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House Bills

HB 1448-S2 by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Holy, Parker, Ormsby, Caldier, Hayes, Jinkins, Walkinshaw, Gregerson, Appleton, Ryu, McBride, and Shea)

Providing procedures for responding to reports of threatened or attempted suicide.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a peace officer responding to a report of threatened or attempted suicide to notify a designated mental health professional agency that the person who is the subject of the report may be in need of a mental health evaluation if: (1) The officer does not take the person into custody; and

(2) The officer knows, based on the information available to him or her, that the person has been the subject of a previous report of threatened or attempted suicide within the last twelve months.

Requires a mental health professional contacted by the designated mental health professional agency to attempt to contact the person who is the subject of the report to determine whether additional mental health intervention is necessary.

Requires law enforcement agencies to have a system in place by January 1, 2017, for officers to document, as part of an incident report, the need for a mental health evaluation of a person who is the subject of a report of threatened or attempted suicide.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.

Feb 5 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.

Feb 27 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.

Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.

Mar 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 JUDI - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

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

Jan 28 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1701-S2 by House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards (originally sponsored by Representatives Moscoso, Walsh, Haler, Jinkins, Reykdal, S. Hunt, Blake, Riccelli, Ortiz-Self, Walkinshaw, Tharinger, Appleton, Sells, Gregerson, Santos, Farrell, and Ormsby)

Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the Washington fair chance act.

Prohibits an employer from: (1) Excluding an applicant from an initial interview solely because of a criminal record; and

(2) Advertising employment openings in a way that excludes people with a criminal record from applying.

Prohibits advertising that states "no felons" or "no criminal background" or that otherwise conveys similar messages.

Allows an employer to consider an applicant's criminal record before making a hiring decision.

Requires the attorney general's office to enforce this act.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.

Feb 17 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 LAWS - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.

Jan 29 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1713-S2 by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Harris, Jinkins, Moeller, Tharinger, Appleton, Ortiz-Self, and Pollet)

Integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes Ricky Garcia's act.

Requires the department of social and health services to combine the functions of a designated mental health professional and designated chemical dependency specialist by establishing a designated crisis responder who is authorized to conduct investigations, detain persons up to seventy-two hours to the proper facility, and carry out the other functions identified in chapter 71.05 RCW (mental illness) and chapter 71.34 RCW (mental health services for minors).

Requires the behavioral health organizations to provide training to persons converting to designated crisis responders, as required by the department of social and health services, which must include both mental health and chemical dependency training applicable to the designated crisis responder role.

Requires the state institute for public policy to evaluate the effect of the integration of the involuntary treatment systems for substance use disorders and mental health and make preliminary reports to the appropriate legislative committees.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 19 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 12:30 PM.

Feb 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.

Feb 27 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.

Mar 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.

Mar 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.

Apr 7 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 JUDI - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1725-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody and Tharinger; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Concerning the consumer's right to assign hours to individual providers and the department of social and health services' authority to adopt rules related to payment of individual providers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses a consumer's right to assign hours to individual providers and the department of social and health services' authority to adopt rules establishing criteria regarding the number of hours per week the department may pay any single provider.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM.

Feb 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.

Feb 27 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

Jan 25 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

Jan 28 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1900-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Johnson, Orwall, Muri, Lytton, Tarleton, Pollet, and Bergquist)

Concerning school counselors, social workers, and psychologists.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Specifies that a primary role of school counselors, social workers, and psychologists is to: (1) Focus on student mental health;

- (2) Work with at-risk and marginalized students;
- (3) Perform risk assessments; and

(4) Collaborate with mental health professionals to promote student achievement and create a safe learning environment.

Requires first-class school districts to, on a monthly basis throughout each school year, provide a minimum of one hour of professional collaboration for school counselors, social workers, and psychologists that focuses on recognizing signs of emotional or behavioral distress in students.

Requires school districts that have mental health centers in their area to collaborate with local licensed mental health service providers under the community mental health services act.

Creates the professional collaboration lighthouse grant program to assist school districts with early adoption and implementation of mental health professional collaboration time.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to designate two school districts as lighthouse school districts to serve as resources and examples of best practices in designing and operating the professional collaboration program.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 19 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

Jan 25 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

Jan 28 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2076-S by House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Sawyer and Pollet)

Regarding information concerning racial disproportionality.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the caseload forecast council to: (1) In consultation with appropriate legislative committees and staff, the office of financial management, and other state agencies, establish a plan for the provision of racial and ethnic impact statements on the effect that legislative bills and resolutions will have on racial and ethnic minority groups;

(2) Increase and improve the production and compilation of relevant racial and ethnic group data and information; and

(3) Provide a racial and ethnic impact statement on a legislative proposal at the request of a legislator on: (a) The effect that legislative bills and resolutions will have on racial and ethnic minority groups; and (b) the criminal and juvenile justice systems including statistical data on the racial and ethnic composition of the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 21 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government at 1:30 PM.

