



February 3, 2014 - South Sound Chamber of Commerce Legislative Coalition Detail Bill Report compiled by our lobbyist Carolyn Logue of CA Logue Public Affairs.

The South Sound Chamber of Commerce Legislative Coalition (SSCCLC) was formed to advocate for business and business-related policies impacting the South Sound region before the Legislature, Statewide elected officials such as the Governor, and other departments, agencies, boards and commissions. Member Chambers include: Auburn Area (Auburn, Algona and Pacific), Covington, Federal Way, Fife/Milton/Edgewood, Kent, Puyallup-Sumner, Renton and Southwest King County (Tukwila, Burien & Des Moines) Chambers of Commerce. Collectively, we represent approximately 3,262 businesses employing more than 185,977 workers in the South King County and North Pierce County region.

The primary goals of our Coalition are increasing jobs, competitiveness, and regional productivity. The South King and Pierce County region is an economic powerhouse for the state with significant manufacturing, retail, service and warehousing industries. In addition, it sits between the state's two largest seaports and highways in the region serve as major corridors for both north-south and east-west travel. Improving the ability move goods through increased freight mobility, move people by reducing traffic congestion, create jobs through reasonable regulations, and ensuring an educated workforce is not only important for the South Sound region is also important to the state's overall economy.

South Sound Chamber of Commerce Leg Coalition Bill Status Report

BUSINESS AND CAPITAL

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority	Position
ESHB 1057 (2SSB 5034)	Operating omnibus approps	Making omnibus operating appropriations.	H Approps	Hunter	High	Neutral
HB 1224 (SB 5636)	Voluntary planning under GMA	Providing a process for county legislative authorities to withdraw from voluntary planning under the growth management act.	H 2nd Reading	Kretz	High	Neutral
ESHB 1313 (SB 5594)	Sick & safe employment leave	Establishing minimum standards for sick and safe	S Commerce and La	Jinkins	High	Oppose

		leave from employment. Establishes a Seattle-style paid sick leave mandate statewide.				
ESHB 1401 (SSB 5399)	Growth mgmt act/penalties	Addressing the timing of penalties under the growth management act.	H Local Govt	Fitzgibbon	High	Support
2SHB 1440 (SB 5526)	Protecting employees	Changes Independent Contractor statutes to eliminate current 7 part test and replace with a 3 part test that makes independent contractor status less clear. Puts employers at risk by changing legal presumption in the use of contractors to that of employment is presumed and establishes criminal penalties for using independent contractors illegally.	H Labor/Work Dev	McCoy	High	Oppose
SHB 1604 (ESSB 5697)	Local sales & use tx changes	Reducing the frequency of local sales and use tax changes.	H Finance	Angel	High	Support
EHB 1891	Employee protections/WISHA	Increasing protections for employees under the Washington industrial safety and health act of 1973.	H Labor/Work Dev	Reykdal	High	Oppose
2SHB 2029	Econ development agencies	Eliminating economic development-related agencies, boards, and commissions.	H Rules R	Morris	Medium	Neutral
HB 2046	Budget stabilization account	Transferring funds from the budget stabilization account to the general fund.	H Approps	Hunter	High	Concerns
SHB 2064	Estate, transfer tx/edu acct	Preserving funding deposited into the education legacy trust account used to support common schools and access to higher education by restoring the application of the Washington estate and transfer tax to certain property transfers.	H Finance	Ormsby	Medium	Neutral
SHB 2189	Flood control districts	Administration and operation of flood control districts.	H Rules R	Takko	Medium	Neutral
HB 2192 (SB 6045)	State agency permitting	Promoting development through enhancing	H Govt Operation	Smith	High	Support

