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House Bills

HB 2010-S by House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kirby and Bailey)

Addressing title insurance rate filings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the insurance commissioner to designate one statistical reporting agent to assist the insurance commissioner in gathering information on title insurance policy issuance, business income, and expenses and making compilations thereof.

Exempts the information from disclosure under the public records act.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 BFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

HB 2162-S by House Committee on Local Government

(originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Angel, Rivers, Blake, Springer, and Dahlquist)

Addressing appeal and permit procedures under the shoreline management act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the commencement of development activity landward of a shoreland area before a final decision has been rendered by the shorelines hearings board on a related shorelines appeal, as long as the local government and, for conditional use permits and variances, the department of ecology find that the development activity is not inconsistent with any requirement of the applicable shoreline master program or the permit under appeal.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government at 12:00 PM.

Jan 27 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Local Government at 8:00 AM.

Jan 31 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Local Government at 10:00 AM.

HB 2209-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Dammeier, Santos, Dahlquist, Probst, Maxwell, and Kenney)

Addressing issues of accountability and funding for alternative learning experience programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses issues of accountability and funding for alternative learning experience programs.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 31 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

HB 2272-S by House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representative Appleton)

Concerning antifreeze products.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Applies certain engine coolant and antifreeze restrictions to wholesale containers of fifty-five gallons or more.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 27 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 31 BFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

HB 2298-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Goodman, Darneille, Orwall, Fitzgibbon, Appleton, Stanford, Dickerson, Jinkins, Ryu, Moscoso, Roberts, and Santos)

Limiting the use of restraints on juveniles.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares it is the policy of the state: (1) To use the least restrictive form of restraint for juveniles during their appearance in court; and

(2) That restraints shall only be used when necessary based upon concerns regarding safety or risk of flight.

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, the criminal justice training commission, and the administrative office of the courts to jointly develop an informational packet on the requirements of the act.

Requires the director of a juvenile detention facility to provide the informational packet to all staff who are involved in transporting youth and to other staff as appropriate.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 6:00 PM.

- Jan 31 ELHS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to General Government Appropriations & Oversight.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM.

HB 2320-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Kelley, Hurst, Eddy, Finn, and Blake)

Prohibiting certain transactions by state officers that involve nonpublic information.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits state officers from buying, selling, or investing in securities, commodities, or real property on the basis of material nonpublic information if the officer gained the information by reason of his or her official position.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 31 PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to General Government Appropriations & Oversight.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness at 10:00 AM.

HB 2335-S by House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Short, Uptegrove, and Springer)

Concerning standards for the use of science to support public policy.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the department of ecology, before taking a significant agency action, to identify the sources of information reviewed and relied upon by the agency in the course of preparing to take significant agency action.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 6:00 PM.
- Jan 27 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 31 ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to General Government Appropriations & Oversight.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 Committee relieved of further consideration.
Referred to Rules.

HB 2361-S by House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kirby, Bailey, Kelley, Parker, Rivers, Buys, Blake, Hurst, Condotta, and Pollet)

Concerning usage-based automobile insurance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Defines "usage-based insurance."

Exempts from public inspection under the public records act, information in a filing of usage-based insurance about the usage-based component of the rate.

Prohibits location data from being collected under certain circumstances.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 6:00 PM.

Jan 24 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

Jan 26 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 8:00 AM.

Jan 27 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 BFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

HB 2365-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Kretz, Dunshee, and McCune; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Regarding large wild carnivore conflict management.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Defines "large wild carnivore" which includes wild bears, cougars, and wolves.

Prohibits the department of fish and wildlife from paying more than two hundred thousand dollars per fiscal year from the state wildlife account for claims and assessment costs for injury or loss of livestock.

Prohibits a person from negligently or intentionally feeding or attempting to feed large wild carnivores or negligently or intentionally attracting large wild carnivores to land or a building.

Requires the fish and wildlife commission to set limits and conditions for the expenditures of the department of fish and wildlife on claims and assessments for commercial crops, livestock, other property, and mitigating actions.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 10:00 AM.

Jan 31 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Referred to General Government Appropriations & Oversight.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 10:00 AM.

Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM.

Feb 3 APPG - Executive action taken by committee.
APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM.

