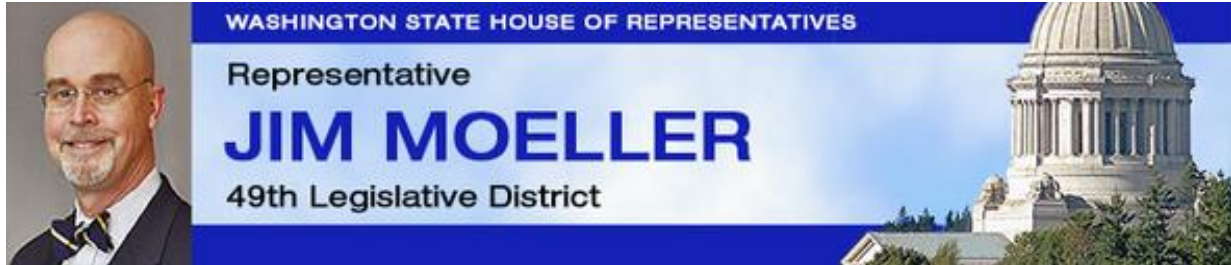


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Rep. Moeller testifying before the House on HB 1003 - providing protection for vulnerable adults. This **impotant** legislation passed both Houses. *(emphasis added)*



The "Bare Bones" Transportation Budget passes the House!

The compromise budget will provide money for roadway maintenance and continue funding for the f the Lake Washington floating bridge and the Alaskan Way Viaduct tunnel. This House/Senate compromise budget relies on tolls from the Alaskan Way Viaduct which the Senate predicts will produce \$200 million. It includes \$82 million in planning money for the Columbia River Crossing. \$1.3 million will come from Washington State gas tax - the rest would come from Oregon Federal dollars to be

**HB 2038 – The Education
Funding Bill Passes the House**

administered by Washington.

This legislation raises almost 900 million dollars for schools and teachers by eliminating outdated tax loopholes. Such as the exemption for out of state resellers of prescription drugs, the utility tax on interstate transport and it converts the sales tax exemption for out of state shoppers into a remittance program (auto dealers are exempted).

The Transportation revenue package remain is still to be negotiated. At stake is the \$450 million for the construction of the CRC

House Operating Budget Passes!

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What Happens if the Governor Calls a Special Session?

If Governor Inslee calls for a special session to find a budget that both Houses and Parties can approve what will happen? In the past both Houses have released everyone who is not on the budget negotiating team, which consists of the chairs of the Appropriations Committees.

Expansion of early learning for 3- and 4-year-olds . and improved child care to broaden opportunities for the most vulnerable children.

Extending health-care coverage to an additional 280,000 Washingtonians via the federally financed health reform. Providing expanded medical care for first responders who have been injured on the job.

Once an agreement is reached members will be called back to vote. Then it will be up the individual member to make the decision to either vote the budget up or down.

Maintaining long-term and mental-health care, expanding child care and job-placement programs and keeping protections for the most vulnerable. Increased public safety from offenders who are mentally ill.

The plan calls for the closure of 15 tax exemptions and the extension of some existing taxes to help fund the almost \$2 billion dollars for schools, including the closure of loopholes for oil refineries and the sales-tax exemptions for non-residents and janitorial services. The recent Senate proposal closed zero exemptions while creating an additional 15 new loopholes.

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