		transparency and predictability of state agency permitting and review process.				
HB 2201	State tax preferences	Improving fiscal accountability and transparency standards with respect to state tax preferences.	H Finance	Carlyle	Medium	Concerns
HB 2209	Prevailing rate of wage	Improving the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage.	H Labor/Work Dev	Manweller	Medium	Support
HB 2210 (SB 6317)	Prevailing rate of wage	Improving the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage.	H Labor/Work Dev	Manweller	Medium	Support
HB 2221 (SB 6464)	Health insurance coverage	Broadening health insurance coverage options for citizens.	H HC/Wellness	Manweller	High	Support
HB 2234	Comprehensive plans/vesting	Vesting under comprehensive plans or development regulations determined to be invalid.	H Local Govt	Fitzgibbon	High	Concerns
SHB 2251	Fish barrier removals	Fish barrier removals	H Approps	Wilcox	Medium	Neutral
SHB 2261	Science use/agency actions	Use of science to support significant agency actions.		Short	High	Support
SHB 2262	Science use/agency actions	Use of science to support significant agency actions.	H Rules R	Short	High	Support
HB 2286	Small business tax credit	Funding an increase in small business tax credit	H Finance	Reykdal	Medium	Neutral
HB 2293	Jnt admin rule rev committee	Requires state agencies to report to the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee (JARRC) if certain conditions are triggered upon rule making. The committee must review a rule if one of three conditions are met: upon receipt of a petition for review signed by at least fifteen members of the legislature, if the rule has an economic impact of \$10 million or more, or upon receipt of a petition for review signed by five or more local governments representing collectively 50,000 or more Washington residents.	H Govt Operations	Pike	High	Support
HB 2311	Land use	Notice requirements for	H Local Govt	Pollet	Medium	Neutral

	applications/notice	land use applications and decisions.				
HB 2312 (SB 6417)	Environmental decisions	Involving communities.	H Environment	Pollet	Medium	Neutral
HB 2330 (SB 6188)	Sales tax/county econ devel	State sales tax from certain short-term public events for county economic development.	H Finance	Green	Medium	Neutral
SHB 2333	Employee antiretaliation act	Employment anti-retaliation act	H Approps HHS	Ryu	High	Oppose
HB 2334	Employee status	Ensure fairness to employers and employees	H Approps	Riccelli	High	Oppose
HB 2346	Fish passage barrier removal	Removal of fish passage barriers.	H Trans	Farrell	Medium	Neutral
HB 2360	Industrial insurance taxes	Payment requirements when industrial insurance taxes, penalties, or interest is under court review.	H Labor/Work Dev	Kochmar	Medium	Support
HB 2382	Local infrastructure	Improving the methods for evaluation of the local infrastructure financing tool program.	H Tech & Econ D	Dahlquist	High	Support
SHB 2500	Electrician certification	Requiring completion of an apprenticeship program to receive a journeyman or residential specialty electrician certificate of competency	H 2nd Reading	Reykdal	Medium	Concerns
SHB 2501 (SB 6437)	Contractor registration	Registration requirements for contractors.		Ormsby	Medium	Oppose
HB 2520 (SSB 6318)	Small business assistance	Providing greater small business assistance by modifying the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes.	H Finance	Senn	Medium	Neutral
HB 2526	Apprenticeships, use of	Increasing the use of apprenticeships.	H Cap Budget	Moeller	Medium	Oppose
HB 2527	Prevailing rate of wage	Establishing the prevailing rate of wage based on collective bargaining agreements or other methods if collective bargaining agreements are not available.	H Exec Action	Ormsby	Medium	Concerns
HB 2545	Nonconviction info/employmnt	Prohibiting employers from asking about or using nonconviction information in initial applications for employment	H Labor/Work Dev	Moscoco	High	Oppose
HB 2568	Health reform implementation	Oversight of health reform implementation by the joint select committee on health	H HC/Wellness	Wilcox	High	Support

		care implementation and oversight.				
HB 2571 (SB 6016)	Health benefit exchange	Ensuring continuity of care for enrollees of the Washington health benefit exchange during grace periods.	H HC/Wellness	Riccelli	Medium	Concerns
HB 2572	Healthcare purchase, delivery	Improving the effectiveness of health care purchasing and transforming the health care delivery system.	H HC/Wellness	Cody	Medium	Support
HB 2588	Employee med assist. costs	Mandatory employers pay the medical assistance costs of employees.	H HC/Wellness	Cody	High	Oppose
HB 2591 (SB 6307)	Local employment laws	State preemption of local employment laws and contracts.	H Labor/Work Dev	Schmick	High	Support
HB 2614	Training wages/new employees	Allowing employers to pay training wages to new employees.	H Labor/Work Dev	Pike	High	Support
HB 2623	Bill of rights/agency action	Establishing a bill of rights for citizens, businesses, and project proponents who are subject to state agency action.	H Govt Operations	Haler	High	Support
HB 2640 (SB 6486)	Higher ed instruc. materials	Creating a sales tax holiday for school instructional material for higher education students.	H Hi Ed	Riccelli	Medium	Support
HB 2654	Climate impacts group	Codifying the existence of the climate impacts group without making modifications to it's current mission.	H Environment	Seaquist	Medium	Concerns
HB 2672	Minimum hourly wage increase	Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over three years.	H Labor/Work Dev	Farrell	High	Oppose
HB 2678	Small business assistance	Providing greater small business assistance by modifying the filing threshold for excise tax purposes.	H Finance	Senn	Medium	Neutral
HB 2690 (SB 6392)	Unemployment benefits	Unemployment benefits.	H Labor/Work Dev	Holy	Medium	Neutral
HB 2692	Prevailing wage surveys	Requiring the tracking of prevailing wage surveys.	H Labor/Work Dev	Manweller	Medium	Neutral
HB 2693	Aerospace tax preferences	Extending specific aerospace tax preferences to include other types of commercial aircraft to	H Tech & Econ De	Orcutt	Medium	Neutral

