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House Bills

HB 1726 by Representative Hunt

Funding the Sandman Foundation.

Amends RCW 88.02.052 and 88.02.053 relating to the maritime historic restoration and preservation activities of the Sandman Foundation.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1727 by Representatives Curtis, Wallace, Skinner, Springer, Bailey, Walsh, Tom and Santos

Changing dropout reporting requirements.

Revises dropout reporting requirements.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1728 by Representatives Morrell, Hinkle, Linville, Williams, Moeller, Darneille, McCoy, Miloscia, Schual-Berke and Santos

Directing the department of social and health services to conduct a long-term care capacity study.

Provides that, no later than December 1, 2005, the department of social and health services shall determine and inform the legislature of: (1) The number of licensed nursing home beds and the average occupancy rate of each licensed nursing home in the state of Washington between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005;

(2) The number of licensed boarding home beds and the average occupancy rate of each licensed boarding home in the state of Washington between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005;

(3) The number of licensed adult family home beds and the average occupancy rate of licensed adult family homes in the state of Washington between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005; and

(4) The number of individuals receiving home and community services in the state of Washington by service area between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005.

Requires that, upon determining the licensed bed capacity and average occupancy rates for residential care facilities in the state of Washington, the department shall assess and analyze each planning area's bed capacity, occupancy rates, and projected future need of residential care facilities, and the impact of future construction of residential care facilities on current providers.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 1729 by Representatives Fromhold, Bailey, Linville and Moeller

Adjusting the medicaid reimbursement system.

Revises the medicaid reimbursement system.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 1730 by Representatives Buck and B. Sullivan

Preventing and controlling aquatic invasive species and algae.

Finds that aquatic invasive species and freshwater aquatic algae are causing economic, environmental, and public health problems that affect the citizens and aquatic resources of our state. Many highly destructive species, such as the zebra mussel, are currently not found in Washington's waters and efforts should be made to prevent the introduction or spread of these aquatic invasive species into our state waters. Preventing new introductions is significantly less expensive and causes far less ecological damage than trying to control new infestations.

Finds that freshwater algae, particularly blue-green algae, are also seriously degrading the water quality and recreational value of a number of our lakes. Blue-green algae can produce toxins that inhibit recreational uses and pose a threat to humans and pets.

Declares an intent to clarify the roles of the different state agencies involved in these issues in order to address the threat of aquatic invasive species and the problem caused by aquatic freshwater algae, and to provide a dedicated fund source to prevent and control further impacts.

Creates the aquatic invasive species prevention account in the state treasury.

Declares that funds in the aquatic invasive species prevention account may be appropriated to the department to develop an aquatic invasive species prevention program for recreational watercraft. Funds must be expended as follows: (1) To inspect watercraft, watercraft trailers, and outboard motors at selected boat launching sites;

(2) To educate general law enforcement officers on how to enforce state laws relating to preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species;

(3) To evaluate and survey the risk posed by marine recreational watercraft in spreading aquatic invasive species into Washington state waters;

(4) To evaluate the risk posed by float planes in spreading aquatic invasive species into Washington state waters; and

(5) To implement an aquatic invasive species early detection and rapid response plan.

Requires the department to submit a biennial report to the appropriate legislative committees describing the actions taken to implement this section along with suggestions on how to better fulfill the intent of this act. The first report is due December 1, 2007.

Creates the freshwater aquatic algae control account in the state treasury.

Provides that funds in the freshwater aquatic algae control account may be appropriated to the department to develop a freshwater aquatic algae control program. Funds must be expended as follows: (1) As grants to cities, counties, tribes, special purpose districts, and state agencies to manage excessive freshwater algae; and

(2) To provide technical assistance to applicants and the public about aquatic algae control.

Requires the department to submit a biennial report to the appropriate legislative committees describing the actions taken to implement this act along with suggestions on how to better fulfill the intent of this act. The first report is due December 1, 2007.

Creates the aquatic invasive species enforcement account in the state treasury.

Provides that funds in the aquatic invasive species enforcement account may be appropriated to the Washington state patrol to develop an aquatic invasive species enforcement program for recreational watercraft. Funds must be expended as follows: (1) To inspect recreational watercraft that are required to stop at port of entry weigh stations managed by the Washington state patrol. The watercraft must be inspected for the presence of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species; and

(2) To establish random check stations, in conjunction with the department of fish and wildlife, to inspect watercraft in areas of high boating activity.

Requires the Washington state patrol to submit a biennial report to the appropriate legislative committees describing the actions taken to implement this act along with suggestions on how to better fulfill the intent of this act. The first report is due December 1, 2007.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 1731 by Representatives Hunt, Campbell, Wood, Nixon, Clibborn, Jarrett, McDermott, Blake, Williams, Pettigrew, Dickerson, Dunshee, Lovick, Upthegrove, Moeller, Darneille, Kenney, McCoy, Chase, Ormsby, Simpson, Miloscia and Schual-Berke

Requiring the removal of mercury components from end-of-life motor vehicles.

Declares an intent to reduce the quantity of mercury released into the environment by: (1) Removing mercury containing light switches and antilock brake sensors from end-of-life vehicles in the state of Washington; and

(2) Creating a collection and recovery program for mercury-added components removed from vehicles in the state of Washington.

Requires manufacturers to, individually or as part of a group, submit to the department for review and approval a plan to remove, collect, and recover mercury-added components before crushing or shredding motor vehicles. Manufacturers are responsible for ensuring that mercury-added components are properly removed, collected, and recovered from end-of-life vehicles.

Requires every effort to be made by vehicle manufacturers to ensure that mercury-added components are removed from vehicles before they are crushed or shredded.

Requires every manufacturer of motor vehicles sold in this state to, individually or as part of a group, submit a plan to the department, within ninety days of the effective date of this act, describing a program meeting the requirements established in this act.

Provides that a manufacturer subject to this act shall, individually or as part of a group, annually report to the department concerning the performance of the manufacturer's plan. The report must include, but is not limited to: (1) A detailed description and documentation of the capture rate achieved and how and where the mercury was recycled or otherwise appropriately managed;

(2) A plan to implement additional or alternative actions, if necessary, to improve the capture rate.

