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Satellite Dish Tax Proposed for County-City Financial Assistance EESB 6050

The House Finance Committee heard **EESB 6050** Friday morning with counties, cities and some business groups testifying in favor of a proposed tax on satellite dish customers. The bill received strong support from cable TV companies and the general contractors. There was no testimony in opposition.

As proposed there would be a new tax of 8.5% on all cable and dish TV services. The cable TV companies that now pay franchise fees up to 5% to the counties and the cities, and the cities that impose an addition utility tax not allowed for counties will be able to take that as a credit against the new tax. The result is that there will be an on-going permanent source of funding dedicated to counties and cities that meets the formula for a low-tax base community.

There is no other funding provided in any of the three proposed budgets from the Governor, Senate or House. This is the only vehicle.

This tax is not a general tax increase; rather it is a targeted tax for the neediest of the needy. It also provides equity for both cable and satellite dish services. This

is why the cable TV companies support the bill. The contractors testified that they support the bill because they support funding basic services in counties without an adequate tax base, and, it would not take funds from the Public Works Fund.

This bill is a long way from passage and it will take a flood of calls to the House members to convince them to pass it. **Call your own legislators as well as all other members of the House immediately. Tell them that:**

- The Legislature needs to provide an ongoing permanent solution to this problem. It is important to get this bill to conference.
- Some counties rely on this funding for nearly half of their general fund budget. The general fund (Current Expense) funds the criminal justice and other services mandated by the state.
- Failure to provide this funding for distressed cities will cause many of those cities to shift costs to the counties – worsening county budget problems.

Transportation Funding Still Being Cooked

The Senate unveiled its transportation funding package. **SB 6091** is the expenditure portion of the package while **SB 6103** raises the revenue. Both bills

passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee on Tuesday. They are expected to stay in the Senate until the House unveils its package and a

compromise can be negotiated between the chambers.

Fulfilling its two major transportation objectives, WSAC successfully lobbied the senate for

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the inclusion in **SB 6103** for the re-authorization of the vehicle license fee, and for a direct distribution to counties of a portion of the proposed gas tax increase – about \$16 million in additional monies each year after 2007. WSAC continues to work with legislators and staff to increase the counties' portion of any new transportation funding proposals.

As noted, **SB 6091** contained transportation expenditures (about \$9 billion). Over 60% of that money was allocated for the mega-projects: the Alaskan Way Viaduct, the Evergreen Floating Bridge and the Hood Canal Bridge. The remainder was spent on a variety of projects throughout the state. A complete project list was made available on the LEAP website (<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/2005/st0507P.asp>), but that list already may be inaccurate as legislators continue negotiating and votes are counted.

While some have raised equity issues with **SB 6091**, most of the public controversy concerns **SB 6103** – the revenue bill. It includes a 15 cent gas tax increase, a weight fee on cars and light trucks, and various fee increases. Also, four local option taxes are included in **SB 6103** (a vehicle license fee; a household excise tax; an employer tax and a transportation improvement assessment on land parcels). The gas tax increase is staggered over 12 years:

- Year 1: three cents; cities and counties to get 1/2 cent (1/4 counties; 1/4 cities)
- Year 2: two cents; cities and counties to get 1/2 cent (1/4 counties; 1/4 cities)
- Years 3 – 12: one cent per year

(no additional shares to local governments).

While **SB 6103** contains a county direct distribution formula based solely on unincorporated population, that formula was an oversight that will be rectified by the legislative staff in subsequent drafts. After speaking with WSAC's Bill Vogler, the Senate Transportation Chair, Sen. Haugen, made known her intention that the local government direct distribution be done in the historical "Y chart" manner.

Some of the state portion of the gas tax revenue would fund \$5 million a year for the Transportation Improvement Board (see **SB 6091** for the expenditure), but provide no additional revenue for the County Road Administration Board (CRAB). WSAC is aggressively working with legislative leadership to get additional revenue for accounts administered by CRAB that benefit the rural areas of the state. Meeting with legislators from both parties, rural county lobbyist Jim Potts has been exceptionally effective in obtaining commitments from legislators to fight for CRAB funding.