		encourage the migration of good wage jobs in the state.				
HB 2721 (SB 6477)	Tax exemption transparency	Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability	H Finance	Pollet	Medium	Concerns
HB 2731	Industrial insurance audits	Auditing employers for compliance with industrial insurance provisions.	H Labor/Work Dev	Haler	Medium	Support
SSB 5124 (HB 1464)	Workers' comp benefits	Simplifying and adding certainty to the calculation of workers' compensation benefits.	S Rules 2	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
SB 5125	Occupational disease claims	Addressing workers' compensation reform through clarification of occupational disease claims.	S Commerce and La	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
SB 5126 (HB 1465)	Industrial insurance/recovery	Concerning recovery for purposes of legal actions under the industrial insurance statutes.	S Rules 2	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
2ESSB 5127 (HB 1097)	Struct. settlements/workers	Amending provisions governing structured settlements by removing age barriers and clarifying legislative intent.	H Labor/Work Dev	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
SB 5159	Family & med leave insur act	Repealing the family and medical leave insurance act.	S Rules 2	Braun	High	Support
SB 5275 (HB 1150)	Training wage	Allowing employers to pay a training wage for a specified period of time.	S Rules 2	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
2SSB 5540	Health coverage/out-of-state	Expanding opportunities to purchase health care coverage from out-of-state carriers.	S 3rd Reading	Parlette	High	Support
E2SSB 5680 (ESHB 1403)	Economic development	Promoting economic development by providing information to businesses.	S 3rd Reading	Brown	High	Support
SSB 5727	Prev wages/distressed county	Addressing prevailing wages in distressed counties.	S Rules 2	Braun	High	Support
SB 5728	Local paid sick & safe leave	Declaring state preemption of local paid sick and paid safe leave regulation.	S Rules 2	Braun	High	Support
SB 6016 (HB 2571)	Health benefit exchange	Ensuring continuity of care for enrollees of the Washington health benefit exchange during grace periods.	S Health Care	Rivers	Medium	Concerns
SB 6045 (HB 2192)	State agency permitting	Enhancing transparency and predictability of state agency permitting and review processes	S Rules 2	Brown	High	Support

SB 6089	Eminent domain	Prohibiting eminent domain for economic development.	S Law & Justice	Padden	Medium	Neutral
SB 6096	Industrial/manuf. facilities	Property tax exemption for value of new construction in targeted urban areas.	S Trade & Econom	Pearson	High	Support
SSB 6175 (HB 2635)	Tax appeal process	Modifying the tax appeal process.	S Ways & Means	Braun	High	Support
SB 6176	Tax appeal process	Modifying the tax appeal process.	S Trade & Econom	Braun	High	Support
SSB 6182	Apprenticeship program	Establishing a tax credit for employers in apprenticeship program	S Ways & Means	Braun	Medium	Support
SB 6223	Workers comp/injury, disease	Injury and occupational disease for purposes of workers' comp.	S Commerce and La	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
SB 6228	Health care cost and quality	Transparency tools for consumer information on health care cost and quality.	S Health Care	Mullet	Medium	Support
SB 6233	Small business owners	Assisting self-employed small business owners adversely impacted by health insurance premium changes.	S Health Care	Keiser	Medium	Support
SB 6307 (HB 2591)	Local employment laws	State preemption of local employment laws and contracts.	S Commerce and L	Braun	High	Support
SB 6317 (HB 2210)	Prevailing rate of wage	Improving the accuracy of the prevailing rate of wage.	S Commerce and La	Angel	Medium	Support
SSB 6318 (HB 2520)	Small business assistance	Providing greater small business assistance by modifying the filing threshold for business and occupation tax purposes.	S Ways & Means	O'Ban	Medium	Neutral
SB 6372	Growth mgmt hearings board	Ensuring growth management hearings board member meet qualifications relating to land use experience.	S Govt Ops	Roach	Medium	Neutral
SB 6392 (HB 2690)	Unemployment benefits	Unemployment benefits.	S Commerce and L	Baumgartner	Medium	Neutral
SB 6417 (HB 2312)	Environmental decisions	Involving communities in environmental decision making.	S Energy, Environ	Chase	Medium	Neutral
SB 6427	Puget Sound port authority	Creation of the Puget Sound port authority	S Trade & Economi	Hasegawa	Medium	Neutral
SB 6430 (HB 2685)	High-tech R&D tax prefs	Extending tax preferences for high-technology research and development.	S Trade & Econom	Liias	Medium	Support
SB 6464 (HB 2221)	Health insurance coverage	Broadening health insurance coverage options for the citizens of Washington.	S Health Care	O'Ban	High	Support