Declares that a violation of this act is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars per violation per day. Penalties collected under this provision must be deposited in the state toxics control account created in RCW 70.105D.070. The civil penalties are in addition to any other penalties authorized under other state or local laws governing the use of mercury in motor vehicles.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 1732 by Representatives Conway, McCoy, Wood, Chase, Campbell and Santos

Allowing additional industrial insurance benefits when social security benefits are reduced.

Provides that, in cases where a reduction in the federal social security disability benefit entitlement is made retroactively for periods of temporary total or temporary partial disability for which the department also reduced benefit amounts in accordance with this act, changes in the department's calculations, when appropriate, shall be made and additional benefits shall be paid to the worker.

Provides that such additional benefits require a request from the worker and documentation of an overpayment assessment by the social security administration and are paid without interest and without regard to whether the worker's claim with the department is closed.

Applies to all requests for such adjustments which are received, or for which final and binding determinations in response to requests have not been made, by the effective date of this act.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1733 by Representatives Sells, Dunn, Campbell, Kenney, Fromhold, Appleton, Ormsby, Ericks, Hasegawa, Williams, Moeller, Darneille, McCoy, Chase, Simpson, Miloscia, Schual-Berke, Quall, McCune and Santos

Requiring pay equity for community and technical college part-time faculty.

Finds that Washington's community and technical college system is among the most successful in the nation, enrolling more than sixty percent of postsecondary students and geographically dispersed across the state to offer maximum opportunity for residents to pursue basic skills, academic transfer, work force training, and personal enrichment.

Finds that part-time and adjunct faculty play a significant role in the success of the colleges, teaching nearly half of the overall instructional workload.

Recognizes that in 1996, the legislature directed the state board for community and technical colleges to conduct a best practices audit on compensation practices and working conditions for part-time faculty. The best practices task force developed a ten-year plan to improve the salaries, benefits, working conditions, and ratios of part-time to full-time faculty in the college system. Among the goals of the plan was to reach, at the end of ten years, a level of pay equity for part-time faculty. Although state investments have been made in the intervening years, the goal has not been met.

Declares that, as the ten-year anniversary of the best practices task force approaches, the legislature reaffirms its commitment to part-time faculty at community and technical colleges and to the goals of the best practices task force.

Requires that, in the 2005-07 biennial appropriations act and thereafter, the legislature shall appropriate sufficient funds for allocation to the community and technical colleges for the colleges to implement and maintain pay equity for part-time faculty as described in the final recommendations

of the best practices task force convened under RCW 28B.50.4892.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1734 by Representatives McIntire and Chase; by request of Department of Revenue

Improving consistency among tax incentives enacted during the 2003-2005 biennium.

Encourages consistency among tax incentives enacted during the 2003-2005 biennium.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1735 by Representatives Hunt, Buck, Williams, Linville, Kenney, Walsh, Wallace, B. Sullivan, Dickerson, McCoy, Chase, Simpson and Roach

Exempting limited water storage facilities from permit requirements.

Declares that RCW 90.03.250 and 90.03.370 do not apply to rain barrels, cisterns, and other similar facilities for capturing runoff from roofs, paved areas, and other hard surfaces on a single residential, commercial, or industrial property or public facility when the: (1) Total amount of water storage does not exceed ten thousand gallons; and

(2) Water is intended to be put to beneficial use on the property where the rainwater is collected.

Directs the department to consult with local building permit agencies to monitor the installation of very large capacity rainwater collection systems for any cumulative effect that the systems have on ground water recharge rates and potential impacts upon other well users from the same ground water source.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 1736 by Representatives Simpson, O'Brien, Schindler, Cody, Woods and Chase

Regarding ambulance services operated by cities and towns.

Provides that the legislative authority of any city or town may establish an ambulance service as defined by RCW 18.73.030. However, the legislative authority of the city or town shall not provide for the establishment of an ambulance service that would compete with any existing private ambulance service, unless the legislative authority of the city or town determines that the city or town, or a substantial portion of the city or town, is not adequately served by an existing private ambulance service, and the existing private ambulance service cannot be encouraged to expand its service by contract entered into between the parties.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1737 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Cody, Clibborn, Fromhold, Bailey, Woods, Moeller, Darneille and Haler

Establishing the joint public health financing committee.

Establishes the joint public health financing committee.

Provides that the committee shall: (1) Analyze the costs and benefits to state government, to private businesses, and to state residents from fully implementing the standards for public health contained in the 2004 public health improvement plan;

(2) Recommend strategies and a schedule for improving public health programs throughout the state according to that plan, including the timing of increased funding for public health services linked to not more than a six-year schedule for full implementation of recommended improvements;

(3) Recommend a source and level of dedicated funding the legislature should provide for public health services. The recommendation shall include methods to ensure that such funding does not supplant existing federal, state, and local funds received by any element of the public health system; and

(4) Conduct a review of the public health improvement plan as presently authorized in state law and recommend how its needed functions might most efficiently be integrated in the regular functioning of the public health system, and make recommendations about the need to continue requiring a public health improvement plan.

Directs the committee to complete an interim report to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2005, and a final report by December 1, 2006.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 1738 by Representatives Cody, Bailey, Schual-Berke, Fromhold, Woods, Upthegrove, Williams, Darneille, Kenney, Hunt, Campbell, Simpson, Tom, Hasegawa, Haler and Santos

Establishing an early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program.

Declares an intent to establish an early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program as a voluntary screening program directed at reducing mortalities through early detection to be offered to eligible women only as funds are available.

Requires the department to establish a medical advisory committee composed of interested medical professionals and consumer liaisons with expertise in a variety of areas relevant to breast and cervical health to provide expert medical advice and guidance. The medical advisory committee shall address national, state, and local concerns regarding best practices in the field of early prevention and detection for breast and cervical cancer and assist the early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program in implementing program policy that follows the best practices of high quality health care for clinical, diagnostic, pathologic, radiological, and oncology services.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 1739 by Representative Ericksen

Modifying snowmobile registration.

Revises snowmobile registration provisions.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 1740 by Representatives Clibborn, Haler, Appleton, Ericks, Simpson, Sells and Quall

Clarifying the economic development powers of cities, towns, and counties.

Clarifies the economic development powers of cities, towns, and counties.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1741 by Representatives Grant, Condotta and Crouse

Authorizing industrial insurance final settlement agreements.

