Committee will hear Governor Gregoire's sales tax streamlining legislation. The bill provides for state funded mitigation and uses the mitigation formula agreed upon by cities, but is limited to \$25 million annually. Full mitigation to local jurisdictions is estimate to require \$36 million annually. At its January 5th meeting, the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee adopted a position in support of full mitigation for revenue losses to local jurisdictions without an appropriation.

A coalition consisting of WSAC, AWC, Washington Retail Association, the Association of Washington Business, and other business community members are working with members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on an amendment to provide full mitigation. The coalition has also asked Senate leadership to put sales tax streamlining legislation on a fast track for floor action. Please contact your Senators in support of sales tax streamlining and full mitigation.

Tax Increment Financing Legislation Returns

On Wednesday, January 18 at 1:30 pm, the Economic Development, Agriculture and Trade Committee will be hearing **HB 2673**, sponsored by Rep. Linville, to provide six tax increment financing demonstration projects. The projects are 1) Port of Walla Walla RailEx redevelopment project, 2) Bellingham waterfront redevelopment project, 3) Covington elementary school redevelopment project, 4) Grays Harbor biomass plant project, 5) Gig Harbor St. Anthony's hospital project, and 6)

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Bothell gateway project. The legislation allows each taxing district to decide whether to participate in the financing of the projects and includes other limitations on the size, shape, and value of the increment area.

Another tax increment financing bill will be heard in House Finance on January 17 at 10:00 am. **HB 2670**, sponsored by Rep. Kilmer, would authorize local government to excess sales tax revenues to finance public improvements in an area in which a hospital is being constructed. Like **HB 2673**, the legislation requires taxing districts to opt-in to the project before tax revenues are committed to the project.

More Aerospace Legislation

The Senate International Trade & Economic Development Committee will be hearing three aerospace tax incentive bills on January 17 at 3:30 pm. The hearing will include the Governor to request legislation to expand several aerospace tax incentives to non-manufacturing business, which is expected to help encourage more Boeing suppliers to site operations in Washington State. Also being heard is **SB 6329** to provide excise tax relief for aerospace product development businesses and **SB 6328** to create a joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

Grand Opening Set for Crystal Judson Family Justice Center

Those in Pierce County who help domestic violence victims and their families will be joined by supporters - including members of Congress - Friday, Jan. 20 to celebrate the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center's opening. The center's grand opening will be held at 11:30 a.m. in front of the facility at 718 Court E.

The Family Justice Center, which opened Dec. 12, is funded and operated jointly by Pierce County and the City of Tacoma. Located in a remodeled former funeral home basement, its budget includes key federal funding obtained with the assistance of U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell and Congressmen Norm Dicks and Dave Reichert.

Cantwell, Dicks and Reichert will speak at the grand opening ceremony, along with Lane Judson and center director Susan Adams. Judson is the father of Crystal Judson, who was shot to death by her husband, Tacoma Police Chief David Brame, in April 2003. Establishment of the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center was part of the community's response to the murder-suicide tragedy. Pierce County Council Chair Shawn Bunney and Tacoma City Councilman Rick Talbert will emcee the ceremony.

Since opening, the center has served more than 60 clients, helping with protection orders, military issues, housing, custody legal issues and safety planning. The Domestic Violence Helpline staff moved to the center Jan. 2. "Having the Helpline on site allows us to serve even more clients by phone," Adams said. "Our

victim services fund allows us to help clients needing emergency shelter, transportation assistance or just to have their locks changed."

Clients are surveyed as they leave the center. "We have received positive feedback across the board. Client response has been overwhelmingly positive. I couldn't be happier with the way the center is operating. When we have been short-staffed, our partner agencies stepped in to serve clients and provide any other assistance needed," she said.

Represented at the center are the YWCA, Our Sister's House, Korean Women's Association, Fort Lewis Military Advocates, Associated Ministries Volunteer Chaplain Program, Indochinese Cultural and Services Center, Centro Latino, Pierce Youth Counseling, City of Tacoma Human Rights Advocacy, Pierce County Prosecutor's Office and Sheriff's Department and Tacoma Police Department.

High on Adams' to-do list is building even more partnerships and establishing a volunteer program. Anyone interested in being a Family Justice Center volunteer can contact Adams at familyjusticecenter@co.pierce.wa.us or 253-798-4310.

Meth Getting Lots of Attention

The concept in **SB 6484** took wings after several county sheriffs met with prime sponsor Senator Mark Doumit and Senator Dan Swecker, who is second on the bill. The Washington State Sheriffs' Association has been instrumental developing a statewide strategy to attack the growing

"methademic" in Washington State. **SB 6484** is definitely the first step in that strategy.