Feb 6 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2383-S by House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kelley, Dammeier, Kirby, Bailey, Ladenburg, Zeiger, and Jinkins)

Concerning the definition of debt adjusters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts from the definition of "debt adjuster," third-party account administrators that provide payment processing.

Requires third-party account administrators to be licensed as money transmitters and comply with certain other requirements.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 6:00 PM.

Jan 24 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

Jan 26 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 8:00 AM.

Jan 27 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 BFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

HB 2448-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Walsh, Maxwell, Dammeier, Kagi, Hope, Haigh, Santos, Roberts, Sullivan, Orwall, Dahlquist, Pollet, Jinkins, Lytton, Haler, Dickerson, Moscoso, Appleton, Seaquist, Springer, Kelley, Billig, Ormsby, and Kenney)

Creating the high-quality early learning act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the high-quality early learning act.
Requires the Washington preschool program to be implemented, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, to provide voluntary preschool opportunities for children three and four years of age.

Declares that, as the Washington preschool program is implemented, it is the intent that additional enrollment slots will be funded for the Washington preschool program and that existing enrollment slots in the early childhood education and assistance program will be transferred over time to the Washington preschool program.

Requires funding for the Washington preschool program to be appropriated to the department of early learning.

Requires the early learning advisory council to: (1) Establish a subcommittee to guide the development and implementation of the Washington preschool program; and

(2) Establish a preschool readiness subcommittee, which shall be cochaired by the department of early learning and the nongovernmental private-public partnership.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 1:30 PM.

Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 6:00 PM.

Jan 27 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 ELHS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 1:30 PM.

Feb 4 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Feb 6 Executive session in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

HB 2450-S by House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Tharinger, Wylie, Zeiger, Lytton, Fitzgibbon, Upthegrove, Pollet, Ormsby, Kenney, and Moscoso)

Adopting the Washington small rechargeable battery stewardship act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the Washington small rechargeable battery stewardship act.

Provides that the act is void if a federal law takes effect that establishes a national program for the collection and recycling of both used small rechargeable and nonrechargeable batteries.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to General Government Appropriations & Oversight.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM.

Feb 3 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM.

HB 2622-S by House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Ormsby, Santos, and Moscoso)

Requiring medical claims to be addressed by communicating with workers in their primary language.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies industrial insurance provisions relating to communicating with workers in their primary language.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Jan 30 LWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development at 6:00 PM.

Jan 31 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2669-S by House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby and Moscoso)

Enforcing the payment of prevailing wages.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that when a contractor or subcontractor quits business, sells out, exchanges, or otherwise disposes of the business, a successor entity is liable, under certain circumstances, for prevailing wage violations.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Jan 30 LWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development at 6:00 PM.

Jan 31 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2773 by Representative Hunter

Concerning account fees for inactive and closed toll accounts.

Prohibits administrative fees from being assessed for toll accounts that are inactive or for closing an account.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Bills

SB 5247-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Conway, Keiser, and Kline; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Addressing carrier surplus as an element of health benefit plan rate review.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the insurance commissioner, for individual and small group rate filings with an effective date on or after January 1, 2013, submitted by a nonprofit health carrier for either the individual or small group markets, to review the carrier's surplus levels as an element in determining the reasonableness of the proposed rate.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.

Feb 21 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Jan 30 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 6:00 PM.

Feb 2 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5697-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Schoesler)

Requiring firearms safety devices and gun safes to meet minimum standards if purchased, used, or issued by governmental agencies and limiting the civil liability of governmental agencies and agents who provide or properly use approved firearms safety devices or gun safes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a governmental agency that purchases, uses, or issues a firearms safety device or gun safe to meet minimum standards for gun safes and firearms safety devices on the date of purchase.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 2 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6029-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally

sponsored by Senators Shin, Tom, Hargrove, Hatfield, Harper, Pridemore, Delvin, Haugen, Honeyford, McAuliffe, and Roach)

Regarding accelerated baccalaureate degree programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires institutions of higher education to: (1) Include in their admissions materials and on their web sites opportunities to complete a baccalaureate degree program in three years; and

(2) Provide that information to the higher education coordinating board.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6033-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Pflug, Harper, Regala, Kline, and Shin)

Concerning parental decision making regarding the disposition of remains upon the death of an adult child.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses parental decision making regarding the disposition of remains upon the death of an adult child.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6070-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Frockt, Harper, Keiser, and Shin)

Convening a stakeholder group to discuss certain recording deeds of trust issues.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a stakeholder group comprised of homeowner advocates, lenders and their servicers, representatives of county governments, and representatives of electronic registry systems to convene to discuss the issue of recording deeds of trust of residential real property.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.