Provides that the parties to a claim may enter into a final settlement agreement at any time as provided in this act with respect to one or more claims under Title 51 RCW. All final settlement agreements must be approved by the board of industrial insurance appeals. The final settlement agreement may: (1) Bind the parties with regard to any or all aspects of a claim, including but not limited to allowance or rejection of a claim, monetary payment, provision of medical treatment, vocational services, claim closure, and claim reopening under RCW 51.32.160; and

(2) Not subject any employer who is not a signatory to the agreement to any responsibility or burden under any claim.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1742 by Representatives Clibborn, Haler, Appleton, Ericks, Simpson, Kristiansen, Linville, Schindler and Quall

Providing tax incentives for certain multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers.

Amends RCW 84.14.010 to provide tax incentives for certain multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 1743 by Representatives Santos, Roach, P. Sullivan, McCoy, Simpson, Hasegawa and McCune

Modifying senior citizen property tax provisions.

Revises senior citizen property tax provisions.

Provides that the valuation of a residence determined under RCW 84.36.381(7) shall apply for the levies of all taxing districts, unless the legislative authority of a county adopts an ordinance or resolution providing that valuations under RCW 84.36.381(7) do not apply within the county. If such an ordinance or resolution is adopted, valuations under RCW 84.36.381(7) shall not apply to the levy of any taxing district upon property within the county, except the levy by the state. If the ordinance or resolution is repealed, valuation of a residence determined under RCW

84.36.381(7) shall apply for the levies of all taxing districts upon property within the county.

Provides that the levy for a taxing district in any year shall be reduced as necessary to prevent exemptions under RCW 84.36.381(7) from resulting in a higher tax rate than would have occurred in the absence of the exemptions under RCW 84.36.381(7).

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1744 by Representatives Santos, Nixon, P. Sullivan, Appleton, Darneille, Hunt, Ormsby, McCoy, Simpson, Miloscia, Hasegawa, Schual-Berke and Springer

Providing property tax relief.

Finds and declares that it is in the public interest of the people of the state of Washington to encourage home ownership. To achieve this purpose, this act provides a property tax homestead exemption to help offset the tax impact of rising property values, and thus make home ownership more affordable to low-income and middle-income households.

Declares that it is the clear and unambiguous intent of the legislature that such property as described within this measure be exempt from taxation, as authorized by Article VII, section 1 of the Washington state Constitution.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1745 by Representative Santos

Providing a financing mechanism to promote economic development.

Provides a financing mechanism to promote economic development.

Declares that bonds issued under RCW 39.89.080 shall be authorized by ordinance of the local governing body and may be issued in one or more series and shall bear such date or dates, be payable upon demand or mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or rates, be in such denomination or denominations, be in such form either coupon or registered as provided in RCW 39.46.030, carry such conversion or registration privileges, have such rank or priority, be executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such place or places, and be subject to such terms of redemption with or without premium, be secured in such manner, and have such other characteristics, as may be provided by such ordinance or trust indenture or mortgage issued pursuant thereto.

Authorizes the local government to annually pay into a fund to be established for the benefit of bonds issued under this section a fixed proportion or a fixed amount of any tax allocation revenues derived from property or business activity within the increment area containing the public improvements funded by the bonds, such payment to continue until all bonds payable from the fund are paid in full.

Provides that, in case any of the public officials of the local government whose signatures appear on any bonds or any coupons issued under chapter 39.89 RCW shall cease to be such officials before the delivery of such bonds, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officials had remained in office until such delivery. Any provision of any law to the contrary

notwithstanding, any bonds issued under this chapter are fully negotiable.

Declares that a local government that issues bonds under RCW 39.89.080 to finance public improvements may pledge for the payment of such bonds all or part of any tax allocation revenues derived from the public improvements.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 1746 by Representatives Holmquist, O'Brien, Hinkle, Lantz, Woods, Ahern, Cox, Simpson, Sump, Kagi, McDonald, Haler, Newhouse, McCune, Kretz, Serben, Clements, Condotta, Roach, Pearson, Kirby, Bailey, Strow, Williams, Moeller, Kenney and Kristiansen

Requiring arson offenders to register with the county sheriff.

Declares an intent to: (1) Assist local law enforcement agencies to increase public safety by providing them with another tool for them to use in arson investigations;

(2) Require arson offenders to register with local law enforcement agencies in a regulatory, rather than punitive, manner; and

(3) Limit the disclosure of arson offender registration information only to the extent necessary to increase public safety.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 1747 by Representatives Wood, Rodne, Priest, Clements, Lantz, Williams, Darneille and Ormsby

Administering the state-funded civil representation of indigent persons.

Finds that the provision of civil legal aid services to indigent persons is an important component of the state's responsibility to provide for the proper and effective administration of civil and criminal justice.

Finds that state-funded legal aid services should be administered by an independent office of civil legal aid located within the judicial branch and subject to formal continuing oversight that includes bipartisan legislative representation.

Creates a civil legal aid oversight committee.

Creates an office of civil legal aid as an independent agency of the judicial branch.

Repeals RCW 43.08.270.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1748 by Representatives Green, Nixon, Shabro, McDermott, Haigh, Upthegrove, Moeller and Holmquist; by request of Secretary of State

Requiring the state to assume a share of primary and general election costs.

Requires the state to assume a share of primary and general election costs.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 1749 by Representatives Green, Nixon, Hunt, Shabro, McDermott, Haigh, Moeller, Campbell, Simpson, Sells, Schual-Berke and Linville; by request of Secretary of State

Strengthening review and correction of county election procedures.

Requires the county auditor or the county canvassing board to respond to the review report in writing, listing the steps that will be taken to correct any problems listed in the report. The secretary of state shall visit the county before the next state primary or general election to verify that the county has taken the steps they listed to correct the problems noted in the report.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 1750 by Representatives Green, Shabro, Kessler, Haigh, Moeller, Simpson and Linville; by request of Secretary of State

Modifying primary election law.

Revises primary election law.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 1751 by Representatives Shabro, Haigh, Darneille, Schual-Berke and Linville; by request of Secretary of State

Requiring absentee ballots to reach the auditor by election day.

Provides that an absentee ballot may be counted only if the ballot is delivered to the office of the county auditor, a poll site, or a county-designated place of deposit before the close of the polls on the day of the primary or election for which it was issued.