Jan 26 SG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government at 10:00 AM.

Jan 29 Referred to General Government & Information Technology.

HB 2359-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman and Jinkins; by request of Statute Law Committee)

Updating obsolete provisions and making technical corrections.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Corrects form year designations, removes expired provisions, and makes technical corrections.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 26 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 28 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2941 by Representatives Short, Klippert, McCabe, Griffey, Manweller, Dent, Johnson, Buys, Shea, Wilcox, and Van Werven

Concerning privacy and sex-specific use of school bathrooms and athletic facilities.

Requires schools to provide toilets and restroom facilities for each sex with no disparities based on sex.

Authorizes schools to provide a gender-neutral single occupant bathroom to accommodate a student's privacy concerns.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2942 by Representative Ryu; by request of Department of Licensing

Concerning the issuance of nondomiciled commercial drivers' licenses and commercial learners' permits to nonresidents.

Revises the definition of "to drive, operate, or be in physical control of a vehicle" for purposes of the uniform commercial driver's license act.

Exempts the following from providing a social security number: An applicant for a nondomiciled commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit who is domiciled in a foreign country and who has not been issued a social security number.

Authorizes the department of licensing to issue a nondomiciled commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit to a person who is a nonresident if certain conditions are met.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Transportation
(Not Officially read and referred until
adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2943 by Representatives Tharinger and DeBolt

Concerning certain obsolete provisions in chapter 43.325
RCW overseen by the department of commerce.

Amends and repeals certain provisions of the energy
freedom program (chapter 43.325 RCW).

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Capital Budget
(Not Officially read and referred until
adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2944 by Representatives Scott, McCaslin,
Magendanz, and Walsh

Concerning the use of psychotropic medication on
children.

Requires each school district board of directors to
adopt a policy that prohibits school staff from denying a
student access to programs or services because the parent
or guardian of the student has refused to place the student
on psychotropic medication.

Prohibits a child from being taken into custody solely
on the grounds that the child's parent or guardian refuses
to consent to the administration of a psychotropic
medication to the child.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Early Learning
& Human Services (Not Officially read
and referred until adoption of
Introduction report).

HB 2945 by Representative Appleton

Establishing a legislative task force to review the growth
management act.

Creates the legislative task force on the growth
management act to review the act to identify areas of the
law that may benefit from modification to better ensure
that the state's land use practices align with the needs of
current and future residents.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Local
Government (Not Officially read and
referred until adoption of Introduction
report).
Feb 3 Scheduled for public hearing in the House
Committee on Local Government at
8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 2946 by Representatives Robinson, Appleton, and
Ryu

Requiring a minimum of five years' notice on closures or
conversions of mobile home parks and manufactured
housing communities.

Requires a written rental agreement for a
manufactured/mobile home space tenancy to contain: (1)
A covenant by the landlord that, except for acts or events
beyond the control of the landlord, the mobile home park

will not be converted to a land use that will prevent the
space that is the subject of the lease from continuing to be
used for its intended use for a period of five years after the
beginning of the term of the rental agreement; and

(2) A copy of a closure notice if a closure notice is in
effect.

Requires a tenant who sells a mobile home,
manufactured home, or park model within a park to
provide the buyer with a copy of any closure notice
provided by a landlord at least seven days in advance of
the intended sale and transfer.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not
Officially read and referred until
adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2947 by Representatives Sullivan and Lytton

Eliminating the office of the superintendent of public
instruction and transferring its powers, duties, and
functions to a new department of education.

Creates the department of education.

Abolishes the office of the superintendent of public
instruction and transfers its powers, duties, and functions
to the department of education.

Abolishes the state board of education and transfers its
powers, duties, and functions to the department of
education.

Exempts the following from the provisions of the state
civil service law: The department of education and the
director, the director's personal secretary, the deputy
director, all division directors and assistant directors, and
one confidential secretary for each of these officers.

Takes effect July 1, 2019, if the proposed amendment
to Article III, sections 1, 3, 10, 22, and 24 of the state
Constitution, eliminating the office of the superintendent
of public instruction, is approved by the voters at the next
general election.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to General
Government & Information Technology
(Not Officially read and referred until
adoption of Introduction report).

