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### House Bills

**HB 1021-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representative Haler)  
Educating parents of the harmful effects of parental abduction.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires information on the harmful effects of parental abduction to be included in any packet of information or materials provided to the parties, or in any parenting class or seminar that is offered to or required of the parties, in any proceeding where the custody or care of a minor child is at issue or in dispute.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.

Feb 12 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

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

Feb 15 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 1029-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representative Morris)

Concerning private road maintenance agreements.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Addresses private road maintenance agreements.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

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

Feb 15 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 1096-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst, Hope, Takko, Hayes, Klippert, Dahlquist, Holy, Sullivan, Haigh, Blake, and Parker)

Concerning juvenile firearms and weapons crimes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses juvenile firearms and weapons crimes.

Requires the administrative office of the courts to collect and analyze data regarding evidence and research-based interventions provided to juvenile offenders who have been found to have committed certain firearm offenses.

Requires the state institute for public policy to study the data provided by the office and report to the appropriate committees of the legislature regarding the recidivism outcomes for offenders found to have committed certain firearm offenses, as well as a cost-benefit analysis of the individual evidence and research-based interventions provided to the offenders.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

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

Feb 18 Referred to Appropriations.

Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM. (Subject to change)

**HB 1114-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Pedersen, Rodne, Morrell, Nealey, Green, and Jinkins)

Addressing criminal incompetency and civil commitment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) There are a small number of individuals who commit repeated violent acts against others while suffering from the effects of a mental illness and/or developmental disability that both contributes to their criminal behaviors and renders them legally incompetent to be held accountable for those behaviors; and

(2) The existing civil system of short-term commitments under the involuntary treatment act is insufficient to protect the public from these violent acts.

Revises the involuntary treatment act to account for this small number of individuals in order to serve the state's compelling interest in public safety and to provide for the proper care of these individuals.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 12 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 15 Referred to Appropriations.
- Feb 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

**HB 1140-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Pedersen, Moscoso, Reykdal, Rodne, Appleton, Kagi, Walsh, Warnick, Ryu, Jinkins, Freeman, and Fagan)

Concerning sibling visitation after a dependency has been dismissed or concluded.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows a court, under certain circumstances, to order sibling visitation after a dependency has been dismissed or concluded.

Provides an additional procedure by which a sibling may request visitation with a minor child.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 12 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 15 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 1202-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Haler, Haigh, Hunt, Reykdal, Sullivan, Ryu, Dunshee, Goodman, Fitzgibbon, Pollet, Sells, Appleton, Stanford, Liias, Upthegrove, Maxwell, Cody, Tharinger, Jinkins, Bergquist, and Ormsby)

Preventing animal cruelty.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Broadens animal cruelty provisions relating to animal cruelty in the second degree, animal fighting, leaving and/or confining an animal in a motor vehicle or certain enclosed spaces, and killing or causing substantial bodily harm to an animal owned by another person.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 12 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 18 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 1285-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Freeman, Pettigrew, Jinkins, Walsh, Kirby, Orwall, Roberts, Appleton, Seaquist, Ryu, Stanford, Clibborn, Maxwell, Tarleton, Morrell, Pollet, and Ormsby)

Modifying provisions regarding the representation of children in dependency matters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses a child's right to counsel in dependency proceedings.

Requires the Washington state center for court research, in consultation with the office of civil legal aid, to evaluate the effect of attorney representation, particularly the effect on case processing timelines and child and family well-being outcomes.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 12 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 15 Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.
- Feb 23 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government at 9:00 AM.  
(Subject to change)

**HB 1290-S** by House Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Hunt, Bergquist, Fitzgibbon, Maxwell, Lytton, McCoy, Ryu, Riccelli, Hudgins, Pollet, Zeiger, Farrell, and Ormsby)

Concerning ballot drop boxes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires county auditors or other local election officials to place at least one ballot drop box at each public institution of higher education, including one at each branch campus.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 12 GOE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 14 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 1314-S** by House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, O'Ban, Zeiger, Fey, Upthegrove, and Jinkins)

Concerning municipally produced class A biosolids.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts from the definition of "turf fertilizer," for purposes of chapter 15.54 RCW (fertilizers, minerals, and limes), a registered commercial fertilizer product where the phosphorus component is derived solely from certain class A exceptional quality biosolids.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 10:00 AM.