Requires the county auditor to notify, by first class mail, any voter casting an absentee ballot whose ballot was not counted because it was not returned within the time requirements as provided for an absentee ballot under RCW 29A.40.110. Such notice shall be made as soon as possible after the county certifies its election results, but in no case less than twenty days before the next primary or election.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 1752 by Representatives Green, Nixon, Shabro, Haigh, Upthegrove, Moeller, Campbell, Simpson, Sells, Schual-Berke and Linville; by request of Secretary of State

Improving procedures for ballot processing and canvassing.

Provides for standards that require provisional ballots to be distinguishable from the other ballots and incapable of being tabulated by the poll-site ballot counting device.

Declares that a voter's signature on an absentee or provisional ballot is considered a match if at least three of the following criteria are met: (1) The capital letters match;

(2) Letters tail off alike;

(3) Letter spacing is the same;

(4) The space between the signature and the line is the same;

(5) The beginning and ending of the signature and the slant are consistent;

(6) Unique letters in the signature match;

(7) The overall appearances match.

Provides that, in determining whether a signature on an absentee or provisional ballot matches the signature on the registration file, the age of the voter and the date of the signature on the registration file may also be considered.

Provides that if the voter neglects to sign the outside envelope of an absentee or provisional ballot, the auditor shall notify the voter, either by telephone or by first class mail, and advise the voter of the correct procedures for completing the unsigned affidavit. In order for the ballot to be counted, the voter must either: (1) Appear in person and sign the envelope no later than the day before the certification of the primary or election; or

(2) Sign a copy of the envelope provided by the auditor, and return it to the auditor no later than the day before the certification of the primary or election.

Provides that each poll site ballot that was not tabulated at the poll site, each mail ballot, and each provisional ballot must be manually inspected. Inspection must include both sides of the ballot and each voter response on the ballot.

Provides that only the canvassing board has authority to reject a ballot, or a vote for an office or issue on a ballot, as invalid. The canvassing board may not delegate this authority.

Provides that, as soon as the returns have been received from all the counties of the state, but not later than the thirtieth day after the election, the secretary of state shall canvass and certify the returns of the general election as to candidates for state offices, the United States senate, congress, and all other candidates whose districts extend beyond the limits of a single county. The secretary of state shall transmit a copy of the certification to the governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 1753 by Representatives Green, Nixon, Shabro, McDermott, Haigh, Hunt, Upthegrove, Moeller, Simpson, Sells and Linville; by request of Secretary of State

Enhancing voter registration recordkeeping.

Enhances voter registration recordkeeping.

Repeals RCW 29A.08.155.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 1754 by Representatives Hunt, Nixon, McDermott, Haigh, Upthegrove, Moeller, Kenney, Chase, Simpson, Miloscia, Sells and Linville; by request of Secretary of State

Authorizing county-wide mail ballot elections.

Provides that, with express authorization from the county legislative authority, the county auditor may conduct all primary, special, and general elections entirely by mail ballot. The county legislative authority must give the county auditor at least ninety days' notice before the first election to be conducted entirely by mail ballot. If the county legislative authority and the county auditor decide to return to a polling place election environment, the county legislative authority must give the county auditor at least one hundred eighty days' notice before the first election to be conducted using polling places. Authorization under this act must apply to all primary, special, and general elections conducted by the county auditor.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 1755 by Representatives Green, Shabro, Hunt, McDermott, Haigh, Moeller, Simpson, Schual-Berke and Linville; by request of Secretary of State

Modifying provisions on voters' pamphlets.

Revises provisions on voters' pamphlets.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 1756 by Representatives P. Sullivan, B. Sullivan, Miloscia, Simpson, Nixon, Curtis, Conway and Wood

Establishing objectives for certain fire department services.

Requires every fire department to include service delivery objectives in the written statement or policy required under this act. These objectives shall include specific response time objectives for the following major service components, if appropriate: (1) Fire suppression;

(2) Emergency management services;

(3) Special operations;

(4) Aircraft rescue and fire fighting;

(5) Marine rescue and fire fighting; and

(6) Wild land fire fighting.

Requires every fire department, in order to measure the ability to arrive and begin mitigation operations before the critical events of brain death or flash-over, to establish time objectives for the following measurements: (1) Turnout time;

(2) Response time for the arrival of the first arriving engine company at a fire suppression incident and response time for the deployment of a full first alarm assignment at a fire suppression incident;

(3) Response time for the arrival of a unit with first responder or higher level capability at an emergency medical incident; and

(4) Response time for the arrival of an advanced life support unit at an emergency medical incident, where this service is provided by the fire department.

Directs every fire department to evaluate its level of service and deployment delivery and response time objectives on an annual basis. The evaluations shall be based on data relating to level of service, deployment, and the achievement of each response time objective in each geographic area within the jurisdiction of the fire department.

Provides that, beginning in 2007, every fire department shall issue an annual written report which shall be based on the annual evaluations required by this act.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4010 by Representatives Linville, Jarrett, Quall, Williams, Darneille, Kenney, Chase, Ormsby, Simpson, Miloscia, Sells and Schual-Berke; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Petitioning the President and Congress to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Petitions the President and Congress to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Education.

HJM 4011 by Representatives Hudgins, Clibborn, Dickerson, Wallace, Conway, Morrell, Green, Kenney, Chase, Ormsby, Simpson, Hasegawa, Sells, Schual-Berke and Santos

Requesting the continued publication of women worker information.

Requests the continued publication of women worker information.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR 4405 by Representatives Hudgins, Conway, Clibborn, Wallace, Green, Appleton, Kenney, McCoy, Chase, Ormsby, Campbell, Simpson, Hasegawa, Sells, Wood and Santos

Creating a task force to study offshore outsourcing.

Creates a task force to study offshore outsourcing.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

Senate Bills

SB 5112-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Schmidt, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, Kline, Sheldon, Keiser, Doumit, Berkey, Kastama, Haugen, McAuliffe, Franklin, Johnson, Kohl-Welles, Benson and Oke)

Providing public employment retirement credits and education fee waivers for veterans of the Afghanistan conflict and the Persian Gulf War II.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides public employment retirement credits and education fee waivers for veterans of the Afghanistan conflict and the Persian Gulf War II.

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

Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5710 by Senators Poulsen, Swecker, Brown, Rockefeller, Regala, Pridemore, Kline, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

Requiring the removal of mercury components from end-of-life motor vehicles.

