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Newly Introduced Bills of Interest – Week of January 25

[HB 1380](#) - Restoring the business and occupation and public utility tax exemption for custom farming and hauling farm products.

Would restore a previous tax exemption for custom farming operations and hauling farm products.

[HB 1382](#) - Streamlining the environmental permitting process for salmon recovery projects.

Would create a “habitat recovery pilot program” with certain agencies represented on permits for fish recovery and riparian habitat restoration projects.

[HB 1385](#) - Limiting transfers of water rights out of their original water resource inventory area.

Would create water banks in seven northeast Washington WRIAs and allow these water banks to price-match out of basin water right sales.

[HB 1395](#) – Ensuring equity in farming.

Would require state natural resource agencies to consult with the Office of Equity on opportunities for “historically underrepresented farmers and ranchers”.

[HB 1405](#) - Concerning the sale of lands owned by the department of natural resources.

Would allow the Department of Natural Resources to sell land through real estate brokers or other commercial agents.

[SB 5342](#) - Concerning irrigation district elections.

Would make technical changes to irrigation district election statute and create a process for a mail-in voting election.

[SB 5357](#) - Establishing and making appropriations for the capital broadband investment acceleration program.

Would create a “capital broadband investment acceleration program” and allocate \$200 million to award as grants.

[SB 5372](#) – Concerning a hemp processor registration process.

Would establish a definition for commercial hemp processing operations and create a registration program with the Department of Agriculture.

[SB 5373](#) – Concerning carbon pollution.

Would institute a tax on greenhouse gas emissions.