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House Bills

HB 1918 by Representatives Appleton, Hunt, Hasegawa, and Roberts

Imposing a maximum interest rate of thirty-six percent per annum on small loans.

Allows a check casher or check seller that has obtained the required small loan endorsement to charge interest or fees for small loans not to exceed in the aggregate thirty-six percent per annum.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services.

HB 1919 by Representatives Liias, Hope, Stanford, Morris, McCoy, Kenney, and Maxwell

Concerning tax incentives for certain segments of the aerospace industry.

Addresses tax incentives for certain segments of the aerospace industry.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1920 by Representatives Appleton, Springer, Reykdal, and Hunt

Creating a county utility tax option.

Authorizes certain counties to impose an excise tax on the privilege of engaging in business as a utility.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1921 by Representatives Miloscia, Fitzgibbon,

Darneille, Hunt, and Pedersen

Eliminating the death penalty.

Reduces criminal justice expenses by eliminating the death penalty in favor of life incarceration.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1922 by Representatives Shea, Taylor, and McCune

Requiring certain vehicles to stop at a weigh station for inspection and weight measurement.

Requires certain vehicles transporting cattle to immediately stop, upon entering the state, at a port of entry or weigh station as established by the department of transportation.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1923 by Representatives Goodman, Reykdal, Hunt, Pedersen, Roberts, and Hunter

Requiring the denial of a concealed pistol license application when the applicant is ineligible to possess a firearm under federal law.

Requires local law enforcement agencies to deny a concealed pistol license application if the applicant is prohibited from possessing a firearm under federal law.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1924 by Representatives Blake, Clibborn, Haigh, and Stanford

Concerning projects of statewide significance for economic development.

Modifies projects of statewide significance provisions relating to: (1) Performance of a coordinated and

comprehensive review by local governments and state and federal agencies;

(2) Projected full-time employment positions required if the project will create jobs in rural and nonrural counties;

(3) Expediting the completion of projects; and

(4) Applications for designation as a project of statewide significance.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Community Development & Housing.

HB 1925 by Representatives Springer and Orcutt

Concerning the business and occupation taxation of newspapers.

Adjusts the business and occupation taxation of newspapers.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1926 by Representatives Kenney, Ormsby, Finn, Hasegawa, Ryu, Pettigrew, and Liias

Using a web-based business services system.

Requires the department of commerce to use a web-based information system to coordinate work with other economic development partners on business recruitment, retention, expansion, and trade.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Community Development & Housing.

Feb 14 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development & Housing at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

HB 1927 by Representatives Kelley, Haler, Eddy, McCune, Hurst, Bailey, Rivers, Stanford, Anderson, Finn, Liias, Orcutt, Angel, Dammeier, and Condotta

Requiring electronic benefit cards to contain a photo identification of the person authorized to use the card.

Requires photo identification on electronic benefit cards issued to recipients of public assistance.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1928 by Representatives Liias, Kenney, Sells, Moscoso, Ormsby, Van De Wege, McCoy, Takko, Cody, Green, Blake, Roberts, Rolfes, Hunt, Moeller, Darneille, Hasegawa, and Stanford

Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.

Provides legal recourse for employees who have been harmed by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments.

Provides legal incentives for employers to prevent and respond to mistreatment of employees at work.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1929 by Representatives Liias, Ladenburg, Clibborn, and Billig

Concerning the regulation and preservation of urban streets through a local option street maintenance utility and allowing the imposition of a charge.

Authorizes city legislative authorities to submit an authorizing proposition to the voters and, if approved, establish a street maintenance utility to provide street maintenance utility service.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1930 by Representatives Roberts, Rolfes, Kagi, Takko, Kirby, Hasegawa, Dunshee, and Kenney

Concerning the rights of foster parents.

Requires the department of social and health services to:

(1) Notify a person accused of abuse or neglect within seventy-two hours of receiving the report of alleged abuse or neglect; and

(2) Develop training to be provided to foster parents concerning allegations of child abuse and neglect.

Requires agencies investigating allegations of child abuse or neglect to advise foster parents of their basic rights and certain other information.

Prohibits one or more prior unfounded allegations of abuse or neglect from being used by the department to determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred.

Changes the time period in which the department must destroy records of unfounded or inconclusive reports of child abuse or neglect.

Prohibits a child from being removed from a foster family home unless there is a preponderance of evidence indicating that the safety, health, or welfare of the child is in jeopardy.

