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**SENATE** SB 5182-S2 SB 5876 SB 5877

**HOUSE** HB 2019 HB 2020 HB 2021

This publication includes digest and history for bills, joint memorials, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, initiatives, and substitutes. Engrossed measures may be republished if the amendment makes a substantive change.

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### House Bills

**HB 2019** by Representative Dunshee

Concerning the deposit of the additional cigarette tax.  
Directs revenue collected from the additional cigarette tax to be deposited into the general fund.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --  
Mar 16 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 2020** by Representative Dunshee

Relating to funding capital projects.  
Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --  
Mar 16 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

**HB 2021** by Representatives Pettigrew, Darneille, Seaquist, Carlyle, Hunter, and Cody; by request of Governor Gregoire

Limiting the annual increase amounts in the public employees' retirement system plan 1 and the teachers' retirement system plan 1.  
Limits annual increase amounts in plan 1 of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --  
Mar 16 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

### Senate Bills

**SB 5182-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators White,

Tom, Hill, Zarelli, Murray, Ericksen, Prentice, Hobbs, and Nelson)

Establishing the office of student financial assistance by eliminating the higher education coordinating board and transferring its functions to various entities.

#### (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the council for higher education.  
Creates the office of student financial assistance to administer state and federal financial aid and other education services programs.

Abolishes the higher education coordinating board and transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the board pertaining to: (1) Student financial assistance to the office of student financial assistance; and

(2) Degree-granting institutions, approval of health sciences and services authorities, and the approval of veterans' programs to the workforce training and education coordinating board.

Transfers all other powers, duties, and functions of the higher education coordinating board, not specifically assigned to other agencies, to the council for higher education.

Directs the office of financial management to produce, jointly with the state board for community and technical colleges, the four-year higher education institutions, and the workforce training and education coordinating board, an assessment every two years of the number and type of higher education and training credentials required to match employer demand for a skilled and educated workforce.

- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.
  - Feb 16 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.
  - Feb 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
  - Mar 14 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
  - Mar 15 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Mar 16 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5876** by Senators Sheldon, Schoesler, Stevens, Honeyford, Carrell, Parlette, Benton, Hobbs, Shin, Zarelli, Kilmer, and Hewitt

Analyzing alternative methods of facilities acquisition for state agencies.

Requires the director of the department of general administration to include representatives from private sector organizations in conducting an analysis of alternative methods of facilities acquisition.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 16 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

**SB 5877** by Senators Carrell and Zarelli

Creating the office of program integrity.

Creates the office of program integrity within the department of social and health services to fundamentally reorganize the fraud investigative activities within the department to ensure accountability for beneficiaries, state employees, and vendors.

Requires the state auditor to appoint a fraud ombudsman to oversee and annually audit the work of the office of program integrity.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 16 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.