The local option taxes were initially drafted by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) (**SB 6016**) and originally included a street utility tax, an increase in the existing local option gas tax and a local option weight fee on cars. However, after repeated meetings with legislators and transportation committee staff the vehicle license fee and three new options, enumerated above, were created and included in the state funding bill, **SB 6103**. County lobbying produced a distribution formula for all the local

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

options weighted in favor of the counties (local option revenue distributed per capita: \$1.25 per unincorporated citizen; \$1 per incorporated citizen). Cities may use these options if their county chooses not to utilize them, but the county-weighted distribution formulas kick back in if a county later decides to

impose them after a city has done so. The city association is attempting to amend this facet of the formula; however it has not prevailed.

The four local funding options may be pared down to just the vehicle license fee due to legislative opposition. After consulting with WSAC staff and AWC staff, Sen.

Joyce Mulliken has offered an amendment to do so in an effort to save the larger package. Little is expected to occur until the House produces its funding package.

Budget, Finance and Taxes

County Treasurers' Administrative Provisions Bill (Treasurers/WACO Priority)

SHB 1158, the County Treasurers' administrative provisions bill, is still in the Senate Rules Committee. Please call the following Senate Rules Committee members and ask that the bill be pulled to the floor calendar: Senators Franklin, Brown, Doumit, Eide, Fraser, Haugen, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen, Regala, Spanel, Thibaudeau, Benton, Esser, Finkbeiner, Hewitt, Honeyford, Parlette, Roach, Schmidt, Zarelli, and Lt. Gov. Brad Owen.

Historic County Courthouse Assistance Funding in Both House and Senate Budget

Although legislation creating a Historic County Courthouse Fund has not moved from either the House or Senate, the Senate Capital Budget includes \$9 million and the House Capital Budget proposal includes \$10 million for matching grants for courthouse preservation and renovation, including work completed since January 2003. If enacted into law, the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, with guidance from an advisory committee including county representatives, will adopt criteria for receiving the funds.

Previous issues of the *Courthouse Journal* have listed the estimated improvement costs, including preservation of historic features, by county. For more information, call Paul Parker at WSAC.

Discussion Narrows on Economic Development Legislation

With Tax Increment Finance Reform apparently dead once again this legislative session, discussion of new economic development approaches for the state have narrowed to two approaches: increased loans and grants through the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) or through the Governor's Office.

ESHB 1903, diverting money from the Public Works Fund for economic development, has gone through many changes. Known as the Job Development Fund, it started as a program of CERB, then switched to being a Public Works Board Program. Strongly supported by cities and ports, and opposed by the construction industry, the Gregoire administration has taken no position given its interest in the other approach.

Following committee action in the Senate International Trade and Economic Development Committee and Senate Ways and Means, ESHB 1903 is a significantly revised bill. It is now leaner, focused on providing loans and grants, and is back as a CERB managed program that generates a biennial project list for legislative approval. Funding for 2005-2007 is not addressed in the bill, but a project list appears in the Senate and House Capital Budgets. CERB's charge is to prepare a \$50 million project list for inclusion in the 2007-2009 biennial budget request (and perhaps subsequent biennial requests prior to an anticipated program sunset in 2011). DCTED does point out that while a listing process will create

opportunities to significantly change the investment climate in a community, it is not the most responsive vehicle for emergent economic development projects.

The alternative approach, embraced by SSB 5370, establishes an economic development strategic reserve account. The Governor may spend money from the account, with approval of the Public Works Board, to prevent closure of a business or facility, to prevent relocation of a business or facility in the state to a location outside the state, or to recruit a business or facility to the state. Expenditures may be authorized for:

- (a) Work force development;
- (b) Public infrastructure needed to support or sustain the operations of the business or facility; and
- (c) Other lawfully provided assistance, including, but not limited to, technical assistance, environmental analysis, relocation assistance, and planning assistance.