Requires, under certain circumstances, foster parents be given visitation with a child during an investigation if the child is removed from the foster family home because of an allegation of abuse or neglect against the foster parents.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1931 by Representatives Klippert and McCune

Creating the offense of failing to supervise an unemancipated minor child.

Holds parents and guardians accountable for the costs their unemancipated minor children impose on others as a result of wrongful behavior.

Creates the offense of failure to supervise an unemancipated minor child.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1932 by Representatives Stanford, Reykdal, Rolfes, Anderson, Probst, Carlyle, Liias, Buys, Sells, Fagan, Crouse, and Jinkins

Regarding financial gains by university employees of course materials they author and assign to their classes.

Addresses university employees who make financial gains from the sale of course materials they have authored and assigned to their classes.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1933 by Representative Finn

Addressing fraud and law enforcement safety for certain license plates.

Increases the age requirements for collector vehicle license plates.

Assesses monetary penalties for certain violations on the use of collector plates and horseless carriage vehicles.

Requires the department of licensing to provide a method by which law enforcement officers may readily access vehicle information for collector vehicles by using the collector vehicle license plate number.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1934 by Representatives Haler, Klippert, Pearson, Angel, Kristiansen, and McCune

Allowing school districts and other educational entities to require background investigations and screenings for employees.

Authorizes certain educational entities to require background investigations and screenings in addition to record checks through the Washington state patrol.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Issue a request for proposal for persons or entities willing to conduct the background investigations and screenings; and

(2) Inform certain educational entities of the services and rates for various kinds of background investigations and screenings and make this information available on its web site.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Education.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4006 by Representatives Seaquist, Finn, McCoy, McCune, Armstrong, Kelley, and Alexander

Requesting that Interstate 5 be named the "Purple Heart Trail."

Requests that Interstate 5 be named the Purple Heart Trail.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Bills

SB 5039-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term

Care (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Keiser, Hatfield, Pridemore, Conway, and Chase)

Concerning insurance coverage of tobacco cessation treatment in the preventative benefit required under the federal law.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that certain group or individual plan contracts must: (1) Provide coverage for certain preventive health services without imposing cost sharing; and

(2) Cover a minimum of two courses of treatment in a twelve-month period for certain tobacco cessation treatments.

Provides a contingent expiration date.

Requires the office of the insurance commissioner to provide notice of the expiration date of section 2 of the act to certain parties.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Jan 27 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 5042-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Pflug, Chase, Kohl-Welles, Conway, Roach, Shin, and McAuliffe; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Concerning the protection of vulnerable adults.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Expands the definitions of "vulnerable adult" and "financial exploitation" in chapter 74.34 RCW (abuse of vulnerable adults).

Authorizes the department of social and health services' adult protective services division to enter into agreements with federally recognized tribes to investigate reports of abandonment, abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect of vulnerable adults on property over which a federally recognized tribe has exclusive jurisdiction.

Requires the department of social and health services, when it opens an investigation of a report of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment of a vulnerable adult, to provide a written statement of the rights afforded and other applicable law to alleged victims or legal guardians.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.

Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5047-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Chase, Harper, Nelson, Keiser, and Shin)
- Prohibiting requests for waivers of rights of residents of long-term care facilities.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Prohibits a long-term care facility or nursing facility from requiring or requesting residents to sign waivers of any rights set forth in the vulnerable adults statute.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5101-S** by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Schoesler, Delvin, and Stevens)
- Placing certain synthetic cannabimimetics into schedule I of the uniform controlled substances act.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Places certain synthetic cannabimimetics into schedule I of the uniform controlled substances act.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 4 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 8 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 9 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 10 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- SB 5122-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Kline; by request of Insurance Commissioner)
- Making the necessary changes for implementation of the affordable care act in Washington state.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Makes changes that are necessary to implement the affordable care act.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5123-S** by Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Morton, and Hargrove)
- Regarding the institute of forest resources.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Requires the director of the school of forest resources of the University of Washington to coordinate the school of forest resources' cooperatives and centers to promote a more holistic, efficient, and integrated approach to broaden its research and outreach programs to address the issues facing the forest sector.
- Authorizes the director to appoint a policy advisory committee to advise the director on policies for the institute of forest resources that are consistent with the purposes of the institute.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 8 NRMW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5148-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Becker, and Conway)
- Regarding statutory changes needed to implement a waiver to receive federal assistance for certain state purchased public health care programs.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Implements a waiver to receive federal assistance for certain state-purchased public health care programs.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 31 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5168-S** by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Kline, Regala, Chase, and Kohl-Welles)
- Reducing maximum sentences for gross misdemeanors by one day.
- Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Reduces the maximum sentence for a gross misdemeanor by one day.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 8 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 9 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 10 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5234-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Swecker, Keiser, Rockefeller, Shin, Conway, Pridemore, Ranker, Pflug, Nelson, Chase, Kohl-Welles, Haugen, White, Regala, Murray, and Fraser)

Creating a statewide program for the collection, transportation, and disposal of unwanted medicines.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the medicine return corporation to finance and operate a product stewardship program for the collection, transportation, and disposal of unwanted covered drugs.

