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### House Bills

**HB 2227-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody and Jenkins)

Concerning medical assistants.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Repeals the health care assistant credential.  
Establishes the following new professions: Medical assistant-certified; medical assistant-registered; medical assistant-hemodialysis technician; and medical assistant-phlebotomist.

- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 12 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 26 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.

**HB 2259-S** by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Zeiger, Seaquist, Haler, and Roberts)

Eliminating certain duplicative higher education reporting requirements.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Repeals state requirements for institutions of higher education relating to crime statistics for the state uniform

crime report, campus safety plans, and establishment of a task force on campus security and safety issues.

- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 26 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 10:00 AM.

**HB 2296-S** by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, McCoy, Ryu, and Hudgins)

Concerning the siting of biofuel processing facilities.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Allows an energy facility that exclusively uses an alternative energy resource to choose to receive certification under chapter 80.50 RCW (energy facilities--site locations), regardless of the electrical generating capacity of the project.

- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Technology and Energy & Communications at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 25 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Technology and Energy & Communications at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 30 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 2313-S** by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Zeiger, Carlyle, Probst, Wilcox, Anderson, Haler, Fagan,

Reykdal, Springer, Buys, Pollet, Wylie, Crouse, Jinkins, Moscoso, and Overstreet)

Concerning the meeting procedures of the boards of trustees and boards of regents of institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the boards of trustees and the boards of regents of institutions of higher education to: (1) Follow procedures for open public meetings in the open public meetings act; and

(2) Provide time for public comment at each meeting.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 26 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

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

**HB 2341-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Jinkins, Cody, Ladenburg, Van De Wege, Green, Reykdal, Moeller, Tharinger, McCoy, Darneille, and Hunt)

Concerning community benefits provided by hospitals.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Builds upon requirements established in the federal patient protection and affordable care act to increase the quality of, and accountability for, community benefit activities by nonprofit hospitals operating in the state.

Requires each hospital that is organized as, or affiliated with, a nonprofit entity or is operated by a public hospital district to submit a community health needs assessment to the department of health and, within one year of submitting the assessment, also submit to the department of health a community benefit implementation strategy.

Requires the department of health to adopt rules to establish standards for hospitals when conducting an assessment and developing a strategy.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 16 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Jan 26 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.

Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.

**HB 2352-S** by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Reykdal, Fitzgibbon, Zeiger, Kenney, Maxwell, Haler, Green, Jinkins, Sells, Moscoso, Ormsby, Pollet, Billig, Anderson, Probst, Lytton, Wylie, Ladenburg, Kelley, Angel, and Hunt)

Concerning institutions of higher education services and activities fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the services and activities fee committee at each institution of higher education, in coordination with the administration of the institution of higher education, to post services and activities fees expenditure information for the prior academic year on the college or university web site.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.

Jan 25 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.

Jan 26 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

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

Jan 30 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 2366-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Bailey, McCune, Jinkins, Upthegrove, Maxwell, Ladenburg, Kenney, Van De Wege, and Darneille)

Requiring certain health professionals to complete education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the Matt Adler suicide assessment, treatment, and management training act.

Requires certain health professionals to complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of their continuing education, continuing competency, or recertification requirements.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.

**HB 2375-S** by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton and Hunt)

Making conforming amendments made necessary by reorganizing and streamlining central service functions, powers, and duties of state government.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes technical corrections relating to the reorganizing and streamlining of central service functions, powers, and duties of state government.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 10:00 AM.

Jan 26 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 10:00 AM.

Jan 30 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 2384-S** by House Committee on Business &

Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Bailey, Kirby, Condotta, Pedersen, Ryu, Fitzgibbon, Moscoso, Stanford, Upthegrove, Billig, Liias, and Ladenburg)

Regulating personal vehicle sharing programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates personal vehicle sharing programs.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.

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

Jan 26 BFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 8:00 AM.

Jan 30 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 2439-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Warnick, Cody, Harris, Kelley, Clibborn, Jinkins, Roberts, and Hurst)

Allowing persons satisfying physical therapy clinical education requirements to be exempt from licensure while under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist assistant.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts persons from licensure as physical therapist assistants, if they are pursuing a course of study to become a physical therapist assistant.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.

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

**HB 2590-S** by House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Bailey and Buys; by request of Pollution Liability Insurance Agency)

Extending the expiration of the pollution liability insurance agency's authority and its funding source.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Delays, until July 1, 2020, the expiration of the pollution liability insurance agency's authority and its funding source.

Decreases the tax on the privilege of possession of petroleum products.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

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

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

Jan 26 BFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 8:00 AM.