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4216 by Representatives Sullivan and Lytton

Eliminating the office of the superintendent of public
instruction.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to
eliminate the office of the superintendent of public
instruction.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to General
Government & Information Technology
(Not Officially read and referred until
adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 6105-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Baumgartner and Dinsel)

Creating a new traffic offense of aggravated left lane driving.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the offense of aggravated left lane driving which is described as driving continuously under the maximum speed limit in the left lane of a multilane roadway when it impedes the flow of other traffic.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6117-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senator Sheldon)

Concerning notice against trespass.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Adds the definition of "posting in a conspicuous manner," for purposes of chapter 9A.52 RCW (burglary and trespass), which includes: (1) Posting a sign reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders indicating that entry is restricted; or

(2) If the property is located outside of urban growth areas and incorporated cities or towns, the placement of identifying fluorescent orange paint marks on trees or posts on property.

Encourages the department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission to use their web sites and appropriate publications to inform the public that vertical orange marks on trees or posts may indicate a private boundary line and crossing it without first securing the owner's permission is trespassing.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 14 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 25 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6120-S by Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Mullet)

Providing a registration exemption for certain vessels.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts the following from vessel registration requirements: Vessels with propulsion machinery that draws two hundred fifty watts or less and propels the vessel no faster than ten miles per hour.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6160-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban, Frockt, Fain, Hobbs, Nelson, Rolfes, Conway, and Becker)

Regulating the manufacture, sale, distribution, and installation of motor vehicle air bags.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates the manufacture, sale, distribution, and installation of motor vehicle air bags.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 12 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 26 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 27 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6161-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Frockt, Conway, McAuliffe, and Hasegawa; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges)

Including certain residents who do not have a high school diploma or credential and the number of students expected to enroll in basic education for adults courses at community and technical colleges in caseload forecast council forecasting.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the caseload forecast council to forecast: (1) The number of state residents ages twenty-five to forty-four who do not have a high school diploma or credential; and

(2) The number of students expected to enroll in basic education for adults courses at community and technical colleges.

Authorizes the caseload forecast council to request data, information, and data processing assistance from the state board for community and technical colleges and the education data center as it may need to accomplish its duties.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 21 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.
 Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.
 Jan 27 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Jan 28 Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6223-S by Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Angel, Braun, and Hewitt)

Enhancing regulatory agency coordination.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes the name of the office of regulatory assistance to the office for regulatory innovation and assistance.

Requires the office to develop a long-term strategy for identifying and prioritizing multiagency regulatory processes that can be streamlined through better coordination.

Requires the long-term strategy to be based on the potential for mutual benefits for industry and the public, as determined by a group made up of representatives from businesses, state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, and other relevant stakeholders consulting with the office.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 13 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.
 Jan 27 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.
 Jan 28 TRED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6229-S by Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban, Darneille, Carlyle, and Rolfes)

Streamlining foster care licensing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services, in order to streamline the foster care application process for child-placing agencies when processing a child-placing agency application, to: (1) Accept scanned foster care parent applications that include an original signature electronically;

(2) Complete and return background authorization forms within thirty days or provide explanation to either the prospective parent, the child-placing agency, or both about why there is a delay;

(3) Ensure that the forms required across the state are uniform and consistent between regions;

(4) If related department forms change after the foster care application has been received by the department, not require the applicant to resubmit information on a substantially similar form;

(5) Ensure that foster care parent applications are processed in a timely manner; and

(6) E-mail the fingerprint original case agency number to a child-placing agency within five business days of receipt of the fingerprint-based background notice from the family or child-placing agency.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
 Jan 26 HSMH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
 Jan 27 On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6254-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Bailey, Rivers, Roach, O'Ban, Hill, Becker, Miloscia, Angel, Warnick, Honeyford, Padden, Hobbs, Pearson, Hargrove, Braun, Dammeier, Fain, Parlette, Hewitt, Schoesler, Baumgartner, Ericksen, Rolfes, Conway, Mullet, and Chase)

Authorizing the issuance of Purple Heart license plates for more than one motor vehicle.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows Purple Heart special license plates to be issued for one motor vehicle without the payment of any special license plate fee however, the fee is required for any additional motor vehicle.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
 Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
 Jan 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6528-S by Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Sheldon, Dammeier, Parlette, Schoesler, Warnick, Honeyford, Braun, Angel, Hewitt, Miloscia, O'Ban, Becker, Rivers, and Rolfes)

Enacting the cybersecurity jobs act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the cybersecurity jobs act.