SB 6484 identifies three areas that are the "migration destinations" when methamphetamine manufacturers and dealers are squeezed out by task force activity in areas that are receiving federal assistance or are considered to be major transport areas of narcotics traffickers. **SB 6484** authorizes a pilot projects in three areas: SW, NE, and SE Washington. It provides 2 prosecutors, 4 deputies, a court clerk and clerical staff per area. It also expresses legislative intent to backfill the cuts to the Justice Assistance Grant to FY 2004 levels.

The southeast area includes Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties. Northeast is Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille and Lincoln Counties. The southwest pilot includes Grays Harbor, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Lewis and Cowlitz Counties. **SB 6484** provides \$1.75 million annually for four fiscal years to be divided equally among the pilots. The monies will be administered by the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) for prosecutors and the Washington State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for law enforcement. A report to the Legislature on the success of the effort is required.

SB 6484 goes "hand-in-hand" with **Senate Bill 6239**, a meth bill requested by State Attorney General Rob McKenna. **SB 6239** will be heard Monday in the Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee at 10:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 1, JAC Building.

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County Clerks' Bill Leaves the House

HB 1471, authentication of documents, the County Clerks' priority bill to allow for the electronic transmission of court documents, is up for a vote of the entire House today. **HB 1471** was introduced last year, expired on the last day of session and was returned to the House Rules Committee. Here we go again thanks to prime sponsor Representative John Lovick!

The clerks are also pushing a technical fix to court funding increases passed last session. That bill should be dropped in the next few days.

State Police Proposal Would Move Crime Lab

HB 2472, a proposal sponsored by Representatives Tom Campbell and Sam Hunt, would not only create a new Department of Public Safety which would assume all the powers, duties and functions of the Washington State Patrol and Bureau of Fire Protection, but would move the Bureau of Forensic Services.

The state forensic laboratories are currently under the budgetary oversight of the Forensic Investigations Council which is comprised largely of local government officials. **HB 2472** also creates a state department of investigation which would investigate crimes relating to organized crime, drug law violations and identity theft. The department would assist local agencies at their request. Some surmise that the price tag that is estimated to be over \$20 million may slow the bill down. It is set for hearing in the State Government Operations and

Accountability Committee next Friday at 8:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room D.

Missing Persons Bill Introduced

HB 2805, expanding provisions relating to missing person, was introduced this morning after first being proposed by the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners and later adopted as a WACO priority. The prime sponsor is Representative Al O'Brien.

The bill is an expansion of **HB 1943** of last year in the areas of mass disasters, identification of human remains and increased communication in locating missing persons. It is a vast reduction in the fiscal note that was attached to **HB 1943** due to the cooperation of so many groups. It also allows for education with existing resources of WACME and the Forensic Investigations Council.

HB 2805 is a combination of national model legislation, **HB 1943**, the work of a task force then-Attorney General Gregoire assembled in 2003, and several meetings with Representative O'Brien, coroners, sheriffs, police departments, the Washington State Patrol Bureau of Forensic Services, the Missing Children's Clearinghouse, a forensic anthropologist, and representatives of the Families and Friends of Victims of Violent Crimes and the Forensic Investigations Council.

HB 2805 has been referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Corrections. Please contact Representative O'Brien to thank him for his sponsorship and urge him, as chair of Criminal Justice and

Corrections, to set it for hearing.

Hearings Begin on Sex Offender Legislation

House and Senate members from both political parties have introduced more than 20 bills intended to toughen sanctions relating to sex crimes. Several of the bills are based on recommendations from the legislative Task Force on Sex Offender Management or are at the request of Attorney General Rob McKenna.

WSAC and WACO are reviewing the bills for policy and fiscal implications, though currently few fiscal notes have been completed.

The major policy dispute at this time appears to center around whether sentences should differ if the offender was a friend or relative of the victim. Prosecutors and victim-advocate groups say that a victim, especially a child, is less likely to report a sex crime by a friend or family member if the offender faces a minimum 25-year sentence. If the crime is not reported, it cannot be prosecuted, and very likely will be repeated, they say.

The House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee devoted two meetings this past week to public comment on eight bills: **HB 2409** - Changing the provisions relating to sex and kidnapping offender registration; **HB 2412** --Changing the penalty provisions for violating the registration statute; **HB 2407** - Revising provisions relating to electronic monitoring of sex offenders; **HB 2413** - Requiring the department of corrections to electronically monitor offenders; **HB**

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2408 - Modifying the statute of limitations toll for felony sex offenses; **HB 2410** - Changing provisions relating to sex offenders; **HB 2411** - Changing the provisions relating to punishment for certain sex offenses; and **HB 2476** - Protecting children, vulnerable persons, and communities by strengthening laws regarding sex offenders regardless of whether the perpetrator was known or unknown to the victim at the time of the crime, and kidnapping offenders.

The Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee is scheduled to hear public comment on the following bills at 8 a.m., Thursday, January 19: **SB 6144** - Clarifying the effect of retroactive registration requirements on sex offenders convicted in Washington who leave and then return to the state; **SB 6172** - Strengthening sex offender provisions; **SB 6315** - Modifying sex offender provisions; **SB 6319** - Changing provisions for sex offender registration; **SB 6320** - Revising the model policy for disclosure of sex offender information; **SB 6322** - Relating to electronic monitoring of sex offenders; **SB 6325** - Establishing residences for sex offenders; **SB 6405** - Imposing additional registration requirements on risk level III offenders; **SB 6406** - Including assault of a child in the second degree in the list of two-strike offenses; **SB 6407** - Increasing the seriousness level for possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. **SB 6408** - Tolling the statute of limitations for felony sex offenses; **SB 6409** - Revising provisions relating to sex offender sentencing and disposition alternatives; **SB 6410** - Revising

provisions relating to community protection zones; **SB 6460** - Increasing penalties for crimes committed with sexual motivation; **SB 6465** - Changing provisions relating to sex offenders.

Bill Would Establish New Emergency Management Funding

Emergency management is enjoying renewed legislative interest this year, including a proposal that would help ensure stable, long-term funding for state and local emergency preparedness.

SB 6433, prime-sponsored by Senator Jim Kastama of Puyallup, would contribute an estimated \$10 million a biennium to enhance all-hazards emergency management planning, mitigation, training and exercises statewide in both state and local agencies. The bill is scheduled for public hearing at 8 a.m., Thursday, January 19 in the Senate Government Operations Committee chaired by Kastama. Representatives of WSAC and its emergency management affiliate WSEMA are coordinating testimony for the hearing.

New revenue to fund the proposal would be generated from a surcharge of \$2 per year on homeowner insurance policies and \$4 per year on commercial property insurance policies. This is similar to an insurance surcharge in Florida.

In addition to creating a stable new funding source, which was recommended by the governor's Emergency Management Council's Task Force on Local Programs, the bill also addresses Task Force recommendations to establish state

EMD liaisons in nine regions around the state to assist local programs; provide flexible grants to local agencies; provide training for local elected and appointed officials; encourage mutual aid; and enhance public awareness and education. The bill also would, within available funds, seek to provide every county sufficient funding to employ a full-time emergency management director.

The WSAC Legislative Steering Committee has endorsed the concepts embodied in the bill, but has cautioned against unnecessarily duplicating existing programs and activities.

Elections, Licensing and Recording

Primary Date Change (WACO/County Auditor/SOS Legislative Recommendation)

The Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee heard **SB 6236**, changing the date of the primary from the third Tuesday in September to the third Tuesday in August, earlier this week. At the end of the hearing, the bill was given a do pass recommendation and was sent to the Rules Committee. County Auditors should call their Senators and ask for a yes vote on this very important bill. **SB 6236** is a Secretary of State Request bill, as well as a WACO/County Auditors' Association legislative recommendation. Auditors testifying in favor of the bill were Kim Wyman, Thurston County, and Mike Garvison, Skamania County. Al Brotche, Mason County, also added his name to the support list. Island County Auditor Suzanne Sinclair, Auditors' Association Legislative co-chair, was also in attendance, but through a communications mix-up, did not testify. Committee members received her testimony in writing. The bill makes several other modifications to law, including changing the filing week from the fourth Monday in July to the first Monday in June, increases the time for certifying the primary from 10 to 15 days, and eliminates the 30-day fundraising freeze after a regular session.

Secretary of State (SOS) Request Bills

Both the Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee and the House State Government Operations and Accountability

Committee heard several other elections bills this week. They were **SB 6242/HB 2479**, ensuring equipment accessibility for voters with visual impairments; **SB 6235/HB 2477**, making technical changes to election laws; and **SB 6243/HB 2478**, clarifying laws on ballot measures. **SB 6530**, allowing electronic voter registration, and a measure providing updates to voter equipment (no bill number yet) were also heard by the Senate Government Operations and Elections Committee. Snohomish County Auditor Bob Terwilliger, Auditors' Legislative Committee co-chair, was on hand to testify in favor of the bills.

Voter Registration Database

The House State Government Operations and Accountability Committee listened to an update on the new Voter Registration Database, which has been developed in the Secretary of State's office. Legislation was passed in this state in 2002 clearing the way for the database, which was required to be up and running in each state by January, 2006, by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Secretary of State staff gave a demonstration of how the database works and Snohomish County Auditor Bob Terwilliger, Auditors' Association Legislative Committee co-chair, talked about how closely the county auditors worked with SOS in creating the database. He mentioned how rewarding it was for the auditors and their key staff members to work so closely with a state agency and how pleased they are with the results. The major assets of the database are to find and take care of duplicate voter registrations,

deceased voters, transfers and screening for felons who lost their rights to vote.