- Feb 2 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6121-S** by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, Tom, Kastama, Shin, and Kline)
Requiring the office of student financial assistance to provide a financial aid counseling curriculum for institutions of higher education.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the office of student financial assistance to provide a financial aid counseling curriculum to institutions of higher education with state need grant recipients.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6130-S** by Senate Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Swecker, Nelson, Ericksen, and Kline)
Modernizing the functionality of the state environmental policy act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modernizes the functionality of the state environmental policy act.
Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Update the rule-based categorical exemptions to the state environmental policy act and update the environmental checklist;
(2) Update the thresholds for all other project actions;
(3) Convene an advisory committee to assist in updating the environmental checklist and the thresholds for other project actions; and
(4) Accept electronic submittal of all required filings from lead agencies.
Exempts from the state environmental policy act, certain projects designed exclusively to restore natural wildlife or fishery habitats or certain projects that serve as environmental mitigation for other projects.
Allows counties, cities, and towns to recover reasonable expenses incurred by the preparation of a nonproject environmental impact statement.
Allows money in the growth management planning and environmental review fund to be used to make loans to local governments for certain purposes.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 ENV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- SB 6138-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Ericksen)
Increasing the allowable maximum length for vehicles operated on public highways.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Changes the allowable maximum length for certain vehicles from forty feet to forty-six feet.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 2 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6143-S** by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Eide, Litzow, Haugen, and Hobbs)
Adding trafficking in stolen property in the first and second degrees to the six-year statute of limitations provisions.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Prohibits trafficking in stolen property in the first degree and second degree, when the stolen property is a motor vehicle or a major component part of a motor vehicle, from being prosecuted more than six years after their commission or discovery, whichever occurs later.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6178-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Conway, Shin, Frockt, Kline, Pflug, and Chase; by request of Governor Gregoire and Insurance Commissioner)
Implementing the federal patient and protection affordable care act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Further state implementation of the health benefit exchange and related provisions of the affordable care act.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 2 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6179-S** by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Carrell, Regala, and Kilmer)
- Concerning the possession and manufacture of equipment for public safety and military personnel.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses the manufacture, sale, transportation, transfer, distribution, and possession of switchblade knives.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6185-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Keiser, Pridemore, Nelson, Chase, Kline, Frockt, Ranker, Harper, Tom, Conway, Kohl-Welles, and Murray)
- Concerning health plan coverage for the voluntary termination of a pregnancy.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires a health plan that provides coverage for maternity care or services to also provide a covered person with substantially equivalent coverage to permit the voluntary termination of a pregnancy.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 30 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 6:00 PM.
- Feb 2 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6187-S** by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug, Harper, and Frockt; by request of Attorney General)
- Concerning health care claims against state and governmental health care providers arising out of tortious conduct.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Removes the exemption of injuries from health care from provisions relating to claims against state and governmental health care providers arising out of tortious conduct.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6199-S** by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Roach and Kline)
- Modifying the penalty for false swearing by a beneficiary.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies the penalty for false swearing by a beneficiary.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6232-S** by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Shin, McAuliffe, and Eide; by request of Governor Gregoire)
- Regarding higher education coordination.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the student achievement council to set goals for increasing the educational attainment in the state and to monitor progress towards meeting those goals.
Creates the joint higher education committee to review the work of the student achievement council and provide legislative feedback.
Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the higher education coordinating board, except for matters pertaining to student financial aid, to the student achievement council.
Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the higher education coordinating board, pertaining to student financial aid, to the office of student financial assistance.
Requires the education data center to: (1) In consultation with institutions of higher education, annually develop information on the approximate amount of state support that students receive;
(2) Provide cost study reports intended to meet the information needs of the governor's office and the legislature; and
(3) Determine and report on amounts constituting undergraduate and graduate educational costs.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

- Feb 2 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 3 Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

SB 6251-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Eide, Chase, Pflug, Conway, Kline, Ranker, Stevens, Fraser, Regala, Nelson, Roach, and Frockt)

