



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**July 29th, 2014 - 9 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Puyallup City Hall**

***Washington’s Natural Resources Economy:  
Farming & Floriculture in Western Washington***

**Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen, chair**

<b>Time</b>	<b><i>Speakers and topic: Proceedings recorded by TVW for later broadcast</i></b>
<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Owen - Introduction of committee/opening remarks</b>
<b>9:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Puyallup Mayor John Knutsen - Welcoming remarks</b>
<b>9:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Owen – Overview of farming and floriculture in western Washington.</b>
<b>9:20 a.m.</b>	<b>Pierce County Television production: “Pierce County Ag: The Faces of Farming”</b>
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ethan Schaffer – Executive Director of Viva Farms. Viva Farms is a business incubator that helps new farmers learn how to farm and experienced farm workers establish their own business while minimizing prohibitive start-up costs.</b>
<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Dan Hulse, co-owner of Tahoma Farms. Tahoma Farms is a 40-acre certified organic vegetable farm, part of a 100-acre former dairy preserved by the PCC Farmland Trust in collaboration with the Washington State Wildlife &amp; Recreation Program.</b>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Ivan Matlock, Matlock Farms. Brothers Ivan and Dave Matlock own the 154-acre farm and grew strawberries and raspberries on it from the mid-1950s until 1987. Learn about plans to convert it into a farmland conservation area.</b>
<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Jordan Rash – Conservation Director of Forterra. Forterra is advancing an innovative new approach to conservation that encourages collaboration across all sectors and balances environmental, social and economic needs.</b>
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Tom Davis – Washington Farm Bureau. Overview of critical policy issues currently facing the state’s food producers, as well as policy recommendations.</b>
<b>12 p.m.</b>	<b>Brent Roozen – Tulips.com. Established in 1985 by the Roozen family and Washington Bulb Company, Inc., RoozenGaarde grows tulips, daffodils and irises on more than 1000 acres of field blooms and 16 acres of greenhouses.</b>
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Lt. Governor Brad Owen - Closing remarks</b>
<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Travel in personal vehicles to Terry’s Berries followed by Richter Produce in Puyallup. Tour to conclude at approx. 2:45</b>

**Committee Members**

**Senators:** Randi Becker, Tracey Eide, Bob Hasegawa, Brian Hatfield, Mike Hewitt, Curtis King

**Representatives:** Richard DeBolt, Jeff Morris, Luis Moscoso, Cindy Ryu, Norma Smith, J.T. Wilcox