Authorizes the board of pharmacy to suspend the product stewardship program under certain circumstances.

Exempts from disclosure under the public records act, producer information provided to the medicine return corporation or the board of pharmacy to determine apportionment costs.

Creates the pharmaceutical product stewardship program account.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5264-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker and Sheldon)

Requiring a study of Mazama pocket gophers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a biological status update of the Mazama pocket gopher.

Expires January 1, 2013.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.

Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.

Feb 8 NRMW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5320-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Chase, Kastama, and Shin)

Prioritizing infrastructure projects.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the community economic revitalization board to make direct loans to rural counties for carrying out an analysis of industrial sites to identify where high priority infrastructure developments are warranted.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.

Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.

Feb 8 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5359-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Morton, Swecker, Honeyford, and Schoesler)

Concerning contiguous land under current use open space property tax programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Defines the terms "same ownership" and "family" for purposes of chapter 84.34 RCW (open space, agricultural, timber lands--current use--conservation futures).

Defines the term "contiguous" for purposes of chapter 84.33 RCW (timber and forest lands).

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.

Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.

Feb 8 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5363-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Zarelli, Kline, and Shin)

Concerning a business and occupation tax deduction for certified community development financial institutions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a business and occupation tax deduction for nonprofit organizations certified as a community development financial institution.

- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 2 Public hearing, executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 8 On motion, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5369-S** by Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Swecker, Fraser, Morton, Ranker, Hargrove, and Shin; by request of Department of Health)
- Regarding commercial shellfish enforcement.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies commercial shellfish provisions relating to:
- (1) Approved shellfish tags and labels;
 - (2) Disposition of seized shellfish;
 - (3) Harvesting shellfish in a commercial quantity; and
 - (4) Denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses and certificates of approval.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 8 NRMW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 5371-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Conway)
- Addressing the needs for health insurance coverage for persons under age nineteen.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Maintains access to individual plan options for persons under age nineteen.
Provides clarity for the establishment of open enrollment and special open enrollment periods that balance access to guaranteed issue coverage with efforts that protect market stability.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 31 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5755** by Senators Ranker and White
- Concerning county and city additional real estate excise tax authority.
Provides cities and counties with the flexibility to use real estate excise taxes for the maintenance and operation of capital facilities and additional capital projects.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.
- SB 5756** by Senators Hobbs, Keiser, and Kline
- Expanding insurance coverage of neurodevelopmental therapies.
Expands insurance coverage of neurodevelopmental therapies.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 5757** by Senators Nelson and Kline
- Protecting groundwater.
Imposes a surcharge of two hundred dollars upon certain water wells.
Creates the groundwater management account.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.
- SB 5758** by Senators Kilmer, Zarelli, Tom, Holmquist Newbry, Kohl-Welles, Ericksen, Kastama, Schoesler, and Shin
- Regarding management of dedicated accounts for comprehensive institutions of higher education.
Improves management of dedicated accounts for comprehensive higher education institutions.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 15 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM. (Subject to change)
- SB 5759** by Senators Shin, Becker, and Conway
- Regarding animal disease traceability.
Provides funding for the cost of services and program support for the animal disease traceability functions of the department of agriculture.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.
- Feb 15 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)
- SB 5760** by Senators White, King, Haugen, and Sheldon
- Clarifying regulations that impact freight rail operations necessary to improve Washington state's trade

competitiveness, economic viability, and multimodal transportation infrastructure.

Exempts cranes used for railroad operations and maintenance functions on railroad property and crane operators operating cranes for railroad operations and maintenance functions from certain state construction crane regulations.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5761 by Senator Pridemore; by request of Governor Gregoire

Addressing management and consolidation of state information technology.

Establishes the office of the chief information officer and partners it with the director of the office of financial management and the director of the department of personnel to provide state government with the cohesive structure necessary to develop improved operating models with agency directors and to reengineer business process to enhance service delivery while capturing savings.

Eliminates the information services board.