Declares an intent to reduce the quantity of mercury released into the environment by: (1) Removing mercury containing light switches and antilock brake sensors from end-of-life vehicles in the state of Washington; and

(2) Creating a collection and recovery program for mercury-added components removed from vehicles in the state of Washington.

Requires manufacturers to, individually or as part of a group, submit to the department for review and approval a plan to remove, collect, and recover mercury-added components before crushing or shredding motor vehicles. Manufacturers are responsible for ensuring that mercury-added components are properly removed, collected, and recovered from end-of-life vehicles.

Requires every effort to be made by vehicle manufacturers to ensure that mercury-added components are removed from vehicles before they are crushed or shredded.

Requires every manufacturer of motor vehicles sold in this state to, individually or as part of a group, submit a plan to the department, within ninety days of the effective date of this act, describing a program meeting the requirements established in this act.

Provides that a manufacturer subject to this act shall, individually or as part of a group, annually report to the department concerning the performance of the manufacturer's plan. The report must include, but is not limited to: (1) A detailed description and documentation of the capture rate achieved and how and where the mercury was recycled or otherwise appropriately managed;

(2) A plan to implement additional or alternative actions, if necessary, to improve the capture rate.

Declares that a violation of this act is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars per violation per day. Penalties collected under this provision must be deposited in the state toxics control account created

in RCW 70.105D.070. The civil penalties are in addition to any other penalties authorized under other state or local laws governing the use of mercury in motor vehicles.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 5711 by Senators Hewitt, Honeyford, McCaslin, Delvin and Mulliken

Prohibiting labor organizations from using union dues for political purposes.

Provides that a labor organization that is an exclusive bargaining representative of a bargaining unit of employees covered under chapter 28B.52 RCW, chapter 41.56 RCW, chapter 41.59 RCW, chapter 41.76 RCW, chapter 41.80 RCW, or chapter 47.64 RCW, receiving dues deducted pursuant to an agency shop or other union security provision in the collective bargaining agreement covering those employees, must deposit all funds received in one or more identifiable deposit accounts maintained as required in this act.

Declares that funds from this account may be expended for any lawful purpose, but may not be expended to make contributions to political committees or for use as political contributions, or to operate a political committee or conduct grassroots activities beyond communicating to its own membership, except on the written request of the employee as provided in RCW 42.17.680.

Requires a labor organization or employee organization to notify bargaining unit employees of the intended use of funds expended from deposit accounts subject to this act.

Provides that a person or entity who violates any provision of this act is liable to the person from whose wages or salary the funds were deducted for three times the amount deducted or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater, and for costs and such reasonable attorneys' fees as may be allowed by the court.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5712 by Senators Kline, Johnson and Rasmussen; by request of Board for Judicial Administration

Reorganizing the administration of the local and district courts.

Reorganizes the administration of the local and district courts.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5713 by Senators Regala, Franklin and Kohl-Welles

Assisting tenants in multiple-unit housing proposed for rehabilitation.

Amends RCW 84.14.030 to provide that, if the property proposed to be rehabilitated is not vacant, an applicant shall provide each existing tenant housing of comparable size, quality, and price and a reasonable opportunity to relocate.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 5714 by Senators Keiser, Deccio, Kastama, Parlette, Thibaudeau, McAuliffe, Brown, Rasmussen, Rockefeller and Kohl-Welles

Establishing an early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program.

Declares an intent to establish an early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program as a voluntary screening program directed at reducing mortalities through early detection to be offered to eligible women only as funds are available.

Requires the department to establish a medical advisory committee composed of interested medical professionals and consumer liaisons with expertise in a variety of areas relevant to breast and cervical health to provide expert medical advice and guidance. The medical advisory committee shall address national, state, and local concerns regarding best practices in the field of early prevention and detection for breast and cervical cancer and assist the early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program in implementing program policy that follows the best practices of high quality health care for clinical, diagnostic, pathologic, radiological, and oncology services.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5715 by Senators Keiser, Deccio, Parlette, Thibaudeau, Kastama and Kohl-Welles

Establishing the joint public health financing committee.

Establishes the joint public health financing committee.

Provides that the committee shall: (1) Analyze the costs and benefits to state government, to private businesses, and to state residents from fully implementing the standards for public health contained in the 2004 public health improvement plan;

(2) Recommend strategies and a schedule for improving public health programs throughout the state according to that plan, including the timing of increased funding for public health services linked to not more than a six-year schedule for full implementation of recommended improvements;

(3) Recommend a source and level of dedicated funding the legislature should provide for public health services. The recommendation shall include methods to ensure that such funding does not supplant existing federal, state, and local funds received by any element of the public health system; and

(4) Conduct a review of the public health improvement plan as presently authorized in state law and recommend how its needed functions might most efficiently be integrated in the regular functioning of the public health system, and make recommendations about the need to continue requiring a public health improvement plan.

Directs the committee to complete an interim report to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2005, and a final report by December 1, 2006.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5716 by Senators McAuliffe and Rasmussen

Providing a sales and use tax exemption for livestock and poultry feed.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for livestock and poultry feed.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5717 by Senators Rockefeller, Benton, Fairley, Oke, Keiser, Zarelli, Shin, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

Providing a funding formula for skill centers.

Finds that skill centers provide students with high quality educational opportunities through programs that combine academics with career and technical education.

Finds that skill centers provide extremely valuable support to local businesses seeking skilled entry-level employees and to communities attempting to enhance local economic development opportunities.

Finds that the funding formula used for skill center students needs to be revised to ensure that a student who is taking classes at a skill center and high school simultaneously generates full funding for the instruction that each provides to the student.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 5718 by Senators Hargrove, Kline, Shin, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

Providing financial assistance for victims of domestic violence seeking protection orders.

Declares an intent that when courts issue protection orders for victims of domestic violence, victims receive information on and access to temporary, short-term financial assistance to assist victims with the immediate, necessary financial means to further safety of victims and their dependents.

Declares that, in order to provide some victims of domestic violence who have sought orders of protection with financial resources when domestic violence perpetrators control the victim's access to money and other resources, the department shall administer a diversion assistance program for qualified domestic violence victims.

Declares that the maximum amount of allowable assistance provided to a petitioner under this act shall be the same as that established for other categories of recipients of the diversion assistance program.