ESHB 1903 is now scheduled for action on the Senate floor. SSB 5370 is in House Rules awaiting movement to the floor.

Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

WACO Priority Update

SSB 5035, forensic pathology, a priority of county coroners, the Forensic Investigations Council, and WACO moved out of the House Wednesday with a vote of 98-0. The House Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee added clarifying language so the Senate will have to concur. Prime Sponsor Senator Pat Thibaudeau had no objections to the amendment which states that FIC will have budgetary and administrative oversight of any new forensic pathology program approved by the Legislature to replace the forensic pathology specialist program that was eliminated by **SSB 5035**.

SSB 5242, inmates possessing weapons, is still in the House Rules Committee. Once it makes it to the floor, it can go directly to the Governor for signature since the House did not amend it.

HB 1471, authentication of documents, is still on the "white" sheet in Senate Rules Committee, putting it two steps from a floor vote. It must be "pulled" from the "white" sheet to the "green" sheet and then "pulled" again to the floor. County clerks are urged to contact their members on Senate Rules to get **HB 1471** moving and into law.

Senate Passes Criminal Indigent Defense Bill

The Senate voted 42-6 Thursday to pass **2SHB 1542**, establishing a structure by which to provide state funding assistance to counties and cities for trial-level criminal indigent defense. The House previously approved the bill unanimously.

Despite strong votes for the bill, there appears to be little state funding available. Supporters of the bill had requested \$25 million for the biennium. If not funded by June 30, the substantive provisions are null and void.

None of the existing budget proposals include funding specifically to implement **1542**, though the Senate would provide \$4 million for a criminal defense pilot project. Both House and Senate budget proposals also include limited funding for the state Office of Public Defense to provide training for public defenders and technical assistance to counties.

State Fire Marshal Offers Plan Review Assistance

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has created a General Plan Review Program to assist local jurisdictions in performing plan review activities for installation of fire protection systems. The services are available for a fee to local jurisdictions that prefer not to provide these functions on their own.

For additional information visit www.wsp.wa.gov/fire/sprinklr or contact Deputy State Fire Marshal Lance Talley by email at: Lance.Talley@wsp.wa.gov or by telephone (360) 570-3126.

Emergency Management Training Available

Positions are available for county elected officials and staff in several low-cost emergency management courses occurring June through September in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Participants pay no fee for the courses or accommodations, and are reimbursed for airfare up to \$450.

The week-long Integrated Emergency Management Courses, offered by the Emergency Management Institute of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), are designed to help individuals and communities identify potential deficiencies in emergency plans and/or staff preparedness so that deficiencies may be corrected before an actual emergency.

The courses place public officials and emergency personnel in a realistic crisis situation within a structured learning environment. Early in the course, an emergency scenario begins to unfold in sequence with classroom-style lectures, discussions and small-group workshops. As the course progresses, scenario-related events of increasing complexity, threat, and pressure occur. Participants develop emergency policies, plans, and procedures to ensure an effective response. The course culminates in an emergency exercise designed to test participant knowledge, awareness, flexibility, leadership, and interpersonal skills under extreme pressure.

For more information and registration, visit <http://www.training.fema.gov/emib/eb/IEMC>

Gambling Commission Proposes Rule Change

The Washington State Gambling Commission, which regulates gambling activities in the state, is proposing a change from quarterly activity reporting to reporting activity twice a year for all commercial operators. Currently businesses holding a gambling license report quarterly to the

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Commission, and many local jurisdictions use this information to verify local gambling taxes.

The reduced reporting schedule is necessary to accommodate a \$2.5

million budget reduction for the Commission.

The Commission will take comments on the proposed rule change at a public meeting at 9:30

a.m., April 15, 2005, at the Red Lion-Vancouver at the Quay, Vancouver, Washington. Written comments may be sent to Bill Kesel at billk@wsgc.wa.gov.