Creates the information technology advisory board, the consolidated technology services agency, and the consolidated technology services board.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5762 by Senators Prentice, Swecker, Honeyford, and Tom

Concerning interest arbitration panel determinations related to local government.

Finds that: (1) The state has established guidelines and factors to be considered in determining interest arbitration decisions setting compensation and benefit spending levels for certain public employees, including the selection of an arbitration panel and neutral chair to make final and binding determinations; and

(2) It is necessary to further define the qualifications of the neutral chair of an arbitration panel to ensure that determinations made by the panel are fair and just, based on a full understanding of the factors presented.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5763 by Senators Ranker, Ericksen, Morton, Fraser, and Shin; by request of Department of Revenue

Amending the existing nonresident retail sales tax exemption.

Modifies provisions relating to the nonresident retail sales tax exemption.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5764 by Senators Kastama, Chase, Shin, Kilmer, Brown, Conway, and McAuliffe

Creating innovate Washington.

Creates innovate Washington as a state agency.

Abolishes the Spokane intercollegiate research and technology institute and the Washington technology center and transfers the powers, duties, and functions to innovate Washington.

Creates the investing in innovation account.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.

Feb 16 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 5765 by Senators Benton, Prentice, and McAuliffe

Providing a use tax exemption for items purchased from a nonprofit organization conducting fund-raising activities.

Provides a use tax exemption, if certain conditions are met, for the use by a consumer of property or services purchased by the consumer from a nonprofit organization or a library.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5766 by Senators Roach and Pridemore

Addressing fire protection district commissioners.

Modifies fire protection district provisions relating to:
(1) Compensation and expenses of commissioners; and
(2) Increasing and decreasing the number of districts and commissioners.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5767 by Senators Roach, Carrell, and Delvin

Providing for special hunting season permit preference points.

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Award special hunting season permit preference points to a person applying for a special hunting season permit;

(2) Conduct special hunting season permit drawings that provide an applicant who has accumulated preference points with an increased chance of being awarded a special hunting season permit; and

(3) Transfer special hunting season permit preference points under certain circumstances.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

SB 5768 by Senators Haugen, Swecker, and McAuliffe

Creating the department of heritage, arts, and culture.

Creates the department of heritage, arts, and culture.

Transfers all powers, duties, and functions of the department of commerce pertaining to the Washington tourism commission to the department of heritage, arts, and culture.

Transfers all powers, duties, and functions of the secretary of state pertaining to the preservation and

destruction of public records under chapter 40.14 RCW and all powers, duties, and functions of the Washington state legacy project to the department of heritage, arts, and culture.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5769 by Senators Rockefeller, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles, White, Chase, Murray, Ranker, Regala, Fraser, Shin, and Kline

Regarding coal-fired electric generation facilities.

Provides for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from large coal-fired electric power generation facilities.

Ensures appropriate cleanup and site restoration upon decommissioning of any facilities in the state.

Provides assistance to host communities planning for new economic development and mitigating the economic impacts of the closure of these facilities.

Requires the governor to: (1) Seek to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the owners of certain coal-fired electric generation facilities; and

(2) Create a coal-fired electric generation facility transition and decommissioning advisory board.

Requires owners of certain facilities to demonstrate during the facility's operation that sufficient funding will be available for closure and postclosure activities.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Adopt rules establishing requirements for the closure and postclosure of certain facilities; and

(2) Consult with the energy facility site evaluation council and the department of natural resources to harmonize the standards required under the rules.

Requires the community economic revitalization board and the public works board to solicit qualifying projects to plan, design, and construct public facilities and public works projects needed to attract new industrial and commercial activities in areas impacted by the closure or potential closure of certain facilities.

Creates the clean fuel transition community assistance account.

Eliminates the sales and use tax exemption for coal used at coal-fired thermal electric generation facilities.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5770 by Senators Holmquist Newbry, King, Stevens, and Kohl-Welles

Concerning gross revenues for raffles held by certain bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations.

Increases the limit on gross revenues from raffles held by bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organizations.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5771 by Senators White, Kastama, King, Haugen, and

Shin

Implementing public-private partnership best practices for nontoll transportation projects.

Modifies the review and approval process for nontoll projects so the criteria and review process can be more closely tailored to the specific type of proposed nontoll project or program.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5772 by Senators Becker, Carrell, and Stevens

Concerning the establishment of board of health rules on fluoridation levels where fluoridation is practiced by public drinking water systems.

Requires the state board of health to adopt rules to establish requirements regarding certain levels of fluoridation in drinking water.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.