County Auditor Request Bills

Island County Auditor Suzanne Sinclair, co-chair of the Auditors' Legislative Committee, dropped three bills for the county auditors in both the House and Senate this week. **HB 2694/SB 6421**, eliminating Saturday counting of ballots; **HB 2695/SB 6423**, modifying telephone notification requirements on absentee or provisional ballots; and **HB 2696/SB 6422**, modifying election recount provisions. The House bills will be heard in the House State Government Operations and Accountability Committee on Wednesday, January 18, at 1:30 p.m.

Subagents Successor

HB 1581, revising the authority of a vehicle licensing subagent to recommend a successor, will be heard by the House Transportation Committee on Monday, January 16, at 3:30 p.m.

Environment, Land Use and Resources

Affordable Housing

Three bills were heard in House Local Government to **require** Cities, Counties and Towns planning under GMA to adopt a set of ordinances to assist in the development of affordable housing. While the public policy intent behind these affordable housing bills is commendable the mandate and the prescriptive nature in which the bills are written is concerning. WSAC and AWC both testified with concerns about these three bills stating with clarity -- that Comprehensive Land Use Plans and implementing Development Regulations should be developed through local community planning processes and approved by local legislative bodies. That the state can provide broad policy direction but the specific discussion and approval should occur at the local level - in community centers, Granges, City Council Chambers and County Commissioner Hearing Rooms

HB 2323 Encouraging Affordable Housing - stipulates that Cities, Counties, and Towns planning under 36.70A.040 (GMA) must allow and develop zoning ordinances that permit Accessory Dwelling Units in all single family residential zoning districts.

HB 2324 Providing Incentives for Affordable Housing - Requires all cities, towns, and counties planning under RCW 36.70A.040 (GMA) to adopt or amend by ordinance and incorporate into their development regulations, zoning regulation, or other official control an authorization for density bonus incentives for the provision of affordable housing that apply to urban growth areas as designated under RCW 36.70A.110.

HB 2325 Providing Affordable Housing Through Flexible Short Subdivision - Requires all cities, towns, and counties planning under RCW 36.70A.040 (GMA) to adopt regulations and procedures to review and approve short plats and short subdivisions for any lot within a residential zone located within a UGA that is two or more times the times the minimum lot size be divided into two or more lots.

Transfer of Development Rights

HB 2368 Authorizing development rights demonstration projects - Directs the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development to provide support and funding for two counties to host specific projects that demonstrate how a transfer of development rights program can be used to conserve natural resource and habitat lands. The language requires that the "host counties" agree to participate. WSAC will ask for more direct language that "host counties" will mean that the legislative body must opt into participation in the pilot program.

Growth Management

The Governor has confirmed that there will be four GMA bills as a part of her Land Use Agenda. WSAC received the draft bills on Wednesday and forwarded them to the GMA Issues Sub-committee for comment. At this point only **HB 2626/SB 6345 Reaffirming existing Washington state law in the state Constitution, state Supreme Court decisions, and statutes relating to the use of eminent domain by state and local governments are scheduled for hearings.** **HB 2626** is

scheduled for a hearing in House Judiciary on Friday, January 20. **HB 2427 Providing restrictions on the exercise of eminent domain** will also be heard on this date.

It is anticipated that the remaining three Governor/Agency GMA bills may be heard next week, but are not yet scheduled.

HB 2708 Eliminating the growth management hearings boards is scheduled for a hearing in House Local Government on Thursday, January 19. **HB 2708** provides that GMA appeals go to Superior Court.

Environment, Land Use & Resources (continued)

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Bill #	Committee	Description	Time	<u>Location</u> Bldg/Room	Date
<u>HB 2662</u>	House Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks	Providing electronic product recycling through manufacturer financed opportunities.	1:30	HHR D/JLOB	1/17/06
<u>E2SHB 1458</u>	House Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks	Concerning the Management of On-site sewage disposal system in marine areas (brought back from last session)	1:30	HHR D/JLOB	1/19/06
<u>HB 2593</u>	House Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks	Changing provisions relating to oil spill prevention, preparedness and response	1:30	HHR D/JLOB	1/19/06
<u>SB 6225</u>	Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development	Regulating the installation, repair, and maintenance of domestic well water systems.	10:00	SHR 4/JAC	1/17/06
<u>SB 6428</u>	Senate Water, Energy & Environment	Providing electronic product recycling through manufacturer financed opportunities	3:30	SHR 4/JAC	1/17/06
<u>SB 6207</u>	Senate Water, Energy, & Environment	Reauthorizing the pollution liability insurance agency.	3:30	SHR 4/JAC	1/18/06