Elections, Licensing and Recording

County Auditor Privacy Bill Passes Out of Committee

HB 1385, restricting the information on recorded documents, is now on the Senate Flash Calendar. Please contact your Senators and ask them to vote "yes" on **HB 1385**.

County Auditor/WACO Priority

SHB 1386, increasing the surcharge on recorded documents from \$2 to \$5 for the preservation of historical documents is in the Senate Rules Committee. Please contact your

Rules committee members and ask them to "pull" **SHB 1386**.

Environment, Land Use and Resources

GMA Stalemate Continues

The effort by counties, cities, the American Planning Association – Washington Chapter, and farm and business groups to extend timelines for GMA updates and clarify the role of “best available science” remains in legislative limbo. Discussions with the environmental community resumed this week. FutureWise remains opposed to the 10-year update schedule that counties and cities seek and also wants to narrowly limit the number of jurisdictions entitled to defer updates due to slow growth rates.

Environmental groups also continue to oppose efforts to clarify that other factors besides science may be used by a county or city legislative body in adopting programs and regulations to designate and protect critical areas.

The only significant measure to survive at this point is **SHB 2171**, which provides most counties and cities a one-year delay in critical areas updates – and allows continued access to key state grant and loan funds, such as the public works assistance account and the Centennial Clean Water Fund.

Greater Flexibility for County Conservation Futures Funds

Legislation to allow counties to spend a portion of conservation futures revenue for maintenance and operation of properties purchased with those funds was passed this week by the Senate. A floor striking amendment offered as a compromise by Senator Joe Zarelli (R-Clark County) allows a county to devote up to 15 percent of conservation futures revenue to be spent on maintenance and operation of properties purchased with those

funds. His amendment eliminates the provision in the original bill to allow a county to increase the conservation futures levy up to 10 cents per thousand valuation.

As it passed the House, **SHB 1631** authorized up to 25 percent of conservation futures revenue for maintenance and operation of properties purchased with those funds. It is expected that the prime sponsor of **SHB 1631**, Rep. Judy Clibborn (D-King County), will concur in the Senate amendment.

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Revision Nears Passage

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funds for the acquisition and development of outdoor recreation and habitat conservation areas. Counties, cities, ports, park and recreation districts, school districts, state agencies, and tribes are eligible to apply. Grant applications are evaluated annually and the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation submits a list of prioritized projects to the Governor and Legislature for approval.

The Legislature typically funds the WWRP at between \$40 and \$50 million for a biennium. Half of the funds appropriated are for habitat conservation, and are allocated according to a statutory formula for critical habitat, natural areas, and urban wildlife habitat. The other half of the funds are appropriated for outdoor recreation, allocated by formulas established in statute for state parks, local parks, trails, and water access sites. A portion of each account is left unallocated. So far, the Gregoire budget includes \$45 million and the Senate budget \$54

million.

ESSB 5896 creates two new WWRP funds – for riparian protection and for farmland preservation – and improves the coordination of state land purchases and local government processes.

Measures of the most interest to counties include:

- The riparian protection account is created to distribute funds for the acquisition and enhancement or restoration of riparian habitat.
- The farmlands preservation account is created and funds may be used by counties or cities (not by the state) for the acquisition of farmlands, their enhancement or restoration, or both.
- Criteria for grants for habitat conservation and outdoor recreation are revised to include such considerations as consistency with land use, shoreline, watershed, and recovery plans, inclusion of noxious weed control management plans, and the statewide significance of critical habitat projects.
- Lands acquired by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife using funds from the habitat conservation account are subject to payments in lieu of property taxes and for weed control. Lands acquired by state agencies using funds from the riparian protection account are also subject to payments in lieu of property taxes and for weed control.
- State or local agencies must review a proposed project application with the local government with jurisdiction over lands proposed for acquisition with WWRP grant funds.

General Government Issues

County Veteran's Services Legislation Moving Along

Legislation to modernize and clarify the role of county government in providing services to indigent veterans continues to progress in the legislative process. **SHB 1189**, sponsored by Rep. Jim Moeller (D-Clark County), passed the Senate by a 49-0 vote. Due to a minor Senate amendment, the House will need to concur before **SHB 1189** proceeds to the Governor.

