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### **LIBERTY ALERTS:**

Whatcom County GOP, Lincoln Day Dinner, Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the 4 Points Sheraton. 5PM Century Club (members only) social hour and silent auction. 6PM Opening Program, Dinner, and Live Auction.  
Guest Speaker: Senator Don Benton, former Regional Director for the Trump Campaign

### **COMMON CENTS:**

#### Recipe for a disaster:

When judges become legislators or legislators become scientists; where does that leave freedom and liberty?

Under the constant threat of bad legislation that ends up in court, and harmful judicial findings and that require legislative fixes. The people rely on each branch of government to work within the bounds of their expertise; to avoid bad legislation and judicial overreach.

Good legislation and judicial oversight requires that they create and oversee law that was shaped by proven science, that is honestly beneficial to the future of humanity, and protects freedom and liberty.

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Introduction of 42<sup>nd</sup> District State Reps, Luanne VanWerven and Vincent Buys.

*Brief discussion of Primary and some Secondary bills sponsored by VanWerven and Buys. What were they and why did they support them?*

#### **VanWerven Primary Bills:**

HB 1375 (CTC Course Materials); HB 1775 (Abortion after Viability); HB 1776 (Digoxin & KCl/Medical Procedures)

#### **VanWerven Secondary Bills:**

HB 1057 (Educ loan info); HB 1017 (School Siting); HB 1249 (Hydroelectricity); HB 1667 (Marijuana Taxes)

#### **Buys Primary Bills:**

HB 1132 (Seed Buyers & Dealers); HB 1692 (Ag & Farming); HB 2015 (Affordable Housing); HB 2178 (Sanctuary from State Laws)

[From the Assoc. of WA Cities: Family and Medical Leave Insurance](#) - \$82 million provided for the start-up costs of implementing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program (FMLI) pursuant to SHB 1116. FMLI will provide benefits for individuals on leave for a family member's or the individual's own serious health condition or for a military exigency, in addition to leave for a child's birth or placement. Revenues are based on a premium of 0.255 percent of wages beginning on July 1, 2018, and then 0.51 percent of wages beginning on January 1, 2020, with subsequent annual adjustments, and allows employers to deduct one-half of premiums from employee wages.

### [Washington State Budget Proposal](#)

#### **House Proposal vs Senate Proposal (Funding Increases)**

**Public Schools** – Transportation; Levy Equalization; Educ Reform; *Compensation Adj (huge)* +

**Higher Education** – Student Achievement Council; UW, WSU, EWU, CWU, WWU, Comm/Tech College +

#### **House Proposal vs Senate Proposal (Funding Decreases)**

**Public Schools** – Special Ed; Highly Capable Learners; Bilingual Instr; Learning Assist Prog; Charter Schools –

**Higher Education** – Early Learning -

### [THE HIRST FIX](#)

**SB 5239 and ES 5239** - AN ACT Relating to ensuring that water is available to support 2 development; amending RCW 19.27.097, 36.70A.070, 58.17.110, and 90.03.247; and declaring an emergency.

This bill failed to make it out for a vote:

**Mar 2** - First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**Mar 28** - Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 10:00 AM. ([Committee Materials](#))

**Mar 29** - Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM. ([Committee Materials](#))