Requires diversion assistance to include a cash payment, based on alleged need, to enable the petitioner to obtain emergency relief including, but not limited to: (1) Housing;

- (2) Food;
- (3) Child care;
- (4) Medical costs;
- (5) Transportation-related expenses;

(6) Attorneys' fees reasonably related to the domestic violence; and

(7) Employment-related expenses which are necessary to keep or obtain paid employment.

Directs the department of social and health services to collect data on the domestic violence recipients of the diversion assistance program. The department shall analyze the data collected and present a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 2007.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5719 by Senator Hargrove

Extending the community commitment disposition alternative pilot program.

Declares that any county or group of cooperating counties may establish a program to implement the community commitment disposition alternative under this act. Any program shall be limited to ten beds. If a county does not have a program but is a member of a group of cooperating counties that has established a program to implement the community commitment disposition alternative under this act, a court in that county may impose a community commitment disposition alternative as provided in this act.

Requires each county or group of cooperating counties establishing a program to implement the community commitment disposition alternative under this act to provide an interim report on a program to the Washington association of juvenile court administrators by November 1, 2006, and a final report by May 1, 2007. Each report shall include, but is not limited to, the number of offenders eligible for the program, the number of offenders sentenced to the program, evaluation and treatment costs for each participant, administrative costs, costs of detention, supervision, and other related costs, and whether an offender has reoffended after participation in the program.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5720 by Senators Keiser, Franklin and McAuliffe

Eliminating employee noncompetition agreements in the broadcasting industry.

Declares that an employee noncompetition agreement entered into by an employer in the broadcasting industry after December 31, 2005, is against public policy and is void and unenforceable.

Provides that an employer enforcing or attempting to enforce an employee noncompetition agreement in violation of this act is liable for economic damages suffered by an employee as a result of the violation, and for reasonable attorney fees and court costs related to the violation.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5721 by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles and Regala

Regulating advertising of travel services.

Provides that no person or entity may publish, in this state, any advertisement which offers travel services or travel-related benefits unless the person submitting the advertisement for publication is registered under chapter 19.138 RCW.

Provides that any publisher who publishes, in good faith and without knowledge that the person submitting the advertisement is not registered under this chapter, an advertisement which offers travel services or travel-related benefits is not liable for any damages as a result of the advertisement's publication.

Declares that, for purposes of this act, "publisher" means any person or entity that prints or distributes any newspaper, magazine, billboard, or other advertising medium.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5722 by Senators Keiser, Thibaudeau, McAuliffe, Kline, Franklin, Prentice, Kastama, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

Concerning small employers and the basic health plan.

Provides that the administrator shall accept applications for group coverage from small employers who meet the requirements of this act on behalf of themselves and their employees, spouses, and dependent children who reside in an area served by the plan.

Declares that small employer group coverage through the basic health plan is not conditioned upon the small employer group enrollees meeting the eligibility requirements for subsidized enrollees provided in RCW 70.47.020(6). The administrator shall not require employers to report total household income of their employees as a condition of receiving group coverage through the basic health plan.

Authorizes the administrator to require all or a substantial majority of employees of small employers to enroll in the plan and establish those procedures necessary to facilitate the orderly enrollment of groups in the plan. The administrator may also devise policies and procedures to assist small employer group enrollees who meet the eligibility requirements for subsidized enrollees provided in RCW 70.47.020(6) to seek enrollment as a subsidized enrollee.

Provides that small employer group enrollees are eligible for coverage through the basic health plan subsidized enrollee pool, even though employees in the group may not be subsidized enrollees as defined in RCW 70.47.020(6).

Provides that premiums due from small employers participating in the plan under the terms of this act shall be in an amount equal to the cost charged by the managed health care system to the state for the plan plus the administrative cost of providing the plan to the small employer less the amount of subsidy paid by the plan for employees enrolled as subsidized enrollees.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5723 by Senators Delvin, Rasmussen, Schoesler, Mulliken and Rockefeller

Extending an asparagus exception to the standards for fruits and vegetables.

Extends an asparagus exception to the standards for fruits and vegetables to December 31, 2007.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5724 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Benson, Franklin, Benton, Keiser, Esser, Pridemore, Kline, Roach, Regala and McAuliffe

Requiring collective bargaining regarding hours of work for individual providers.

Requires collective bargaining regarding hours of work for individual providers.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5725 by Senators Fraser, Schmidt, Rockefeller, Schoesler, Doumit, Hewitt, Eide, Brandland, Parlette, McAuliffe, Esser, Rasmussen, Mulliken and Kohl-Welles

Providing for an emergency school repair account.

Creates the Washington emergency school repair grant program to help school districts pay for nonrecurring costs associated with urgent safety and health facilities repairs and renovations that are necessary to address one or more of the following: (1) Health and safety risks;

- (2) Fire and building code deficiencies;
- (3) Access for disabled students; and
- (4) Asbestos abatement or removal.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 5726 by Senators Carrell, Hargrove, Rasmussen and Mulliken

Changing provisions relating to bail bond recovery agents.

Provides that during an actual planned forced entry, a bail bond recovery agent may wear either: (1) A shirt, vest, or other garment with the words "BAIL BOND RECOVERY AGENT" displayed in at least one-inch-high reflective print letters across the front and back of the garment and in a contrasting color to that of the garment; or

(2) A shirt, vest, or other garment with the words "BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENT" displayed in at least one-inch-high reflective print letters across the front and back of the garment and in a contrasting color to that of the garment.

Provides that, during the actual planned forced entry, a bail bond recovery agent may display a badge approved by the department with the words "BAIL BOND RECOVERY AGENT" prominently displayed.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5727 by Senators Carrell, Roach, Stevens, Esser, Mulliken, Zarelli, Schoesler and Benson

Ensuring that only legally registered voters can vote.

Provides that, in order to vote at any election or primary, whether at a polling place or by absentee or mail ballot, a person must have registered to vote at least thirty days before the election or primary, regardless of the person's status as an absentee, mail ballot, out-of-state, overseas, or service voter.

Declares that a person may prove that he or she is a United States citizen with an original or copy of any one of the following: (1) A United States passport;

(2) A certified birth certificate issued by the city, county, or state. A certified birth certificate has a registrar's raised, embossed, impressed, or multicolored seal, registrar's signature, and the date the certificate was filed with the registrar's office, which must be within one year of birth;

(3) A consular report of birth abroad or certification of birth;

(4) A naturalization certificate; or

(5) A certificate of citizenship.