Jan 30 Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 1 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

**HB 2737** by Representative Liias

Concerning nursing homes medicaid reimbursement and settlement process.

Addresses the medicaid reimbursement, reconciliation, and settlement process for nursing homes.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight.

Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations & Oversight at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**HB 2738** by Representatives Bailey and Ormsby

Modifying the membership of the select committee on pension policy.

Requires one member of the select committee on pension policy to be a plan administrator representing a higher education retirement plan sponsor.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 2739** by Representative Appleton

Assisting persons seeking individual health benefit plan coverage when their prior carrier has terminated individual coverage.

Removes the requirement to complete the standard health questionnaire, under certain circumstances, for persons seeking an individual health benefit plan because his or her health carrier is discontinuing all individual health benefit plan coverage.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

**HB 2740** by Representatives Liias, Van De Wege, Eddy, Fitzgibbon, and Hudgins

Concerning minimum renewable fuel content requirements.

Requires diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in this state, for use in motor vehicles upon the highways of this state, to contain at least five percent biodiesel fuel or renewable diesel fuel by volume.

Requires biodiesel producers to keep records on the quantity of biodiesel produced and the quantity of biodiesel produced from agricultural and nonagricultural feedstock grown or produced in this state.

Exempts from disclosure under the public records act, biodiesel production and sales information that can be identified to a particular business.

Addresses civil penalties for violation of the provisions of the motor fuel quality act.

Eliminates the biofuels advisory committee.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

Jan 31 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Technology and Energy & Communications at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**HB 2741** by Representatives Rodne, Eddy, Dammeier, and Haler; by request of Attorney General

Concerning health care claims against state and governmental health care providers arising out of tortious conduct.

Removes the exemption for injuries from health care from provisions relating to claims against the state and governmental health care providers arising out of tortious conduct.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Executive session in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

**HB 2742** by Representatives Klippert, Haler, Taylor, Ross, Nealey, Rodne, Shea, Kristiansen, Chandler, Hinkle, Walsh, Johnson, Angel, and Fagan

Authorizing urban growth area boundary modifications for industrial land.

Authorizes certain city legislative authorities to request, as part of the county's annual comprehensive plan amendment process, that the applicable county legislative authority amend the urban growth area within which the city is located.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Local Government.

**HB 2743** by Representatives Tharinger, Short, Upthegrove, Blake, Dunshee, and Takko

Concerning WRIA planning units.

Modifies provisions relating to water resource inventory area planning grants.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

**HB 2744** by Representative Anderson

Replacing the business and occupation tax with a flat rate corporate net income tax.

Eliminates municipal business and occupation taxes.

Eliminates the state business and occupation tax and replaces it with a flat rate corporate net income tax.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 2745** by Representatives Haler, Angel, and Maxwell  
Classifying certain military veterans as resident students.

Revises the definition of "resident student," for purposes of chapter 28B.15 RCW (college and university fees), to include a student who is a military veteran residing in this state at the time of his or her separation from military service, who is honorably discharged.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

**HB 2746** by Representatives Springer, Haler, and Anderson

Concerning community redevelopment financing in apportionment districts.

Repeals the existing community redevelopment financing act and establishes a new community redevelopment financing process.

Authorizes local governments to issue general obligation bonds to finance public improvements.

Allows cities and counties to impose a sales and use tax to pay the bonds.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Housing.

Public hearing in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Housing at 1:30 PM.

**HB 2747** by Representative Hansen; by request of Washington State Patrol

Modifying the use of funds in the fire service training account.

Adjusts the functions of the fire service training account to include the use of money in the account for the maintenance, operations, and capital projects of the state fire training academy.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

**HB 2748** by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Anderson, and Hasegawa

Concerning ferry and flood control zone district functions and taxing authorities.

Authorizes certain counties, in which a county ferry district or a flood control zone district has been established with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the county, to assume the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the county ferry district or flood control zone district, as applicable.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Local Government.

Jan 31 Scheduled for public hearing and executive session in the House Committee on Local Government at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

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### House Joint Memorials

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**HJM 4017** by Representatives Kenney, Finn, Santos,

Ryu, Maxwell, and Sells; by request of Lieutenant Governor Encouraging the beyond the border action plan on perimeter security and economic competitiveness and the action plan on regulatory cooperation between the United States and Canada.

Encourages the beyond the border action plan on perimeter security and economic competitiveness and the action plan on regulatory cooperation between the United States and Canada.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 27 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Housing.  
Jan 30 Public hearing and executive session in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Housing at 1:30 PM.

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### Senate Bills

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**SB 5251-S2** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Sheldon, Hobbs, and White)

Concerning electric vehicle license fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Imposes an additional fee of one hundred dollars at the time of annual vehicle registration renewal for electric vehicles.

