

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: P-1

DATE: June 11, 2009

SUBJECT: Representative Kirk Pearson – 2009 Legislative Session

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Knight, City Administrator

ISSUE:

Representative Pearson will be at the Council meeting to provide a brief overview of the 2009 legislative session and answer Council questions.

SUMMARY:

The following table shows a sample of the bills introduced by Representative Pearson during the 2009 legislative session.

Bill Number Brief Description

<u>HB 1246</u>	Concerning the commitment of sexually violent predators.
<u>HB 1247</u>	Addressing the viewing of sexually explicit depictions of minors on the internet. <u>Fiscal Note</u>
<u>HB 1277</u>	Protecting the public from sex offenders released into the community.
<u>HB 1278</u>	Establishing a process for providing notice to a contact person in the event a person is injured and requires emergency care. <u>Fiscal Note</u>
<u>HB 1279</u>	Increasing the seriousness level for manslaughter in the second degree. <u>Fiscal Note</u>
<u>HB 1768</u>	Preventing sex offenders from being released within fifty miles of or in the same county as their victims.
<u>HB 1839</u>	Improving the resources and tools community corrections officers and law enforcement need to perform their duties protecting the public. <u>Fiscal Note</u>
<u>HB 1840</u>	Increasing the flexibility of community corrections officers to make searches of offenders in the community. <u>Fiscal Note</u>
<u>HB 2062</u>	Changing the definition of a professional archaeologist.
<u>HB 2195</u>	Restricting the interest rates of credit cards.
<u>HB 2209</u>	Limiting special sex offender sentencing alternatives to the immediate victim's family members.
<u>HB 2259</u>	Regarding the application of the public records act to persons working or serving sentences at correctional facilities and criminal justice agencies.
<u>HB 2294</u>	Improving public safety by improving the sentencing and supervision of criminal offenders in confinement and in the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

A – Biography

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Kirk Pearson Biography

PERSONAL:

A fourth-generation Snohomish County resident, Kirk and his wife, Rachel, have five sons, Kirk, Jr. (wife Shianne), Carl (wife Julia), Shane, Sean and Mark, and two grandchildren.

EDUCATION:

Monroe High School, Monroe, Wash., graduated 1977
Wenatchee Valley College, 1977 - 1978
Central Washington University, 1981 - 1984

OCCUPATION:

Special Assistant to U.S. Congressman Jack Metcalf, 1995 - 2000

STATE GOVERNMENT:

State representative for the 39th District serving a fifth term

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Everett Community College Foundation Board, past member
Monroe Planning Commission, served three years
Snohomish County Community Services Advisory Council, past member
Anacortes - Sidney Ferry Committee, past member
National Republican Conference Association, past district director/Western regional director
Monroe Lions Club
Monroe School Levy and Bond Committee, past member
Snohomish County Sheriff Citizen Advisory Board, served three years
Washington Correctional Industries Board, past member
Washington Sentencing Guidelines Commission, recently appointed

Statement from Rep. Kirk Pearson on state budget

The Washington State House of Representatives today passed the [state operating budget](#). [Rep. Kirk Pearson](#), R-Monroe, voted against the budget and sent out the following statement:

"This budget hurts families. I'm concerned about the cuts to public safety in the budget. Cutting supervision for dangerous criminals is not the way we should balance the budget. House Republicans lost the battle to keep our valuable community corrections officers, which is something that should worry us all. They serve on the front lines of our public safety efforts. I believe the citizens are going to speak up about these critical cuts when our crime rates go up.

"Saving money by going soft on property crime offenders and others we will no longer be supervising, is balancing the budget on the backs of victims, and I simply cannot support that.

"I'm also disappointed we did not fix the poor spending habits that got us into the \$9 billion budget deficit. This budget will leave an expensive bill for the next Legislature to figure out how to pay. I fear the taxpayers and employers are going to be on the hook for the shortfall yet again.

"This was a challenge we could have faced together and sided with the people to write the budget in a responsible way that spends based on priorities and values. Instead we cut the most vulnerable and our schools.

"Budget writers also raided the capital budget account, in part to patch the budget. That budget is our job-creator money. We need to get people to work if we want to turn this economy around. Now, we've wasted that opportunity to create good-paying jobs that are essential to our communities.

"We could have done better for the people of Washington."

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