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# Washington Association of Conservation Districts

## WACD Legislative Update

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This is WACD's third week of subscription-only legislative updates. These weekly updates contains timely information about legislative activities that may affect conservation districts in Washington State.

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### 1. WACD's Seeks comment on Elections Bill

WACD is seeking input from its member districts on the amendments made to HB 1652 in committee last week. The bill is eligible for a vote as soon as February 8th, so WACD staff is seeking comment as soon as possible from districts and/or district staff.

You can read [the amendments to the bill](#) on the WACD Hub.

### 2. Legislation Still Active after Cutoff

During the Legislative session, proposals must reach specific checkmarks at certain times in order to continue along the process to becoming a law. We have now hurdled two benchmarks, bills with policy or fiscal implications are out of committee and will be consider by the full House or Senate.

WACD gathered all the bills from our [watch list](#) that are still standing and put them in [one place](#) on our website.

### 3. General Legislative Review

As part of her services, WACD Lobbyist Brynn Brady writes a summary of the previous week's major legislative activity. This week's coverage includes:

- Amending the redistricting process
- High profile legislation still advancing
- Police Use of Force Legislation

You can read [her full review](#) on the WACD Hub website.

## 4. Budget Handouts

As the legislature begins to roll out their budget proposals this week, WACD wants to ensure districts have access to budget handouts that tell the story of programs important to district priorities. The Conservation Commission has several excellent one-pagers on their requests for this session. WACD also has a budget one-pager [with its priorities](#) for this session

- [Conservation Equity and Engagement](#)
- [Sustainable Farms and Fields](#)
- [Farmland Preservation](#)

## 5. The Next Cut-Off

Between February 8th and February 18th, the House and the Senate will be considering legislation on the floor of their respective chambers. There are many steps remaining to the process however, now that bills are out of committee and under consideration by the full body.

There will be terms like "rules committee", "floor calendar", and "second reading" repeated many times over the next week. The Legislature has a wonderful description of [every step of its process online](#)

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## Ryan's Random Bill of the Week

This week I am sharing with you fine readers who made it to the end of the newsletter with [House Bill 1067](#) to designate *Suciasaurus rex* as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington.

In 2012, a group of researchers found the first dinosaur fossil in Washington State on Sucia Island in the San Juans. Hypothesized as belonging to a dinosaur similar to a tyrannosaur, *Suciasaurus rex* like lived in what is now Baja California and traveled north over millions of years as part of continental drift.

The idea for the bill came from a classroom project in Elmhurst Elementary School in Pierce County.



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