

Olympia

2009 Legislative Session

Board of Commissioners Update
January 26, 2008

Discussion Today

- Status of legislative activity
- Recreational Use Statute hearing
- Staff outreach activities
- Questions

External Affairs Legislative Activity

- Over 1250 bills and resolutions introduced already
- Monitoring over 200 bills
- Coordinating with Washington PUD Association
- Coordinating with our legislative delegation
- Beginning to alert technical staff of pending legislation
 - For their review to determine support or opposition;
 - For their information, to prepare for possible compliance requirements

Recreational Use Statute Hearing

- District whitewater boating liability legislation Introduced on Jan. 21
- Hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Oceans, and Recreation on Jan. 22
 - Senator Parlette testified in favor of the bill
 - Carol Wardell and Michelle Smith testified on behalf of the PUD
 - Trial lawyer representative raised some concerns
 - District working with Senator Parlette and committee staff to address concerns raised during the hearing

Bills of interest – Energy and Climate

- Amendments to Initiative I-937 (RCW 19.285)
 - HR 1133 (Rep. McCoy)
 - Hearing on Jan. 19 (WPUDA testified)
 - HB 1294 (Rep. Blake)
 - HB 1163 (Rep. Blake)
 - Hearing on Jan. 23
 - SB 5137 (Honeyford)
 - SB 5280 (Holmquist, Hatfield and Honeyford)
 - SB 5505 (Hatfield)

- Climate change (not introduced yet)
- Energy (various sustainable energy bills)
 - Grant PUD solar water heating bill (HB 1134/SB 5198)
 - Hearing on Jan. 23

- Water (various)

Staff Activities

- **Continue Discussions on Recreational Use Statute Amendment**
- **Met with Community Trade and Economic Development Staff**
- **Participated in weekly legislative calls from Olympia**
- **Met with WPUA and Grant**
- **Initial meeting with BPA on climate and energy issues**
- **Began internal efforts to analyze state and federal stimulus opportunities**

Questions?