Regulating advertising of commercial sexual abuse of a minor.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the crime of advertising commercial sexual abuse of a minor and provides that the crime is a class C felony.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6269-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Tom, Swecker, Shin, Schoesler, Sheldon, Delvin, Holmquist Newbry, Keiser, Hargrove, Padden, Regala, Stevens, Parlette, Hewitt, Hill, and Conway)

Regarding higher education coordination.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) In 2011, the legislature abolished the higher education coordinating board and created a council for higher education;

(2) Over the years additional duties have been given to the higher education coordinating board, which has diluted the board's resources; and

(3) The legislature intends for the new council for higher education to refocus on the core function of higher education coordination and be a trusted source of information for policymakers.

Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the higher education coordinating board, except for matters pertaining to student financial aid, to the council for higher education.

Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the higher education coordinating board, pertaining to student financial aid, to the office of student financial assistance.

Creates a joint higher education committee to provide legislative oversight of the council for higher education.

Requires the education data center to: (1) In consultation with institutions of higher education, annually develop information on the approximate amount of state support that students receive; and

(2) Determine and report on amounts constituting undergraduate and graduate educational costs to the several boards of regents and trustees for the state institutions of higher education.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6279-S by Senate Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Senator Nelson)

Improving water quality to support the health of marine waters of Washington state.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of ecology to cooperate with other federal, state, and local agencies and academic institutions in reviewing peer-reviewed scientific literature, and environmental impact statements, on the relationship between shellfish and water quality in marine waters.

Requires reports on the progress of and opportunities for implementing elements of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration's national shellfish initiative and related activities.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 ENV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6284-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Harper, Litzow, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, and Hargrove)

Reforming Washington's approach to certain nonsafety civil traffic infractions by authorizing a civil collection process for unpaid traffic fines and removing the requirement for law enforcement intervention for the failure to appear and pay a traffic ticket.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a civil collection process for unpaid traffic fines.

Removes the requirement for law enforcement intervention for the failure to appear and pay a traffic ticket.

Takes effect thirty days after rules that define a moving violation are adopted by the department of licensing, in consultation with the Washington state patrol, the office of public defense, and the administrative office of the courts.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 3 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
On motion, referred to Transportation.
- Feb 6 Public hearing, executive action scheduled, but the report on the motion to move the bill out of committee did not receive sufficient signatures.
- SB 6285-S** by Senate Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Nelson, Ranker, Stevens, and Fraser)
- Concerning the use of geothermal resources.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides greater conformity with the state's geothermal resources statutes and the federal statutes defining geothermal resources.
Clarifies that ownership of geothermal resources resides with the surface owner unless the interest is otherwise reserved or conveyed.
Encourages and fosters the development of geothermal resources.
Clarifies the respective regulatory roles of state agencies.
Creates the geothermal account.
Gives responsibility to the state treasurer for distribution of funds from the geothermal account to the county of origin.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 ENRM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6315-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Chase, Keiser, Regala, and Nelson)
- Concerning the fair tenant screening act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses the costs of and notification requirements for tenant screening under the residential landlord-tenant act.
Requires a stakeholder work group comprised of landlords, tenant advocates, and representatives of consumer reporting and tenant screening companies to convene for the purposes of addressing the issues of tenant screening.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6343-S** by Senate Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Nelson and Kline; by request of Department of Ecology)
- Establishing a water pollution control revolving administration fee.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes the department of ecology to charge administration fees as a portion of the debt service for loans issued under the water pollution control revolving fund and requires the department to charge administration fees on each water pollution control revolving fund loan.
Requires the department of ecology to spend from the water pollution control revolving administration account an amount no greater than four percent of the water pollution control revolving fund new capital appropriation.
Creates the water pollution control revolving administration account.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 ENV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6364-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Shin, and McAuliffe; by request of Washington State Department of Commerce)
- Modifying the foreclosure fairness act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies provisions of the foreclosure fairness act.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 Public hearing, executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6399-S** by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, Tom, and Shin)
- Regarding program fees at institutions of higher education.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Excludes fees unique to specific programs of study from the definition of "operating fees," for purposes of chapter 28B.15 RCW (college and university fees).

Exempts resident undergraduates from tuition reductions or increases made for all or portions of an institution's programs, campuses, courses, or students.