The bill requires each county to establish a veterans' advisory committee to advise it on distribution of funds collected for assistance to indigent veterans. It allows county legislative authorities to authorize other entities to administer veterans' assistance programs through grants, contracts, or interlocal agreements so long as accountability criteria are met. Counties also may authorize the continued operation of veterans' relief or assistance programs existing on January 1, 2005, if the county solicits advice from the veterans' advisory board and specified grant, contractual, or interlocal agreement requirements are met.

The county responsibility to provide for burial of an indigent veteran or family member remains, but the authority is expanded to now allow for cremation. The burial or cremation may not exceed the limit established by the county nor be less than \$300.

County Provisions Removed from Campaign Finance Bill

Legislation to impose campaign finance requirements and single donor limits on additional state and local candidates has been amended to remove county officials from its

scope. As passed by the House, **SHB 1226** would impose contribution limits of \$675 on any person contributing to county commissioner or county council candidates in counties over 200,000 population. A Senate Committee amendment limits the expansion of the \$675 contribution limit to state Supreme Court or superior court judicial candidates.

Public Health and Human Services

Klickitat County Health Department Receives Clinician of the Year Award

Theresa Rundell, ARNP, Clinical Division Manager at the Klickitat County Health Department, was awarded the Vivian O'Lee Clinician of the Year Award at the 2005 Reproductive Health Conference in Portland, Oregon.

In 1987, the Center for Health Training instituted the Vivian O'Lee Clinician of the Year Award. The award, named for Vivian O'Lee, Regional Program Consultant for Family Planning, U.S. Public Health Service, Region X, recognizes clinicians who have made outstanding contributions in family planning in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

Terry has been a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Family Planning since 1983. She is on the Executive Board of the Washington State Nursing Directors Association and the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials. In addition, she serves on the Washington State Family Planning Council and two local family planning and women's health groups.

Throughout her years working in public health, Terry has spearheaded numerous successful family planning projects. From conducting outreach at the county jail to providing free prenatal vitamins to women of child-bearing age, her programs have reached many residents of Klickitat County. Terry has made family planning her life's work and passion, and brings her dedication to this field in all that she does.

Senator Hargrove Bill, SB 5763, and Representative Cody Bill, HB 1290 Both Still Alive

The two main mental health and substance abuse bills are quite alive and now seeking a happy marriage between the two. These final two and a half weeks of session are the time for negotiations to take place on these kinds of large and important policy bills that drive large sums of money in the budget. We understand the two legislators and their staffs are meeting this week to attempt to reach a compromise on the two bills. Both bills were significantly changed by their trips to the opposite house, both in the fiscal committees and the policy committees.

Senator Hargrove's bill, **SB 5763**, was amended significantly in the House Health Care Committee and unfortunately only partially funded by the House Appropriations budget. The full integration of the mental health and substance abuse involuntary commitment acts scheduled to occur in 2009 was deleted from the bill. Also changed were the sections on involuntary administration of medication and suspension/expedited processing of Medicaid benefits for persons coming out of local jails. This latter piece was very important to the sheriffs who worked very hard this session on this issue. There were a number of other changes, including an amendment to the definition of a regional support network (RSN) to reflect **HB 1290's** language regarding recognition by the department through a procurement process of a county, group of counties or other entity. The bill is currently in House Rules after

passing through the House Appropriations Committee. Several parts were not funded in the House Appropriations budget such as the pilot projects for secure detoxification and intensive case management, and the integrated screening and assessment of the chemical dependency professionals in DSHS Children's Administration regional offices.

On the other side of the aisle, Representative Cody's bill, **HB 1290**, was also significantly changed in the Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee. A statewide procurement process was deleted in favor of a pilot project that would apply only to King County. This bill did not go through Senate Ways and Means but directly to Senate Rules despite fiscal notes for the Medicaid eligibility section and the cost of the Request for Proposal on the procurement. It is now on the Senate Second Reading Calendar.

