



Washington State
Association of Counties

LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

MARCH 31, 2011 – 8:00AM TO NOON

WPUDA BUILDING – OLYMPIA, WA

8:00am – Welcome & Introductions

8:05am – Co-Chair Remarks & Approval of Agenda & Minutes (Action Item)

Hon. Todd Mielke & Hon. Steve Stuart

8:10am – Transportation Budget (and other Budgets if available)

WSAC Staff

9:00:am – Bill Updates

WSAC Staff

10:00am – Head to the Hill

Noon – Back to WSAC for Lunch & Update on Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Funding

Adjourn



LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 17, 2011 – 8:00AM TO NOON
WSAC BUILDING – OLYMPIA, WA

Members Participating:

R. Plager, L. Bowman, R. Walter, M. Doherty, S. Stuart, M. Miller, R. Miller, R. Stevens, A. Homola, P. Johnson, P. Jewell, L. Grose, B. Hover, B. Cuffel, D. Wear, T. Farrell, L. Pratt, P. Pearce, J. Koster, T. Mielke, L. Guenther, B. Brady, K. Bouchey

Others:

S. Merriman, B. Banks, B. Enslow, J. Weiss, R. Gupta, L. Smith, E. Johnson, G. Rowe, B. Brady (Pierce), G. Walk, B. Taylor, M. Burgess, J. Potts

Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Co-Chair Remarks & Approval of Agenda & Minutes (Action Item)

Commissioner P. Pearce moved approval of the agenda and March 3, 2011 minutes. Commissioner B. Miller seconded. Motion Carried.

8:10am – Early Release for Certain Offenders (SB 5866) (Action Item)

Commissioner K. Bouchey moved to support the staff recommendation to oppose SB 5866 - Early Release for Certain Offenders. Commissioner A. Homola seconded. Motion Carried.

8:30am – Medical Marijuana (Action Item)

Commissioner L. Grose moved that WSAC oppose this bill because of the conflict with federal law. However, if the bill moves, WSAC will support medical marijuana being sold in state liquor stores and if not there, then to utilize land use authorities to regulate the location of the dispensaries. The Committee agreed that they did not want review and approve each dispensary and their location. Councilmember J. Koster seconded. Motion Carried with some dissent.

8:50am – SEPA Update

9:10am – Permit Exempt Wells Update

Commissioner P. Pearce moved that WSAC staff should continue working with Ecology and county staff to perfect the proposal that provides clarity regarding the use of exempt wells for development projects. Additionally, WSAC staff should engage other interested parties in this process, and should discuss the proposal with key legislators. Lastly, WSAC staff should work closely with interested members of the Natural Resources & Environment Workgroup, and the workgroup should keep the Legislative Steering Committee informed of the status of the proposal. Motion was seconded. Motion Carried.

10:30am - Committee Members Headed to the Hill to "Work the Doors"

Noon - Committee Members returned for lunch, member reports and staff bill list reports.

Adjourned

