



WASHINGTON STATE PARKS
AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

ITEM E-5: LEGISLATIVE
REPORT

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Agenda

Strategic Plan Connection

“Obtain and effectively manage resources needed to create and sustain an exceptional parks system”

Topics for review-

Overview of 67th Legislature

Legislative budget development

Status of legislation

Federal infrastructure opportunities

Next steps...



2021 Legislative Session

10 more days until Sine Die...



Remote session successful

State's financial position improved significantly over past several months

Legislative budget development

- Operating
- Capital
- Transportation (Forward Washington)

Legislature set to adjourn on time



2021 Legislative Session

Operating budget highlights

Investments in staff at the parks

Preventive Maintenance Staff
Park Services Staff

Natural Resource Protection

SCA survey and planning
Land management positions

Equity investments

- DEI Coordinator
- No Child Left Inside
- Taskforce with Commission on African American Affairs



2021 Legislative Session

Capital budget summary

2021-23 New bond capacity for projects:

House: \$49.4

Senate: \$78.4

Difference \$29.1 million

WWRP between \$100 and \$110 million

Use of capital preservation pools

- House \$10 million
- Senate \$47 million

Minor works differences

Nisqually State Park- Phase 1 fully funded



Communication during session

External meetings and outreach

Work Session- House Community and Economic Development Committee

Heritage Caucus- Nisqually, Goldendale Observatory, Beverly Bridge

Outdoor Recreation Caucus- Budget and Policy

Foundation Lobby Day and petition for parks

Visit Spokane- Board letter of support

Conference letters on operating and capital budgets



Events during session

2021 Legislative Session

New Directors for State Parks and RCO

Library Discover Pass Program

Recreation meetings with tribes- WDFW, DNR, Parks

Big Tent Legislative Celebration

New Executive Order- replaces 05-05 Cultural Resources

Human Propelled Boating Safety Summit- April 21



SELECTED LEGISLATION

Bills that passed the legislature

HB 1023- Capital pre-designs

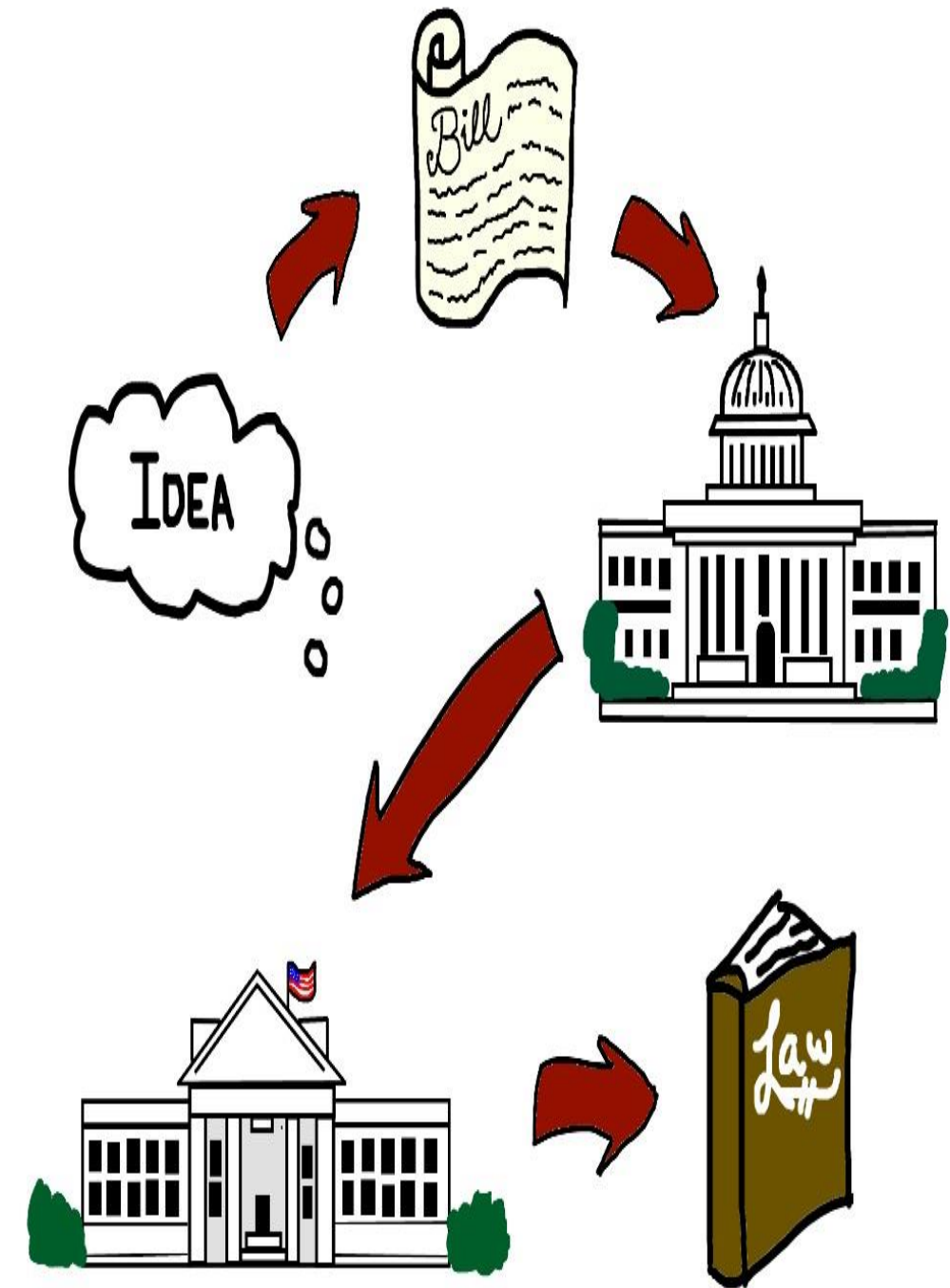
2SHB 1168- Forest health

SHB 1355- Noxious weeds

SB 5016- Tracked ATVs

Still in play:

ESSB 5096- Capital gains tax



Law Enforcement Reform

Bills that passed the Legislature

ESHB 1054- Limits use of chokeholds, police dogs, tear gas, use of military weapons

ESHB 1267- Governor Request
Establishes Office of Independent Investigations

ES2SHB 1310- Standards of force

E2SSB 5051- CJTC Training and decertification standards

SSB 5066- Police officer duty to intervene



SELECTED LEGISLATION

Bills that did not make it this session...

HB 1018 and SB 5176- Relating to boating education

HB 1056 and HB 1329- OPMA and emergencies

HB 1067- State Dinosaur

SB 5292- Parks Rx (Senate budget proviso)

SB 5323- Furloughs and wage and salary freeze



Federal funding

Federal infrastructure spending bills in development

Working with Governor's Office on shovel ready projects with community support to send to delegation

STIP and RTIPs

Broad community support

Match- can include past projects

Letter from Parks, RCO, and WRPA on including long-distance multi-modal trails



2022 Legislative Session

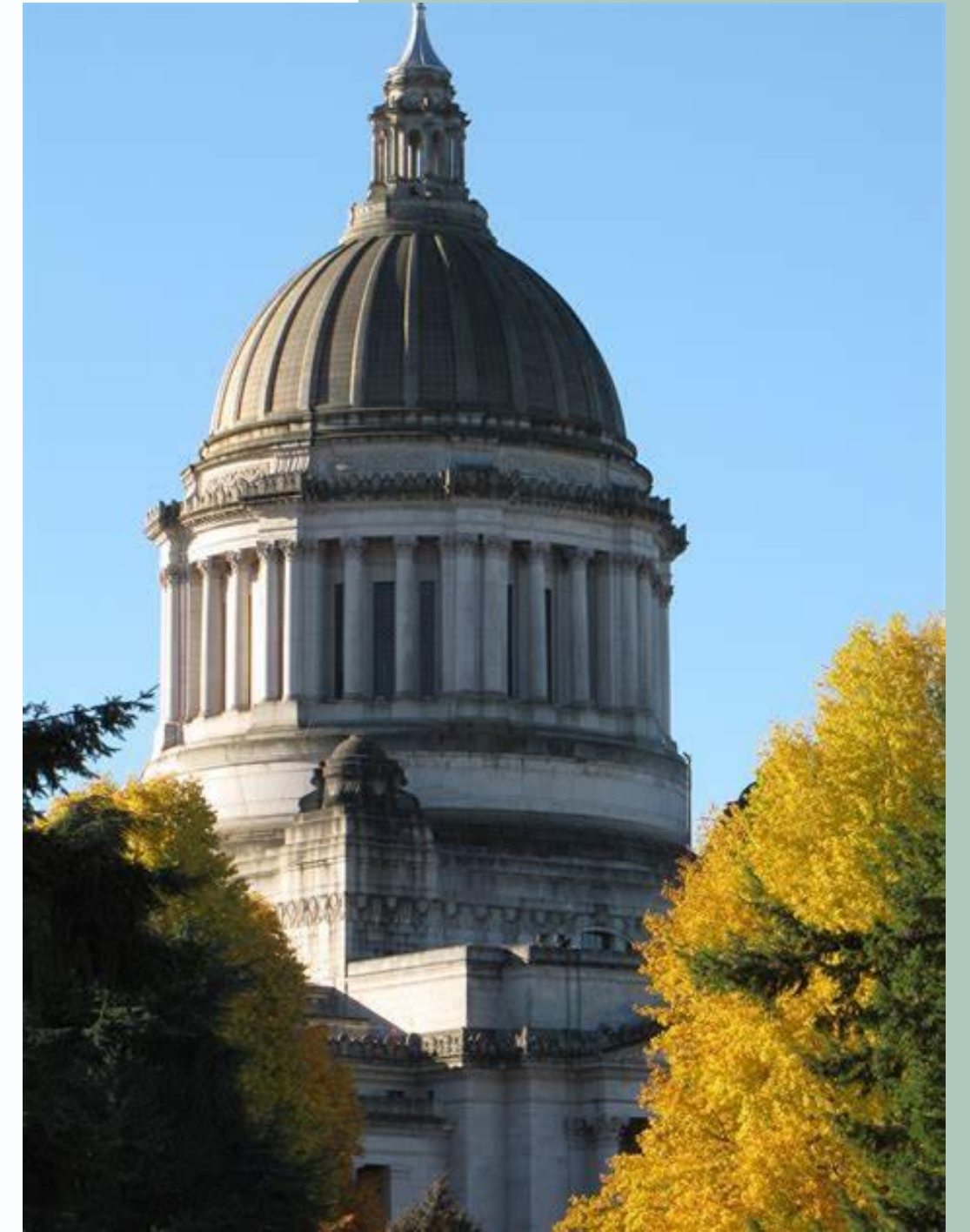
Policy and Budget Development

Preparation for next legislative session will begin in May.

2022 Legislative Session- Supplemental (60 Days)

Supplemental Budget development- emergent issues, emergencies

Agency request legislation- Commission to provide direction in July



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