WSAC remains opposed to the procurement process in **HB 1290** as it passed from the House. It supports a process where a deficit is identified in a RSN, a corrective action plan is implemented and only upon failure of the RSN to improve would the state move to a procurement process. We also support Senator Hargrove's bill as it came from the Senate and urge the House to reconsider their amendments and funding levels. **Cards, letters, e-mails and phone calls are encouraged to your legislators.**

Association News

Candidates for WSAC Secretary-Treasurer Announce

Two candidates have announced their intention to run for WSAC secretary-treasurer. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in Vancouver, September 20-23, 2005: Douglas County Commissioner Mary Hunt and Benton County Commissioner Leo Bowman. The Bylaws require that the position rotate every other year between the Eastern and Western Districts. This year it must be a candidate from the Eastern District.

Statement from Mary Hunt:

Hi, I'm Mary Hunt from Coulee City and I am offering my name as a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer of WSAC. I am currently serving my second term as Douglas County Commissioner. This chance to be a county commissioner and serve the people in my county has been a wonderful opportunity. I have spent my whole life involved with wanting to serve people and do things for my community and my family. I took that philosophy into my role as commissioner.

I diligently strive to be a good listener and work hard at trying to understand where people are and what they really want. That is part of the reason I am putting my name forth to this position. I also feel that if you are part of an organization you need to be actively involved in all parts of that organization.

I have served on the Legislative Steering committee for five years and as chairman of the Rural Issue committee. I was a member of the Board of Directors while I served as Eastern District President. I am also representing WSAC as a Governor

appointee on AHAB (Affordable Housing Authority Board). I am always ready and willing to serve my fellow County Commissioners and WSAC when ever asked to do so.

I would appreciate your support in my run for the Secretary/Treasurer position at WSAC. Thank you.

Mary Hunt

Statement from Leo Bowman:

I am now announcing my candidacy for Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC).

Since becoming a commissioner for Benton County in 1997, I have been active in most aspects of WSAC. I have made a commitment to stay informed, involved and consistent in the organization and its issues.

I have regularly attended WSAC statewide and Eastern District conferences. I have been a member of the Legislative Steering Committee for most of my time as a commissioner, and am now the Co-Chair of Transportation Sub-Committee. I currently serve on the Transportation Improvement Board as its Vice-Chair; and have been appointed by WSAC (Governor Gary Locke) to the Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety (Advisory). In addition to leadership and advisory positions, continued education and training are important to me, and as such I have participated in numerous CPO training courses to apply toward Certification.

To help gain a broader perspective, I have been fortunate to have been able to attend all of the NACo legislative conferences and most of the annual conferences since

becoming a commissioner; and have served as leadership on the NACo Transportation Committee for the past four years.

I feel that it is important that both WSAC members and WSAC staff continue work with our legislators throughout the year and continually educate them on county issues. In addition, it is imperative that WSAC be able to provide this leadership and service with available but ever-tightening resources.

I promise to serve WSAC in a leadership position with the same intensity and conviction of purpose that I have shown since being appointed to the Board of Directors three years ago. I appreciate your confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Leo M. Bowman, Commissioner
Benton County, District One

Boards and Commissions

Desperately Seeking County Representation on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

WSAC still needs a representative on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. Former Mason County Commissioner Herb Baze was the counties' representative on this Committee. He was not re-elected last fall so we need a new representative.

It is preferred that the representative be a county elected official. Your Juvenile Court Administrators and judges are already represented on the Committee. The Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee meets only 4 – 5 times per year, usually in

either the Sea-Tac area or Olympia. It was created by Executive Order in 1982 to implement the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act in Washington State. Members of the Committee are appointed by the Governor and are juvenile justice professionals, local elected officials, and knowledgeable private citizens. They represent all sectors of the juvenile justice system and all geographical areas of the state.