SB 6471	Teen summer employment wage	Creating a teen summer employment wage.	S Commerce and La	Baumgartner	High	Support
SB 6477 (HB 2721)	Tax exemption transparency	Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability	S Ways & Means	Chase	Medium	Concerns
SB 6486 (HB 2640)	Higher ed instruc. materials	Creating a sales tax holiday for school instructional material for higher education students.	S Ways & Means	Bailey	Medium	Support
SB 6495	Temporary teen training wage	Establishing a temporary teen training wage.	S Commerce and La	Holmquist Newbry	High	Support
SJR 8213	2/3 vote for tax increases	Const. amend. requiring 2/3 majority to raise taxes	S Ways & Means	Roach	Medium	Support

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority	Position
SHB 1177	Education accountability	Modifying the education accountability system to allow state criteria, resources, and strategies to be used for assistance and intervention.	H Education	Lytton	High	Neutral
2SHB 1283	Compulsory school attendance	Changing compulsory school attendance requirements for children six and seven years of age.		Maxwell	High	Neutral
HB 1369	School days/parent meetings	Using school days for meeting with parents and families as part of the Washington inventory of developing skills.	H Education	Lytton	High	Neutral
3SHB 1424	K-12 dropout prevention	Enhancing the statewide K-12 dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement system.	H Approps	Haigh	High	Support
SHB 1536 (SB 5567)	Comm & tech college boards	Membership on community and technical college boards of trustees.	S Higher Ed	Seaquist	Medium	Neutral
2SHB 1680	Educational opportunity gap	Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.	H Education	Santos	High	Support
ESHB 1769 (SB 5780)	Higher ed efficiencies	Creating efficiencies for institutions of higher education.	S Ways & Means	Stonier	Medium	Neutral
ESHB 1817	Higher ed financial aid	Adding eligibility criteria for higher education financial aid.-- Washington Dream Act	S Higher Ed	Hudgins	Medium	Neutral
SHB 1843	Higher ed financial aid	Evaluating compliance and performance for participation in financial aid programs.	S Higher Ed	Pollet	Medium	Neutral
ESHB 2038	Basic ed & higher ed funding	Investing in the education legacy trust account for K-12 basic education and higher education by narrowing or eliminating tax	H Finance	Carlyle	High	Oppose