Requires the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, before establishing, reducing, or increasing fees unique to specific programs of study, to consult with existing student associations or organizations with student undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of establishing, reducing, or increasing these fees.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges, before establishing, reducing, or increasing fees unique to specific programs of study, to consult with existing student associations or organizations with student undergraduate representatives regarding the impacts of establishing, reducing, or increasing these fees.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

SB 6401-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Hill, Kilmer, Becker, and Shin)

Creating efficiencies for institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts purchases by institutions of higher education, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, from certain competitive bidding and competitive solicitation requirements.

Authorizes institutions of higher education to: (1) Make payments in advance for equipment maintenance services to be performed up to sixty months after such payment;

(2) Implement compensation changes for classifications the human resources director has approved for inclusion in higher education health care special pay;

(3) Make changes for other health care classifications that the institution may identify;

(4) Make direct deposits to financial institutions for payment of salaries and wages of employees;

(5) Require alternate payment methods for employees who do not have an account in a financial institution; and

(6) Use all appropriate means for making and paying for travel arrangements.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; without recommendation.

Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

SB 6423-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King and Holmquist Newbry)

Concerning the definition of farm vehicle.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the definition of "farm vehicle," for purposes of commercial drivers' licenses, to include a vehicle other than a farm tractor or farm implement that is used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, farm supplies, or any combination of these materials to or from a farm.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 2 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6426-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Benton, Hobbs, Haugen, Keiser, Fain, and Shin)

Regulating personal vehicle sharing programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates personal vehicle sharing programs.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6451-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker and Haugen)

Modifying certain provisions regarding transportation benefit districts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies transportation benefit district provisions relating to: (1) Annual vehicle fees; and

(2) Changing the definition of "transportation improvement."

- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 2 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6515-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Hobbs, Kastama, Fain, Litzow, and Harper)
- Concerning trustees under the deeds of trust act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes certain domestic limited liability corporations to be a trustee pursuant to the provisions of chapter 61.24 RCW (deeds of trust).
Authorizes a trustee, beneficiary, or agent for a beneficiary, until up to the eleventh day following the trustee's foreclosure sale, to declare the trustee's sale and deed void for certain reasons.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 Public hearing, executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6540-S** by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senator Chase)
- Creating a business and occupation tax credit for hiring certain persons in manufacturing.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides a business and occupation tax credit to employers for the costs of training interns, apprentices, or permanent employees in high demand advanced manufacturing positions.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 3 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6585** by Senators Rolfes, Swecker, Haugen, King, Hill, Frockt, Ranker, Fain, and Shin; by request of Department of Licensing
- Concerning the periodic replacement of license plates.
Addresses periodic license plate replacement fees.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6586** by Senators Haugen and Shin; by request of Washington State Department of Commerce
- Regarding the public works board.
Finds that: (1) A significant backlog of projects to repair and improve local public infrastructure systems exists; and (2) The state intends to strategically invest resources to address this backlog and to promote certain priority policy objectives.
Expands the duties of the public works board.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6587** by Senators Hewitt and Brown
- Advancing the deadline for approval of the redistricting plan.
Advances the deadline for approval of the redistricting plan.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.
- SB 6588** by Senator Kastama
- Establishing that the state archivist has the sole authority for archival and records storage, except for legislative records.
Prohibits, unless authorized by the state archivist, state agencies from establishing, operating, or leasing an archives, records center, records warehouse, or records storage facility, except for purposes of legislative records.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6589** by Senators Kastama and Tom
- Requiring a direct patient-provider primary care practice services option for public employees.
Requires the public employees' benefits board to offer to public employees at least one self-insured plan in which participants receive primary care services from a direct patient-provider primary care practice.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6590** by Senator Haugen
- Concerning the discover pass program.
Makes the discover pass transferable between two vehicles.
Authorizes a park manager to impose a surcharge of five dollars on discover passes sold at the park.
Prohibits state agencies from refunding money for a discover pass or vehicle access pass.
Requires the surcharge moneys to be deposited in the state parks renewal and stewardship account to be used for operating and maintaining the state park from which the proceeds were collected.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Energy, Natural
Resources & Marine Waters.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8227 by Senators Hewitt and Brown

Amending the Constitution to advance the date for
completion of the redistricting plan.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to
advance the date for completion of the redistricting plan.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Government
Operations, Tribal Relations &
Elections.