Provides a contingent expiration date.

Requires the department of licensing to provide notice of the expiration date to certain parties.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 10 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.  
Feb 21 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.  
Apr 11 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 8:00 AM.  
Apr 14 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.  
Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.  
Jan 26 TRAN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6038-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin and McAuliffe)

Requiring rules to address school construction assistance for schools in shared or colocated facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to adopt rules to ensure that a host school district is not penalized for the entirety of a shared or colocated facility when calculations for state school construction assistance are made.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.  
Jan 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.  
Jan 24 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Jan 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6041-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Litzow, Rolfes, and Hobbs)

Regarding lighthouse school programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows elementary schools to serve as lighthouse programs.

Creates the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education lighthouse account.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 9:00 AM.  
Jan 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.  
Jan 24 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Jan 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6081-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Ranker, King, Hatfield, Becker, Ericksen, Nelson, Regala, and Shin)

Authorizing counties and ferry districts operating ferries to impose a vessel replacement surcharge on ferry fares sold.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes certain counties and ferry districts to impose a vessel replacement surcharge on ferry fares sold.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.  
Jan 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.  
Jan 24 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Jan 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6115-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term

Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Becker, Kastama, Conway, and Pflug)

Concerning the health care workforce.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to convene a health care personnel shortage task force.

Requires the University of Washington school of nursing to consult with the health care personnel shortage task force when the school of nursing makes changes to degree requirements or proposes to eliminate or add degree offerings.

Authorizes a fire department to develop a community assistance referral and education services program to provide community outreach and assistance to residents of its district in order to advance injury and illness prevention within their communities.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 9:00 AM.
- Jan 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 26 Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6155-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Carrell, Hobbs, Kastama, Regala, Fain, Conway, and Keiser)

Concerning the definition of debt adjusters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts from the definition of "debt adjuster," independent entities that hold or administer a dedicated bank account and are licensed under the uniform money services act.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 26 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6173-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Benton, Prentice, Keiser, and Fain; by request of Department of Financial Institutions)

Concerning nondepository institutions regulated by the department of financial institutions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes technical corrections, modernizes statutes, and streamlines enforcement authorities of nondepository institutions regulated by the department of financial institutions.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 26 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6197-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Conway, Parlette, Keiser, and Becker)

Including pharmacists in the legend drug act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows the sale, delivery, or possession of a legend drug when the drug is ordered or prescribed by a licensed pharmacist and authorized by the board of pharmacy.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6208-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler and Hatfield)

Regarding license fees under the warehouse act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases license fees to operate as a grain dealer and to operate a terminal warehouse or a subterminal warehouse.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 24 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water & Rural Economic Development at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 26 AWRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6216-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, Regala, Hargrove, Baumgartner, Kohl-Welles, and Roach)

Providing immunity for nonprofit and charitable corporations that provide used eyeglasses for charitable purposes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides immunity from liability to nonprofit and charitable corporations that provide used eyeglasses for charitable purposes.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.

Jan 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6237-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Conway, Kline, Frockt, and Becker)

Creating a career pathway for medical assistants.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes the designation of health care assistant to medical assistant.

Provides minimum requirements for entry-level medical assistants.

Requires the department of health to establish a career ladder so that medical assistants can, through experience and education, increase their skills and the procedures in which they are permitted to assist.

Eliminates the renal dialysis training task force.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 9:00 AM.

Jan 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.

Jan 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6533** by Senators Conway, Carrell, Harper, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, and Shin

Exempting veterans from fingerprint and background check requirements for real estate broker, managing broker, and firm licensees.

Exempts veterans, who have been honorably discharged from a branch of the United States armed forces, from fingerprint and background check requirements for licensure as a real estate broker, a real estate managing broker, or a real estate firm upon presentation of their DD-214 form with their initial or renewal application.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

**SB 6534** by Senators Eide, Haugen, and Shin; by request of Department of Licensing

Concerning commercial vehicle regulations for texting while driving and projecting loads.

Modifies texting laws relating to commercial and noncommercial vehicles.

Addresses warning lamps, flags, and reflectors for projecting loads on vehicles.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**SB 6535** by Senators Conway and Pridemore

Clarifying provisions establishing subzones in countywide flood control zone districts.

Makes technical corrections to RCW 86.15.025 relating to subzones in countywide flood control zone districts.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

**SB 6536** by Senators Keiser, Fain, and Nelson

Concerning ferry and flood control zone district functions and taxing authorities.

