



MONDAY MORNING NEWS

Puget Sound Chapter • National Electrical Contractors Association



**FEBRUARY 3, 2020
MEETINGS**

2/14/2020 NECA SKI TRIP

5/21/2020 NECA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING SITE - IMMEDIATE CLINICS

Immediate Clinics are no longer an approved drug and alcohol testing site. BeneSys is working to find additional testing facilities to make up for this loss in coverage. BeneSys will be updating the approved list of sites. In the meantime, please send employees to the other clinics on the approved list. If you have any questions related to the Drug Free Workplace Policy, you can contact Puget Sound Chapter, NECA Director of Safety, Justin Thayer, at justin@necaseattle.org.

NECA BASIC ESTIMATING COURSE BEGINS FEBRUARY 25th – DON'T MISS OUT!

We have already seen a lot of interest in our upcoming NECA Estimating Course and space is limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact chris@necaseattle.org. The course will again be taught by Harry Anderson from VECA Electric, and will begin on Tuesday, February 25th. Classes will be held at our NECA Office (16001 Aurora Avenue N., Suite 200, Shoreline, WA 98133), on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM, for a period of 6 consecutive weeks. All course material will be provided by NECA. Harry's curriculum is very hands on and allows students to bid on real world types of projects. The course is designed to help in-office and field staff manage their work and help with productivity. Students will receive the NECA Manual of Labor Units, along with other class materials. The class is limited to 24 students, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The cost per student is \$275.

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AN UPDATE FROM NECA LOBBYIST BRENT LUDEMAN ON THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

We're entering Week 4 of the legislative session. This is the final week for bills to get out of the policy committees with the first cutoff on Friday. The number of bills advancing through the process will significantly winnow. The fiscal committees need to move any bill with a fiscal impact but not necessary to implement the budget before early next week. The past week featured floor action on a couple of major bills. First, the House passed a low-carbon fuel standard mandate on Monday night. HB 1110 would require transportation fuels to contain less carbon-intensive mixes by certain future dates. Similar legislation has passed in both Oregon and California. Industry research shows this proposal will increase the cost of a gallon of gasoline by 45 cents per gallon when fully implemented. In the Senate, the legislature passed a so-called "clean up" of the B&O tax increase from last session. This "clean up" slightly reduces the rate for some taxpayers but adds approximately 4,400 more businesses who have to pay the increase. All told, SB 6492 will raise an additional \$200 million in revenue this biennium. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in the House Finance Committee this week. On Wednesday, legislators introduced HB 2907 authorizing King County to impose a payroll tax on employees making more than \$150,000 per year. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing on Tuesday and executive session on Friday in the House Finance Committee.

FACT OF THE DAY - Vincent van Gogh only sold one painting in his lifetime.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1959 – Rising American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed when their chartered Beechcraft Bonanza plane crashes in Iowa a few minutes after takeoff from Mason City on a flight headed for Moorehead, Minnesota. Investigators

blamed the crash on bad weather and pilot error. Holly and his band, the Crickets, had just scored a No. 1 hit with “That’ll Be the Day.” Singer Don McLean memorialized Holly, Valens and Richardson in the 1972 No. 1 hit “American Pie,” which refers to February 3, 1959 as “the day the music died.”

“The Way Get Started Is To Quit Talking And Begin Doing.”

– Walt Disney

As of Friday, January 31st, there are 153 JW on Book 1 and 102 JW on Book 2. There are currently 70 Commercial Apprentices, 3 S&C, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. There are 0 unfilled Commerical, 5 unfilled S&C and 0 unfilled Residential requests.