Provides that, in addition to any legal obligations of local election officers, the secretary of state in conjunction with the department of health shall arrange for a monthly comparison of any lists of known deaths maintained by the department of health with the statewide voter registration list. If a person is found on the department of health death list and the statewide voter registration list, the secretary of state or county auditor shall immediately cancel the voter registration from the official state voter registration list.

Provides that, in addition to any legal obligations of local election officers, the secretary of state in conjunction with the department of health, the department of social and health services, and the administrator for the courts shall arrange for a monthly comparison of any lists of persons known to have been declared mentally incompetent and unable to vote or placed under the care of a full guardianship due to their mental capacity. If a person is found on the department of health, the department of social and health services, or the administrator for the courts lists and the statewide voter registration list, the secretary of state or county auditor shall immediately cancel the voter registration from the official state voter registration list.

Requires that, in addition to any legal obligations of local election officers, the secretary of state in conjunction with local election officers shall make at a minimum a monthly comparison of names on the statewide voter registration list, and if a person is found registered more than once on the statewide voter registration list, the secretary of state or county auditor shall immediately cancel all voter registrations for that voter in excess of one from the official state voter registration list.

Repeals RCW 29A.08.145 and 29A.08.230.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5728 by Senators Shin, Berkey, Eide, Rasmussen, Schmidt and Mulliken

Studying the community and technical college funding system.

Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to study the feasibility of potential funding methods and a finance system for the incorporation of community and technical colleges into an expanded definition of basic education. The Washington state institute for public policy

shall complete its study and make recommendations no later than December 1, 2006, to the governor, the state board for community and technical colleges, the higher education coordinating board, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, and the fiscal and education committees of the senate and the house of representatives.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 5729 by Senators Rockefeller, Oke, Regala, Spanel, Sheldon, Shin, Poulsen, Jacobsen and Kohl-Welles

Considering prepurchase of multiple ferry fares.

Authorizes the department of transportation to consider prepurchase of multiple ferry fares.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5730 by Senators Doumit, Zarelli, Eide, Shin, Rasmussen and Mulliken

Reducing the impact of administrative rules on small businesses.

Directs an agency to consider, without limitation, each of the following methods of reducing the impact of the proposed rule on small businesses: (1) Reducing, modifying, or eliminating substantive regulatory requirements;

(2) Simplifying, reducing, or eliminating recordkeeping and reporting requirements;

(3) Reducing the frequency of inspections;

(4) Delaying compliance timetables;

(5) Reducing or modifying fine schedules for noncompliance;

(6) Establishing performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed rules; and

(7) Any other mitigation techniques suggested by small businesses or their advocates.

Requires the rules review committee to establish a small business advisory board to ensure that small business concerns are reflected in the rules review process.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to International Trade & Economic Development.

SB 5731 by Senators McAuliffe, Fairley and Rockefeller

Requiring seat belts on school buses.

Provides that every school bus purchased after June 30, 2005, must provide safety belts for use by each person riding the bus. The safety belts must be of a design to provide a lap belt for pelvic restraint and a shoulder belt to restrain upper torso movement.

Provides that a person found to have committed any infraction relating to speed restrictions within a school or playground speed zone shall be assessed a monetary penalty equal to three times the penalty assessed under RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not be waived, reduced, or suspended.

Declares that the speed limit established under this act applies between six a.m. and six p.m., regardless of whether a standard school speed limit sign or a standard playground speed limit sign requires children to be present.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2007, from the highway safety fund to the superintendent of public instruction to carry out the purposes of this act.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 5732 by Senators McAuliffe, Weinstein, Schmidt, Berkey, Rockefeller, Shin, Prentice, Thibaudeau, Pridemore, Carrell, Kohl-Welles, Regala, Spanel, Fairley, Delvin and Rasmussen

Revising the powers, duties, and membership of the state board of education and the Washington professional educator standards board and eliminating the academic achievement and accountability commission.

Revises the powers, duties, and membership of the state board of education and the Washington professional educator standards board and eliminating the academic achievement and accountability commission.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 5733 by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Rockefeller, Esser, Thibaudeau, Weinstein, Rasmussen and Eide

Concerning mandatory arbitration.

Amends RCW 7.06.010 and 7.06.020 relating to mandatory arbitration.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5734 by Senators Fairley, Kline, McCaslin, Thibaudeau, Weinstein, Deccio, Rasmussen and Kohl-Welles

Revising provisions relating to civil actions following wrongful injury or death.

Revises provisions relating to civil actions following wrongful injury or death.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5735 by Senators Brown, Finkbeiner, Keiser, Esser, Honeyford, Mulliken, Franklin, Prentice, McAuliffe, Stevens, Poulsen, Parlette, Deccio, Pflug, Rockefeller, Hewitt, Johnson, Oke, Shin and Rasmussen; by request of Attorney General

Revising public disclosure law.

Revises public disclosure law.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5736 by Senator Spanel

Exempting certain private ambulance services from the insurance code.

Provides that the insurance code does not apply to private ambulance services that solicit membership subscriptions, accept membership applications, charge membership fees, and furnish prepaid or discounted ambulance services, including both ground and air ambulance services, to subscription members and designated members of their household.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 5737 by Senators Carrell, Esser and Hargrove

Allowing attorneys to recover actual costs for service of process.

Amends RCW 4.84.010 to authorize attorneys to recover actual costs for service of process.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5738 by Senators Roach, Weinstein, Swecker, Eide, Rasmussen, Sheldon, Schoesler, Keiser, Kastama, Mulliken and Rockefeller

Prohibiting engaging in body piercing on persons under the age of eighteen.

Provides that every person who engages in body piercing on any minor under the age of eighteen is guilty of a misdemeanor, unless a parent of, or a legal guardian of, the minor provides informed consent in writing, furnishes proof of identification, and is present when the piercing occurs.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5739 by Senators Stevens, Schmidt, Swecker, Carrell, Schoesler and Oke

Allowing agricultural lands that are not being used for the commercial production of food or other agricultural products to be used for recreational activities.

Allows agricultural lands that are not being used for the commercial production of food or other agricultural products to be used for recreational activities.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5740 by Senators Berkey, Fairley, Haugen, Benson, Sheldon, Shin, Parlette, Rasmussen, Mulliken, Doumit, Roach, Rockefeller and Kohl-Welles; by request of Secretary of State

Improving procedures for ballot processing and canvassing.