Public Health and Human Services

Air Ambulance Bill Receives Hearing

SB 6231 – Exempting certain private air ambulance services from licensing under the insurance code. This bill is the result of the interim study the Legislature directed the Insurance Commissioner to conduct into the feasibility of establishing or allowing subscription programs for air ambulance services. **SB 6231** (and its companion bill **HB 2615**) provide that a private air ambulance services that solicits membership subscriptions, accepts membership applications, charges membership fees and provides air ambulance services to subscription members and designated members of their household is not an insurer, a health carrier, a health care services contractor, or a health maintenance organization if the private air ambulance is licensed, attains and maintains accreditation by the commission on accreditation of medical transport services or another accrediting organization approved by the Department of Health, has been in operation in Washington for at least two years, and has submitted evidence of its compliance with the act.

Previously the Office of the Insurance Commissioner had deemed air ambulance subscription services, such as the one that had existed in San Juan County in the 1990s, an insurance program subject to the laws governing insurance providers. These requirements made it impossible for the program that had existed in San Juan County to continue so access to air ambulance services for residents of the islands became extremely expensive and for many islanders, cost-prohibitive.

During the interim, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner conducted a study including stakeholders interested in the outcome. They gathered information about such programs existing in other states and came to the conclusion that the air ambulance subscription services should not be burdened with the legal requirements of an insurance provider.

The legislation proposed by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner paves the way for San Juan County (and other areas that may be interested) to return to the subscription air ambulance services program that they had. The bill received a warm welcome by the Senate Financial Institutions, Housing and Consumer Protection Committee and all testimony was in support of the bill.

Bills Provide Funding for Pandemic Influenza/Communicable Disease Preparedness & Response

Senator Keiser and Representative Shay Schual-Berke have both introduced bills that would provide funding primarily aimed at pandemic influenza preparedness and response. Both bills would provide \$20 million for local public health jurisdictions to work with emergency management departments, other first responders, community-based organizations, local government entities, etc. to develop and exercise plans for responding to a major communicable disease of the magnitude of a pandemic influenza outbreak. The bill sponsors recognize the

tremendous resources needed to effectively plan, prepare and exercise the planned response to a major world-wide disease outbreak such as pandemic influenza.

Pandemic Influenza or any other nation-wide or world-wide communicable disease outbreak preparedness and response will strengthen the public health system's ability to respond to any emergency or hazard.

Locally preparing for a world-wide event is critical. Help from other states or nations would not be forthcoming because they would be overwhelmed with their own response. We would truly be "on our own". Employers, public and private, would be facing up to 30% employee absenteeism. In Washington as many as 198,000 hospitalizations, and 38,000 deaths could occur (deaths from all causes in Washington are slightly over 40,000 per year). Local Governments would be facing the real possibility of isolating and quarantining a large number of citizens, restricting movement and interaction of the public, and closing public venues for a period of time. Local government would continue to deal with the disease cycle for weeks, hospitals would be overwhelmed and many residents would die. Such a scenario has the high potential for resulting in social unrest. Government, business and others need to have public communication and action plans in place.

We will continue to work with the bill sponsors on these bills. The Senate bill (**SB 6366**) is scheduled for a hearing on Monday in Senate Health and Long-Term Care at 3:30 in Senate Hearing Room 4.

Public Health and Human Services (continued)

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<u>SB 6239</u>	S Hum Svcs & Corr	Regarding crime, AG request legislation	10:00	SHR 1	1/16/06
<u>HB 2002</u>	H Ch & Fam Svcs	Authorizing limited continuing Foster Care	1:30	HHR D	1/16/06
<u>SB 5943</u>	S Hlth & LTC	Concerning medical use of marijuana	3:30	SHR 4	1/16/06
<u>HB 2450</u>	H Hsg.	Paying for background checks charged to tenants	8:00	HHR D	1/17/06
<u>HB 2471</u>	H Hsg`	Creating a veteran homeownership program	8:00	HHR D	1/17/06
<u>HB 2448</u>	H Crim Just & Corr	Imposing an excise tax on possession of illegal drugs and alcohol	1:30	HHR E	1/17/06
<u>WS Workfirst</u>	H Appropriations	Reexamination of the Workfirst program	3:30	HHR A	1/17/06
<u>HB 2390</u>	H Ch & Fam Svcs	Modifying requirements for licensing of facilities serving children and persons with developmental disabilities	8:00	HHR D	1/18/06
<u>HB 2456</u>	H Ch & Fam Svcs	Pilot project to provide mental health consulting services for child care programs	8:00	HHR D	1/18/06
<u>PH Gov's budget</u>	S Ways & Means	Health and Human Services portion of Gov's budget	1:30	SHR 4	1/18/06
<u>WS: Workfirst</u>	S Ways & Means	Workfirst Reexamination Project	1:30	SHR 4	1/18/06
	S Hum Svcs & Corr	15 Sex offender bills	8:00	SHR 1	1/19/06
<u>HB 2649 and HB 2650</u>	H Hsg	Amds to Ending Homelessness bill from 2005 and Affordable Housing for All bill	10:00	HHR D	1/19/06
<u>WS - DD</u>	H Ch & Fam Svcs	Update from Caring for Washington Individuals with Autism Task Force and Update from Developmental Disabilities Residential Study	1:30	HHR D	1/19/06
<u>HB 2501</u>	H Hlth Care	Regulating group health benefit plan coverage of mental health svcs (technical change to parity bill enacted in 2005)	1:30	HHR A	1/20/06

