



Washington Organic Recycling Council

Legislative Committee Charter

Members:

Mary Harrington, Chair
Liv Johansson
Scott Deatheridge
Kelsey Bailey
Gavin Schmidt
Janet Thoman
Kate Kurtz
Dan Corum
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The WORC Legislative Committee will track, report upon, and make recommendations for action by the WORC Board and members on state legislation and state and national agency rulemaking impacting the organics industry.

Objectives:

- Follow HB 1033 (Compostable Packaging)
- Follow SB5245 (PFAS in biosolids)
- Follow HB1131/SB5154 (the WRAP Act)
- Attend WSRA Policy Committee Meetings (by 2 committee members)
- Liaison with NW Biosolids on SB 5245 (by 2 committee members: Kate and Dave)
- Meet twice monthly and as needed during the legislative session
- Coordinate outreach actions to insure that WORC is recognized by legislators and agency policy makers as state industry experts in processing, technology, and marketing

Term: January 1 – December 31

Responsibilities:

The committee will be made up primarily of representatives of the private composting industry from both Western and Eastern Washington as well as public sector agencies. The committee will have at least five permanent members (including the Chair) will

serve one year. Other WORC Board Members are welcome to participate in committee meetings on topics where they have interest or expertise.

The committee will meet at least monthly during the legislative session and as needed during other times of the year unless there is an agency rulemaking process that requires regularly scheduled communication.

The committee chair will set up the conference call meetings in advance via email with committee members. The chair will also send out an agenda with each meeting notice along with any pertinent agency or legislative documents for review. The meetings will be conducted virtually and will last one hour unless committee members agree that more time is necessary to discuss certain issues or documents.

The committee chair will coordinate the drafting of letters or other forms of communication on agency rulemaking and any public testimony to be presented on proposed legislation. Such drafts will then be shared with the entire Legislative Committee for comment before being sent to the WORC President and Executive Committee for review. The WORC President will then share a final draft of WORC letters or testimony with the entire WORC Board of Directors before signing any official WORC correspondence.