Provides for standards that require provisional ballots to be distinguishable from the other ballots and incapable of being tabulated by the poll-site ballot counting device.

Declares that a voter's signature on an absentee or provisional ballot is considered a match if at least three of the following criteria are met: (1) The capital letters match;

(2) Letters tail off alike;

(3) Letter spacing is the same;

(4) The space between the signature and the line is the same;

(5) The beginning and ending of the signature and the slant are consistent;

(6) Unique letters in the signature match;

(7) The overall appearances match.

Provides that, in determining whether a signature on an absentee or provisional ballot matches the signature on the registration file, the age of the voter and the date of the signature on the registration file may also be considered.

Provides that if the voter neglects to sign the outside envelope of an absentee or provisional ballot, the auditor shall notify the voter, either by telephone or by first class mail, and advise the voter of the correct procedures for completing the unsigned affidavit. In order for the ballot to be counted, the voter must either: (1) Appear in person and sign the envelope no later than the day before the certification of the primary or election; or

(2) Sign a copy of the envelope provided by the auditor, and return it to the auditor no later than the day before the certification of the primary or election.

Provides that each poll site ballot that was not tabulated at the poll site, each mail ballot, and each provisional ballot must be manually inspected. Inspection must include both sides of the ballot and each voter response on the ballot.

Provides that only the canvassing board has authority to reject a ballot, or a vote for an office or issue on a ballot, as invalid. The canvassing board may not delegate this authority.

Provides that, as soon as the returns have been received from all the counties of the state, but not later than the thirtieth day after the election, the secretary of state shall canvass and certify the returns of the general election as to candidates for state offices, the United States senate, congress, and all other candidates whose districts extend beyond the limits of a single county. The secretary of state shall transmit a copy of the certification to the governor, president of the senate, and speaker of the house of representatives.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5741 by Senators Kastama, Roach, Fairley, Benson, Prentice, Berkey, Haugen, Sheldon, McAuliffe, Shin, Parlette, Mulliken, Doumit and Kohl-Welles; by request of Secretary of State

Modifying provisions on voters' pamphlets.

Revises provisions on voters' pamphlets.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5742 by Senators Roach, Berkey, Fairley, Benson, Parlette, Mulliken, Rockefeller and Kohl-Welles; by request of Secretary of State

Strengthening review and correction of county election procedures.

Requires the county auditor or the county canvassing board to respond to the review report in writing, listing the steps that will be taken to correct any problems listed in the report. The secretary of state shall visit the county before the next state primary or general election to verify that the county has taken the steps they listed to correct the problems noted in the report.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5743 by Senators Kastama, Roach, Fairley, Benson, Berkey, Haugen, McAuliffe, Shin, Parlette, Keiser, Mulliken and Rockefeller; by request of Secretary of State

Enhancing voter registration recordkeeping.

Enhances voter registration recordkeeping.

Repeals RCW 29A.08.155.

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Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5744 by Senators Haugen, Berkey, Fairley, Sheldon, McAuliffe, Schmidt, Mulliken and Doumit; by request of Secretary of State

Authorizing county-wide mail ballot elections.

Provides that, with express authorization from the county legislative authority, the county auditor may conduct all primary, special, and general elections entirely by mail ballot. The county legislative authority must give the county auditor at least ninety days' notice before the first election to be conducted entirely by mail ballot. If the county legislative authority and the county auditor decide to return to a polling place election environment, the county legislative authority must give the county auditor at least one hundred eighty days' notice before the first election to be conducted using polling places. Authorization under this act must apply to all primary, special, and general elections conducted by the county auditor.

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Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5745 by Senators Roach, Hargrove, Berkey, Fairley, Finkbeiner, Haugen, Benson, Sheldon, Schmidt, Mulliken and Rockefeller; by request of Secretary of State

Modifying primary election law.

Revises primary election law.

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Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5746 by Senators Kastama, Berkey, Fairley, Benson, Prentice, Sheldon, Haugen, McAuliffe, Kline, Schmidt, Mulliken and Kohl-Welles; by request of Secretary of State

Requiring the state to assume a share of primary and general election costs.

Requires the state to assume a share of primary and general election costs.

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Feb 3 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5747 by Senators Hewitt, Parlette, Honeyford, Mulliken, Morton, Stevens, Swecker, Deccio, Delvin, Schmidt, Zarelli, Sheldon, Pflug, Hargrove, Johnson, McCaslin and Oke

Modifying the inflationary adjustment to the minimum wage.

Declares that "full employment" means a total, not seasonally adjusted, unemployment rate in the state of Washington that is less than the total, not seasonally adjusted, national unemployment rate as determined by the United States department of labor.

Provides that, beginning September 30, 2005, and each September 30th thereafter, the current year's minimum wage rate shall be increased by the rate of inflation as provided under this act only for the months the state of Washington had full employment during the twelve months prior to each September 30th. Only the inflationary increases during the months of full employment shall be used for the purposes of the calculation under this act.

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Feb 3 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8014 by Senators Thibaudeau, Jacobsen, Fairley, Brown, Prentice, McAuliffe, Regala, Rockefeller, Fraser, Rasmussen, Weinstein, Kline, Keiser and Kohl-Welles

Requesting that the privatization of social security be rejected.

Requests that the Congress and the Administration reject the current effort to privatize Social Security and instead engage in an open dialogue with the American public to arrive at a sensible solution that preserves the original intent of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, making Social Security an insurance fail-safe for the aged and disabled and a complement to every individual's ability to invest in the private market on their own.

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Feb 3 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8202-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Eide, Keiser, Doumit, Poulsen, Weinstein, Fairley, Schmidt, Jacobsen, Kastama, Regala, Fraser, Berkey, Kline, Brown, Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Rasmussen and Pridemore)

Amending the Constitution to provide for a simple majority of voters voting to authorize school district levies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to provide for a simple majority of voters voting to authorize school district levies.

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Feb 2 EKHE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass 1st substitute.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Feb 3 Referred to Ways & Means.

SJR 8209 by Senators Swecker, Benton, Deccio, Mulliken, Roach, Stevens, Schmidt, Carrell, Zarelli, Honeyford, Hewitt, Morton, Esser, Benson, Delvin and Oke

Amending the Constitution to limit which relationships may be recognized as a marriage.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to limit which relationships may be recognized as a marriage.

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Feb 3 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

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