Public Health and Human Services (continued)

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<u>HB 2632</u>	House Health Care	Modifying HIV insurance program provisions	1:30	HHR A/JLOB	1/17/06
<u>HB 2570</u>	House Health Care	Prohibiting tobacco product sampling	8:00	HHR A/JLOB	1/19/06
<u>HB 2382</u>	House Judiciary	Providing limited liability immunity for injuries at bovine handling facilities.	10:00	HHR B/JLOB	1/17/06
<u>E2SHB 1458</u>	House Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks	Concerning the Management of On-site sewage disposal system in marine areas (brought back from last session)	1:30	HHR D/JLOB	1/19/06
<u>SB 6371</u>	Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development	Regulating the disposal of dead animals	10:00	SHR 3/JAC	1/16/06
<u>SB 6377</u>	Senate Agriculture & Rural Economic Development	Regarding milk sales under cow share agreements.	8:30	SHR 3/JAC	1/19/06
<u>SB 6366</u>	Senate Health & Long-Term Care	Concerning preparation and response to pandemic influenza	3:30	SHR 4/JAC	1/16/06
<u>SB 6213</u>	Senate Health & Long Term Care	Providing a religious exemption to the clean indoor air act.	3:30	SHR 4/JAC	1/19/06

Transportation and Public Works

County Engineers

The House Commerce & Labor Committee heard **HB 2354**, legislation brought to the committee by the Land Surveyors' Association of Washington as part of a national strategy to redefine their scope of practice laws. In addition to changing definitions, the legislation also required that the review, approval, or examination by a governmental entity of survey data, documents prepared, or services performed by a licensed land surveyor could only be performed by another land surveyor.

Before the hearing began, the Chair noted that extensive opposition to the legislation, which included WSAC, AWC, WSDOT, the Washington Realtors Association, and others. WSAC testified that the legislation would unnecessarily increase costs and removed duties and functions that have traditionally been performed by county engineers such as reviewing county road right of way, plats, easements, and construction plans. The Chair asked that the stakeholders speak with the prime sponsor of the legislation, Rep. B. Williams, on the bill's problems because the bill would not move from committee without an agreement by all parties.

Motorcycle Signage – Priority Bill for WSACE

A priority for the Washington State Association of County Engineers, and supported by WSAC, is legislation to exempt gravel and earth surfaced roads from the requirement to post additional signs for motorcycles ("Motorcycles Use Extreme Caution") during construction, repair, or maintenance of highways, county roads, streets or

bridges. At the time of enactment, it was assumed that the legislation applied only to paved roads. However, the language is ambiguous and could be interpreted to apply to all types of roads, including gravel and earth surfaced roads. Rep. Buri introduced **HB 2765** to resolve this problem. The bill has been referred to the House Transportation Committee. If you have a legislator on this committee, please contact the member for their support and ask that **HB 2765** be scheduled for a hearing.

Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID)

Regional transportation funding appears to be *the* transportation subject of the session. Both House and Senate Transportation Committees are devoting the week of January 15th to hear a variety of presentations on regional transportation planning and governance. Interspersed between the presentations will be public testimony on legislative proposals to revise, repeal, merge or replace the Regional Transportation Investment District created in **SB 6140** in the 2002 legislative session for the purpose of planning, selecting, funding, and implementing transportation projects to address highway corridor needs in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. Transportation projects in the plan are limited to capital improvements and do not include operations, preservation and maintenance.

Senator Haugen will be introducing legislation to require King, Pierce and Snohomish county to submit to the voters at the November 2007 regional ballot a jointly coordinated regional

roads/transit plan (through Sound transit and the RTID) and a regional transportation governance proposal that restructures the regional transportation funding/operating system into a single point of accountability.

Association News

PDC Filing Reminder

The **Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1)** is due between January 1 and April 17, 2006.

Who files?

- County-wide office holders* (elected and appointed) who held office during any portion of calendar year 2005, AND
- County-wide office holders* who were newly elected in 2005.