Requires the office of the state chief information officer to: (1) Implement a process for detecting, reporting, and responding to security incidents consistent with the information security standards, policies, and guidelines adopted by the state chief information officer;

(2) Develop plans and procedures to ensure the continuity of commerce for information resources that support the operations and assets of state agencies in the event of a security incident; and

(3) Work with the department of commerce and other economic development stakeholders to facilitate the development of the state as a national leader in cybersecurity.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 27 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.
 Jan 28 TRED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6605 by Senators Warnick, Becker, Brown, and Honeyford

Ensuring that solid waste management requirements prevent the spread of disease, plant pathogens, and pests.

Requires a local government that prohibits the disposal of food waste and compostable paper as garbage to: (1) Ensure that a solid waste management plan it prepares, under chapter 70.95 RCW (solid waste management--reduction and recycling), prevents the spread of disease, plant pathogens, and pests to areas that are not under a quarantine; and

(2) Consult with the department of agriculture to determine if the plan complies with this act before submitting the plan to the department of ecology for approval.

Requires certain standards set by the department of ecology, for counties or cities siting a solid waste disposal facility, to include information relating to preventing the spread of disease, plant pathogens, and pests to areas that are not under a quarantine.

Requires the department of agriculture to review certain permits issued by a jurisdictional health department, with regard to solid waste handling facilities, to ensure that the proposed site or facility conforms with applicable laws and regulations relating to preventing the spread of disease, plant pathogens, and pests to areas that are not under a quarantine.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6606 by Senator King

Concerning wholesale vehicle dealers.

Modifies provisions relating to wholesale vehicle dealers.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6607 by Senators Baumgartner and Schoesler

Removing state route number 276 from the state highway system.

Repeals RCW 47.17.502 (state route No. 276).

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6608 by Senators Liias, Frockt, Rolfes, Nelson, Billig, Conway, and McAuliffe

Providing employers with a business and occupation tax credit for providing employees with student loan repayment assistance.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit on the amount paid for student loan repayment of principal and interest by an employer directly to a student loan lender on behalf of a qualified employee of the employer.

Makes an appropriation.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6609 by Senators Liias, Frockt, Rolfes, Carlyle, Nelson, Conway, and McAuliffe

Requiring a study concerning a state loan program for graduate students.

Requires the student achievement council to conduct a study of the feasibility of and alternatives to a state loan program for graduate students.

Encourages the student achievement council to seek out technical advice from the housing finance commission, the consumer financial protection bureau, the national conference of state legislatures, and other state loan-granting agencies.

Expires August 1, 2017.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6610 by Senators Liias, Frockt, Rolfes, Carlyle, Nelson, Billig, Mullet, Conway, Darneille, Keiser, and McAuliffe

Establishing a student loan bill of rights.

Requires the student achievement council to designate a student loan ombuds within the office of student financial assistance to provide timely assistance to student loan borrowers of student education loans.

Requires the student loan ombuds, in consultation with the attorney general and the director of the department of financial institutions, to: (1) Receive, review, and refer complaints from borrowers to the attorney general or the department of financial institutions;

(2) Compile and analyze data on borrower complaints;

(3) Assist borrowers to understand their rights and responsibilities under the terms of loans;

(4) Provide information on, and make recommendations for resolving, the problems and concerns of borrowers;

(5) Analyze and monitor the development and implementation of all laws, rules, regulations, and policies relating to borrowers and recommend changes as necessary;

(6) Review the complete loan history for a borrower who has provided written consent for the review; and

(7) Disseminate information concerning the availability of the ombuds to assist borrowers, potential borrowers, and others with student loan servicing concerns.

Creates the student loan ombuds account.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6611 by Senators Angel and Rolfes

Concerning traditional and alternative sewer systems.

Revises the definitions of "urban governmental services" and "urban services" to include certain alternative sewer and existing on-site septic systems, for purposes of the growth management act.

Authorizes counties and cities, when providing urban sewer services, to consider alternative sewer options as well as existing, functioning on-site septic systems as urban services.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

Feb 4 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 6612 by Senators Rivers, Padden, Miloscia, and Angel

Prohibiting sex-selection abortions.

Establishes the prenatal nondiscrimination act.

Prohibits a person from intentionally performing or attempting to perform an abortion with the knowledge that the pregnant woman is seeking the abortion solely on account of the sex of the unborn child.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 6613 by Senators Padden, Becker, and McAuliffe

Concerning Down syndrome resources.