The Committee's primary function is the administration of federal grant funds and any state appropriation that is directed to them for the purpose of implementing effective methods of preventing juvenile crime. Their mission is the

improvement of the quality of juvenile justice and providing policy recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the Department of Social and Health Services, and other organizations informing the public about juvenile justice issues. One of their most recent focuses has been the Annie E. Casey grant for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

Please contact Jean Wessman, WSAC staff, if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Calendar of Events

Meeting	Location	Date	Information
For your convenience training and workshops are bolded.			
<u>APRIL 2005</u>			
16 th Annual National County Government Week		April 10-16	
Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF)/Washington Counties Insurance Pool (WCIP) Ace Committee (HR & Payroll Only)	Yakima Convention Center	April 13	(360) 586-0466
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Risk Managers Roundtable, 1- 5 pm	Best Western CottonTree Convention Center, Mt. Vernon	April 13	(360) 586-7447
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Spring Board Meeting, 9 am	Best Western CottonTree Convention Center, Mt. Vernon	April 14	(360) 586-7447
WSAC Rural Issues Sub-committee- CANCELLED			
Urban County Caucus	Mercato Ristorante', Olympia	April 14	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	April 15	(360) 753-1886
Washington STATE	Sine Die - 59th Legislative Session Ends	April 25	http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) Spring Training Program	La Quinta Inn, Tacoma	April 27-29	(360) 753-2175
<u>MAY 2005</u>			
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys-Support Enforcement 2005 Training	Red Lion Hotel, Olympia	May 2-6	(360) 753-3953
WA State Association of County Auditors' Elections Conference	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	May 9-12	(360) 753-7319
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Support Staff Training Program	WestCoast Ridpath Hotel, Spokane	May 11-13	(360) 753-2175
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) - Collision Investigation 2005	La Quinta Inn & Suites/Conference Center, Tacoma	May 17	(360) 586-7447
Assn of County Human Services	Kennewick	May 18-20	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Spring Eastern District	Red Lion Hotel Columbia Center, Kennewick	May 19-20	(360) 753-1886
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) - Collision Investigation 2005	Best Western Lake Inn & Conference Center, Moses Lake	May 19	(360) 586-7447
WA State Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs' Spring Conference	Coast Hotel, Wenatchee	May 23-26	(360) 486-2380
NACo – Western Interstate Region Conference	Tacoma, WA	May 25 - 27	http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/About_NACo/Committees_and_Caucuses/Western_Interstate_Region/Western_Interstate_Region_Intro.htm
MEMORIAL DAY	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	May 30	(360) 753-1886

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WA State Assn of Local Public Health Officials	Davenport Hotel, Spokane	June 1 – 2	(360) 753-1886
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) District Court Training Program	Holiday Inn Select, Renton	June 2 - 3	(360) 753-2175
International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' Annual Conference	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, Nevada	June 5-9	(360) 753-7319
WSAC Spring Western District	Red Lion Hotel, Kelso	June 9 - 10	www.wacounties.org/wsac
Washington State Association of County Assessors' Annual June Conference	Ellensburg Inn, Ellensburg	June 13-15	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Auditors' Annual Conference	Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center, Walla Walla	June 14-16	(360) 753-7319
Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' (WACME) Annual Conference & Training	Campbell's Lodge, Chelan	June 20-21	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Clerks' Annual Conference	Red Lion Silverdale Hotel, Silverdale	June 20-24	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Annual Conference	Clarion Hotel, Yakima	June 20-24	(360) 753-7319
Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Annual Conference	Tri-Cities	June 21-24	(360) 753-7319
WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Summer Training Program	Campbell's Lodge, Lake Chelan	June 22–24	(360) 753-2175
National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference	Louisville, Kentucky	June 25-29	(360) 753-7319
Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Annual Conference	San Antonio, Texas	June 26-29	(360) 753-7319
International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers' (IACREOT) 34th Annual Conference	New York, New York	June 29 – July 6	(360) 397-2003 or joanne.mcbride@clark.wa.gov