*County-wide office holders include assessor, auditor, clerk, commissioner, council member, coroner, executive, prosecutor, sheriff, treasurer.

What period of time does the report cover?

Calendar year 2005 in most cases. County-wide office holders who resigned or were removed from office prior to the end of 2005 may file an F-1 covering just the portion of the year that they held office.

How do I file?

Electronically, by mail, or personal delivery.

Electronic filers have a one-time only requirement of submitting a signature authorization. Once the PDC receives a filer's signature authorization, the F-1 is filed when the e-filer transmits the report.

Blank forms and detailed instructions can be found under Filer Assistance at www.pdc.wa.gov. Mailed reports are filed as of the postmark date.

What if I have questions?

Contact a PDC auditor at:

(360) 753-1111

1-877-601-2828 toll free in Washington State

pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Training and Upcoming Events

2005 CPO Graduates

In order to complete the Certified Public Officials program, individuals must earn a total of 32 course credits and elected participants must also complete the Newly Elected Officials course. One full day course is valued at 4 credits, so dedication must be demonstrated to achieve all requirements. Since courses are generally offered over a two year period, a long term commitment to the program is also required.

Congratulations to the 2005 CPO Graduates. You should be proud of your accomplishment. Your certificates and pins will be mailed to you.

Tom Baenen	Assessor	Island County
Bill Byrd	Commissioner	Island County
Neva Corkrum	Commissioner	Franklin County
Bill Provost	Chief Financial Officer	Asotin County

Recent changes have been made to our tracking database. Please email the program manager jkaufman@wacounties.org if you believe you have completed your courses and have been left off the list. The following participants only have ONE more course left to complete certification:

Sloan Clack, Kathy Fewins, Kathy Lambert, Vern Spatz, Stanley Boyes, Cathy Caryl, Doug Cochran, Lisa Freund, Michael Killian, Mark Linquist, Don Scheibe, and Lessie Tompkins.

The CPO website has recently been updated and includes upcoming courses we will be offering in 2006. Please visit <http://www.cpoprogram.org> for all details, including registration information.

Courthouse Ramblings

Clallam County Clerk **Mollie Lingvall** is retiring from office, on Friday, January 13, after 17 years in office. We will miss her, but wish her all the best. Mollie's position is an appointed, rather than elected office, under the Clallam County Charter. Commissioners have appointed new clerk, Barbara Christensen, effective February 3. Barbara has been the Director of Human Resources and the Compliance Officer of Clallam County Hospital District 1, in Forks, since 1997. We welcome her to WACO and to the Clerks' Association.

Calendar of Events

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
Calendar Last Updated: 1/11/2006 9:45 AM			
For your convenience training and workshops are bolded.			
<u>JANUARY 2006</u>			
NACo President/Executive	Washington, D.C.	January 10 - 13	
WACO Board of Trustees	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 11-12	(360) 753-7319
Assn of Human Services (ACHS)	AmeriTel Hotel, Olympia	January 18 - 20	(360) 753-1886
WA Counties Insurance Fund/WCIP Board	Radisson Hotel, SeaTac	January 18	(360) 586-0466
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 19/8-11:30	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Rally Luncheon	Ramada Inn – Governor’s House, Olympia	January 19/Noon	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Rally Reception	Ramada Inn – Governor’s House, Olympia	January 19/5:30p	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Board of Directors	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 20/8 - Noon	(360) 753-1886
WA State Assn of County Auditors’ Licensing Conference	Comfort Inn, Tumwater	January 23-24	(360) 753-7319
WA State Assn of County Auditors’ Legislative Conference	Comfort Inn, Tumwater	January 25-26	(360) 753-7319
WSAC/WACO/AWC Tri Assn	Red Lion, Olympia	January 26	
WA State Assn of County Assessors’ Legislative Conference	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 31-February 2	(360) 753-7319
<u>FEBRUARY 2006</u>			
WSAC Urban County Caucus	Mercato’s Ristorante, Olympia	February 1/6:30-9	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Rural Issues Sub-committee	Ramblin’ Jack’s Restaurant, Olympia	February 1/6:30-9	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	Red Lion Hotel, Olympia	February 2/9:30-1	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Urban County Caucus	Mercato’s Ristorante, Olympia	February 15/6:30-9	(360) 753-1886