		preferences and extending taxes set to expire.				
HB 2217	K-12 capital facilities use	Encouraging improvement the utilization of K-12 capital facilities.	H Rules R	Zeiger	Medium	Support
HB 2589 (SB 6438)	Basic ed allocation formula	Enhancing the basic education allocation formula to adopt the staffing resources recommended by the quality education council.	H Education	Goodman	Medium	Support
HB 2607	Beginning teacher salaries	Establishing competitive wages for beginning teacher salaries.	H Approps	Reykdal	Medium	Concerns
HB 2608	Classified school employees	Establishing the minimum wage for classified school employees.	H Labor/Work Dev	Sells	Medium	Concerns
HB 2609	Educational employee COLAs	Restoring cost-of-living increases for educational employees.	H Approps	Hunt	Medium	Concerns
HB 2612 (SB 6423)	Opportunity scholarship	Opportunity scholarship program.	H Approps Educati	Hansen	High	Support
HB 2626	Educational attainment goals	Establishing statewide educational attainment goals.	H Hi Ed	Seaquist	Medium	Support
HB 2651	Higher ed transparency	Creating a higher education transparency web site.	H Hi Ed	Hansen	Medium	Neutral
HB 2653	Higher ed degree production	Higher education degree production incentives.	H Hi Ed	Zeiger	Medium	Support
HB 2694	Higher ed/low-income studnts	Informational program to increase applications from high-achieving low-income high school students to selective institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed	Hansen	Medium	Support
SSB 5246	Teacher and principal evals	Clarifying the teacher and principal evaluation process with the intent of strengthening the process.	S 2nd Reading	Litzow	High	Neutral
SB 6209	Expanded learning	Expanded learning opportunities	S EL/K-12	Dammeier	High	Support
SB 6423 (HB 2612)	Opportunity scholarship	Opportunity scholarship program.	S Higher Ed	Bailey	Medium	Support
SB 6436	College bound scholarship	Creating a work group to make recommendations for the continued viability of the college bound scholarship program.	S Higher Ed	Frocht	Medium	Support
SB 6438 (HB 2589)	Basic ed allocation formula	Enhancing the basic education allocation formula to adopt the staffing resources recommended by the quality education council.	S EL/K-12	Liias	Medium	Support
SCR 8409	High skills high wages plan	High skill high wages resolution	S 2nd Reading	Bailey	High	Support

TRANSPORTATION

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority	Position
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SHB 1233	Trans system goals: health	Including health in the state transportation system policy goals.	H Trans	Jinkins	High	Oppose
SHB 1745	High occup toll lanes/SR 167	Addressing the high occupancy toll lanes on state route 167.	H Trans	Clibborn	High	Support
ESHB 1864 (ESSB 5024)	Trans budget 2011-13/2013-15	Making transportation appropriations for the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 fiscal biennia.	H Trans	Clibborn	High	Support
SHB 1898 (SB 5793)	Enhanced public trans zones	Concerning the funding of enhanced public transportation zones for public transportation systems.	H Trans	Fey	High	Neutral
ESHB 1957	DOT project delivery	Concerning department of transportation project delivery.	H Trans	Clibborn	High	Support
ESHB 1978	Trans. project permitting	Addressing the permitting of certain transportation projects.	H Trans	Zeiger	High	Support
HB 2070	DOT projects	Concerning Washington state department of transportation projects.	H Trans	O'Ban	High	Support
HB 2094	Tax revenue/DOT expenditures	Allocating state sales and tax revenue to transportation projects.	H Approps	Shea	High	Support
HB 2095	Trans project cost reduction	Reducing the cost of transportation projects.	H Environment	Taylor	High	Support
HB 2096	Trans project SEPA exemption	Creating an exemption in the state environmental policy act for transportation projects.	H Environment	Taylor	High	Support
HB 2097	DOT best mgmt practices	Washington state dep. of transportation construction, maintenance, or repair activities.	H Environment	Taylor	High	Support
HB 2123 (SB 6100)	Transportation/mobility	Modifying the transportation system policy goal of mobility.	H Trans	Zeiger	High	Support
HB 2563 (SB 6494)	Local transit revenue	Creating new tax authority for local transit revenue.	H Trans	Fitzgibbon	High	Oppose
HB 2667	Least cost planning/transp.	Implementing least cost planning to analyze transportation system performance.	H Trans	Morris	Medium	Support
SB 6001	Trans sup budget 2013-2015	Transportation funding and appropriations.	S Transportation	Eide	High	Support
SB 6051	DOT projects	Department of	S	O'Ban	High	Support

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SB 6099	DOT activities/funding	Funding for activities at the DOT by the environmental legacy stewardship account	S Transportation	King	High	Support
SSB 6102	Connecting Washington acct	Transferring certain state sales and use taxes of highway projects	S Rules 2	King	High	Support
SB 6156	Transp. corridor projects	Permits for state transportation corridor projects.	S Transportation	King	High	Support
SB 6224	Transp. project delivery	Transportation project delivery	S Transportation	King	High	Support
SB 6355	Projects/econ devel & trans	Projects of statewide significance for economic development and transportation.	S Trade & Econom	Hobbs	High	Support
SB 6494 (HB 2563)	Local transit revenue	Local transit revenue	S Transportation	Chase	Medium	Oppose