Authorizes certain counties, in which a county ferry district or a flood control zone district has been established with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the county, to assume the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the county ferry district or flood control zone district, as applicable.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

**SB 6537** by Senator Eide; by request of Governor Gregoire

Regarding school district teacher and principal assignment policies.

Modifies school district board of directors' duties relating to staff assignments.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

**SB 6538** by Senators Pridemore and Nelson

Concerning the stewardship of household mercury-containing lamps.

Authorizes certain producers of mercury-containing lights, contracted by the department of ecology, to include financing provisions that include an environmental handling charge passed on to the wholesaler, retailer, or retail customer at the time of sale of the household mercury-containing light.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Environment.  
Feb 1 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.  
(Subject to change)

**SB 6539** by Senator Kastama

Establishing an air pollution offset program.

Requires the department of ecology to establish a program providing for the replacement of both uncertified solid fuel burning devices and solid fuel burning devices

manufactured before 1995 for low-income households in certain areas.

Requires counties that elect to participate in the program to provide twenty-five percent matching funds.

Provides options to a person who fails to comply with motor vehicle emission standards.

Creates the air pollution offset account.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Environment.

Feb 1 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.  
(Subject to change)

**SB 6540** by Senator Chase

Creating a business and occupation tax credit for hiring certain persons in manufacturing.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit to employers for hiring interns, apprentices, or permanent employees who: (1) Are currently enrolled in a manufacturing skills certificate program; or

(2) Have received a manufacturing skills certificate.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.  
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.

**SB 6541** by Senator Chase

Regarding the use of workforce investment funds for layoff aversion.

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to: (1) Evaluate the use of workforce investment act funds for layoff aversion; and

(2) Collaborate with the employment security department in determining the best practices in the use of the funds.

Requires the employment security department to detail for local workforce development councils the opportunities to use, and the best practices in the use of, workforce investment act funds for layoff aversion.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.  
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.

**SB 6542** by Senator Chase

Regarding the assignment of intellectual property rights at institutions of higher education.

Modifies the duties of the University of Washington and Washington State University relating to assignment of intellectual property rights.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

**SB 6543** by Senators Tom, Baumgartner, Kastama,

Holmquist Newbry, Sheldon, Schoesler, and Hewitt

Addressing the use of overtime when calculating pension benefits.

Addresses overtime payments when calculating pension benefits.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6544** by Senators Shin, Swecker, Kline, Sheldon, Regala, Frockt, Nelson, Pridemore, Fain, Baumgartner, Conway, Harper, Chase, Hatfield, Hobbs, Haugen, and Roach

Classifying certain military veterans as resident students.

Revises the definition of "resident student," for purposes of chapter 28B.15 RCW (college and university fees), to include a student who is a military veteran residing in this state at the time of his or her separation from military service, who is honorably discharged.

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Jan 30 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

**SB 6545** by Senator Murray; by request of Department of Health and Washington State Department of Commerce

Transferring the powers, duties, and functions of the developmental disabilities endowment from the department of health to the department of commerce.

Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of health, pertaining to the developmental disabilities endowment, to the department of commerce.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6546** by Senators Frockt, Conway, Keiser, and Kline  
Concerning preventative care and screenings for children in medicaid managed care contracts.

Requires the state health care authority, in negotiating with managed health care systems, to adopt a uniform procedure to enter into contractual arrangements including implementation of preventative care and screenings for infants, children, and adolescents as described in the federal patient protection and affordable care act.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

**SB 6547** by Senators Pridemore and Shin; by request of Washington State Department of Commerce

Regarding the microenterprise development program.

Removes the organizational support requirement of the department of commerce with regard to the microenterprise development program.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.

**SB 6548** by Senators Kohl-Welles, Nelson, Keiser,

Kline, Regala, and Harper

Providing a stable source of revenue for education by imposing a tax on high income earners.

Imposes a tax on high-income earners.

Creates the education enrichment account.

Takes effect January 1, 2013, if the proposed amendment to Article VII of the state Constitution, authorizing income taxes, is approved by the voters at the November 2012 general election.

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Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

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### Senate Joint Resolutions

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**SJR 8225** by Senator Baumgartner

Amending the Constitution to make ample provision to support higher education.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require a portion of retail sales and use taxes to be dedicated to and used for funding a public system of higher education.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SJR 8226** by Senators Kohl-Welles, Nelson, Keiser, Kline, Regala, and Harper

Amending the Constitution to allow an income tax.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to allow an income tax.

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Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

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### Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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**SCR 8409** by Senators Brown and Hewitt

Amending the redistricting plan for state legislative and congressional districts.

Amends the redistricting plan for state legislative and congressional districts.

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Jan 30 Held on first reading.