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WSAC Rural Issues Sub-committee	Ramblin' Jack's Restaurant, Olympia	February 15/6:30-9	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	February 16/9:30-1	(360) 753-1886
WA Assn of County Auditors' Finance Conference	North Bonneville Hot Springs Resort, North Bonneville	February 28-Mar.2	(360) 753-7319
<i>MARCH 2006</i>			
WSAC Urban County Caucus	Mercato's Ristorante, Olympia	March 1/6:30-9	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Rural Issues Sub-committee	Ramblin' Jack's Restaurant, Olympia	March 1/6:30-9	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	March 2/9:30-1	(360) 753-1886
NACo Legislative Conference	Washington, D.C.	March 4 - 8	http://www.naco.org
Legislative Session Ends – Sine Die	Olympia	March 9	http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm
WCIF/WCIP Board and Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC)	Spokane	March 16	(360) 586-0466
Washington County Administrative Assn - Annual Business	Enzian Inn, Leavenworth	March 22 - 24	(360) 577-3065 Claire Hauge, hauegc@co.cowlitz.wa.us
WA Assn of County Auditors' Recording Conference	Leavenworth	March 27-28	(360) 753-7319
<i>APRIL 2006</i>			
WA Counties Insurance Fund ACE	Yakima	April 12	(360) 586-0466
WA Municipal Treasurers' (WMTA) Annual Conference	Campbell's Lodge, Chelan	April 12-14	
WSAC Spring Western District	Lakeway Inn, Bellingham	April 20 - 21	www.wacounties.org/wsac
17th Annual National County Government Week		April 23-29	
WA Assn of Prosecuting Attorneys' Spring Training	Red Lion, Yakima	April 26-28	(360) 753-2175

Attachments



THE CASCADE CENTER AT THE DANIEL J. EVANS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



Managing Organizational Change

Arn Howitt

February 15 – 17, 2006

The course is designed to help public managers in local and state government or the nonprofit sectors take a *strategic* approach to leading change in their own or closely affiliated agencies.

We most often think of change as involving a shift or redefinition of agency mission, but it often demands more. Change also frequently requires renegotiating relationships with key stakeholders (higher-level policy officials, elected leaders, and constituency groups) to make sure that necessary resources, legal authority, and political backing are available to support change. In addition, it demands rethinking what operational capacity (e.g., staff, skills, equipment) is needed to accomplish goals.

Thinking strategically about change therefore requires us to assess carefully the simultaneous interactions of these factors—in other words, how shifts in mission, stakeholder relationships, and operational capacity are *connected*.

Managing change in the public sector requires leadership, entrepreneurial skills, and risk taking, just as it does in the private sector. But the necessary leadership can come from the *middle* of an organization as well as from the top, and no single style of leadership fits all change situations. *Acting strategically*, therefore, requires finding a fit between one's leadership style and the needs of the situation.

While change creates *opportunity* for major improvement in how agencies function and achieve their goals, it also generates significant *stress* that permeates the organization. Many desirable change initiatives founder or fail outright because initiators focus too narrowly on only part of the overall change management problem. They may concentrate on altering agency structure, for example, while paying too little attention to other key factors, such as organizational culture.

Managing strategically requires a more comprehensive approach, simultaneously aligning formal organizational structure, critical tasks and processes, culture, and the needs of the organization's people.

The objective of the course is to make these somewhat abstract themes meaningful in the context of the jobs participants perform, and useful enough to take back to work.

The course will use a variety of teaching methods, including case studies, panel discussion and study groups.

Who We Are: Established in 1984, the Cascade Center for Public Service and Leadership is part of the executive education program at the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington, providing leadership and management training to managers and executives in public and nonprofit agencies.

Tuition Details: Tuition for this course is \$1,125. UW Alumni Association members and current students in the Traditional, Mid-Career, and Executive MPA programs at Evans are eligible for tuition discount.

How to Register: On-line: <http://www.casacadecourses.org>

Contact Us: Cascade Center for Public Service and Leadership, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, Box 353055, Seattle, WA 98195-3055, 206-685-0523 (phone), 206-543-1096 (fax), cascade@u.washington.edu

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AGENDA

WSAC Legislative Rally

Thursday, January 19, 2006

Olympia, Washington

(Please join us for a full day of legislative activities, briefings and visits)

**All County Commissioners, County Council Members, County Executives,
County Administrators and Key Management Staff should attend!!!**

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	WSAC Legislative Steering Committee (Open to non LSC members)	<i>Washington Counties Building</i>
Noon - 1:45 p.m.	Legislative Rally Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome: Dean Burton, WSAC President and Garfield County Commissioner Don Munks, Skagit County Commissioner• WSAC 2006 Legislative Priorities (12:15 p.m.)• The Honorable Mike Hewitt, Senate Minority Leader (12:30 p.m.)• The Honorable Christine Gregoire, Governor (1:15 p.m.)	<i>Ramada Inn Governor's House</i>
1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Legislator Visits - call your legislators now to establish a meeting schedule while you are in Olympia	<i>Capitol Campus</i>
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Legislative Rally Reception Please call your legislators and issue an invitation to the reception	<i>Ramada Inn Governor's House</i>
7:00 p.m.	Individual County Legislator Dinners	