Requires the department of health to develop the following resources regarding Down syndrome: (1) Up-to-date, evidence-based, written information about Down syndrome and people born with Down syndrome that has been reviewed by medical experts and national Down syndrome organizations; and

(2) Contact information regarding support services, including information hotlines specific to Down syndrome, resource centers or clearinghouses, national and local Down syndrome organizations, and other education and support programs.

Requires the following, who provide a parent with a positive prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome, to provide the parent with the information prepared by the department of health: (1) A midwife;

- (2) An osteopathic physician and surgeon;
- (3) An osteopathic physician's assistant;
- (4) A physician;
- (5) A physician assistant;
- (6) A nurse;
- (7) A genetic counselor;
- (8) A hospital; and
- (9) A birthing center.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 6614 by Senators Hobbs, King, and Conway

Concerning performance oversight of the state transportation system.

Requires the office of financial management to review and comment on, before the department of transportation submits to the legislature and the governor, a report on the progress toward the attainment by state transportation agencies of the state transportation policy goals and objectives prescribed by statute, appropriation, and governor directive.

Provides that it is the intent of the legislature that the office of financial management oversee the establishment of objectives and performance measures for the department of transportation and other state agencies with transportation-related responsibilities.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6615 by Senator Chase

Extending the application of prevailing wage requirements to publicly subsidized projects.

Makes prevailing wage requirements applicable to publicly subsidized projects.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

SB 6616 by Senator Benton

Concerning reserve studies and special assessments for homeowners' associations.

Addresses the duties of homeowners' associations with regard to the hiring of a reserve study professional and the use of special assessments.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6617 by Senator Frockt

Concerning the University of Washington's alternative process for awarding contracts.

Addresses the alternative process for awarding certain contracts, by the University of Washington, with regard to the university: (1) Developing a program that provides training and support to help certified minority or certified woman-owned contractors qualify for subcontracting work on a roster project; and

(2) Reviewing postselection processes with entities for which it operates medical and hospital facilities.

Requires the University of Washington to include the following in its report to the capital projects advisory review board: A description of participation by women and minority-owned businesses as contractors or subcontractors in projects using an alternative process.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct an evaluation of the alternative process.

Eliminates the termination and repeal, under the sunset act, of the alternative process for awarding contracts.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6618 by Senators Rivers and Litzow

Enacting the voter fraud protection act.

Establishes the voter fraud protection act.

Revises declarations of candidacy provisions with regard to filing timelines for an incumbent officeholder who: (1) Has filed for reelection and later withdraws his or her candidacy; and

(2) Chooses to file for the office being vacated.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Accountability & Reform.

Feb 3 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Accountability & Reform at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 6619 by Senators Chase and Keiser

Preventing guardians from isolating incapacitated persons.

Requires any action by a guardian or limited guardian to prevent or limit contact between an incapacitated person and another to be made by motion to the court having jurisdiction over the guardianship.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 6620 by Senators McAuliffe, Dammeier, Rolfes, Litzow, Billig, Keiser, and Conway

Concerning a statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods for school safety.

Requires the state institute for public policy to complete an evaluation of how this state and other states have addressed the funding of school safety and security programs and submit a report to the appropriate legislative committees, the governor, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the school safety advisory committee to hold annual school safety summits that focus on establishing and monitoring the progress of a statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods for school safety that meet local needs.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6621 by Senators Fraser, Jayapal, Keiser, Darneille, and McCoy

Providing for a task force on policing and the use of deadly force.

Requires the state institute for public policy to convene a task force on policing and the use of deadly force.

Requires the task force to review: (1) Laws, practices, and training programs regarding the use of deadly force in this state and all other states;

(2) The civil rights issues associated with the use of deadly force;

(3) Any disproportionate impacts on minority communities from the use of deadly force;

(4) Other issues that arise for police and prosecutors; and

(5) Research literature on policies or interventions that include de-escalation tactics and reduce the use of lethal force.

Expires December 31, 2016.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 6622 by Senators Fraser, Parlette, Nelson, Cleveland, Keiser, Hasegawa, Jayapal, McCoy, and Conway

Prohibiting the assignment of retirement benefits.

Prohibits the assignment of retirement benefits.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8014-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa, Miloscia, Chase, Darneille, Jayapal, Cleveland, Kohl-Welles, Pedersen, Hargrove, Keiser, McCoy, Dammeier, King, and Rolfes)

Requesting that state route number 99 be named the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requests that state route number 99 be named the William P. Stewart Memorial Highway.

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Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Jan 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SJM 8022 by Senator Chase

Concerning service standards of the United States Postal Service.

Urges congress to restore the service standards of the United States Postal Service.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.