Feb 12 ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House

Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.

Feb 14 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 1341-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Goodman, Pollet, Jinkins, Carlyle, Roberts, Appleton, Hunt, Upthegrove, Green, Kagi, Seaquist, Moeller, Kirby, Santos, Ryu, Pedersen, and Moscoso)

Creating a claim for compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides an avenue for those who have been wrongly convicted to redress the lost years of their lives.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House

Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 14 Referred to Appropriations.

Feb 26 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

**HB 1949** by Representative Buys

Concerning the contents of requests for proposals in the procurement of enterprise application software solutions by state and local governments.

Requires certain information to be requested of potential bidders when state agencies or other units of local government develop a request for proposals for an enterprise application software solution.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development.

**HB 1950** by Representative Haler

Designating certain hydroelectric generation from a generation facility located in irrigation pipes, irrigation

canals, and wastewater pipes as an eligible renewable resource under chapter 19.285 RCW.

Requires certain generation of electricity by an irrigation district to be considered an eligible renewable resource that qualifies for renewable energy credit as provided in the energy independence act.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Environment.

ENVI - Executive action taken by committee.

Executive action taken in the House

Committee on Environment at 10:00 AM.

**HB 1951** by Representative Hunter

Providing an exception to the display of license plates at the front of a vehicle.

Requires the department of licensing to allow a registered owner to obtain a single license plate to be attached to the rear of the motor vehicle if the owner pays a two hundred dollar administrative fee.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**HB 1952** by Representatives Tharinger and Upthegrove

Concerning nonsubstantive changes to programs relevant to the department of ecology designed to create administrative efficiency.

Changes certain programs relevant to the department of ecology designed to create administrative efficiency.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Environment.

**HB 1953** by Representatives Liias, Moscoso, Stanford, Roberts, Dunshee, Sells, McCoy, and Ryu

Concerning local option transportation revenue.

Authorizes certain governing bodies of public transportation benefit areas, for the sole purpose of providing funds for the operation, maintenance, or capital needs of public transportation systems, to submit an authorizing proposition to the voters and, if approved, impose a local motor vehicle excise tax of up to one percent annually on the value of every motor vehicle registered to a person residing within the county.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Transportation.

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## Senate Bills

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**SB 5165-S** by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Carrell)

Increasing the authority of superior court commissioners to hear and determine certain matters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases the legislative authority granted to superior court commissioners to hear and determine certain matters.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 13 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 14 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5201-S** by Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Ericksen, Harper, Hobbs, Keiser, Kline, Eide, and Hasegawa)

Accelerating cleanup of hazardous waste sites.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a greater emphasis in the allocation of state resources toward the cleanup and reuse of brownfield properties.

Provides more flexible funding and oversight authority for local governments guiding the cleanup of brownfield properties.

Modifies the state's cleanup program in ways that will accelerate the cleanup of hazardous waste sites throughout the state.

Creates the brownfield redevelopment trust fund account.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 13 EET - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 14 Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

**SB 5209-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Benton, Nelson, Mullet, and Hatfield; by request of Department of Financial Institutions)

Addressing licensing and enforcement provisions applicable to money transmitters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to licensing and enforcement of money transmitters.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 14 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 15 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5281-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Darneille, Tom, Fain, and Roach)

Requiring an empirical study of the validity and reliability of the current child welfare safety assessment tool.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the state institute for public policy to conduct an empirical study of the validity and reliability of the safety assessment tool currently used in child welfare cases by the children's administration at the department of social and health services.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 4 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 14 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 15 Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 5290-S** by Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin, Ericksen, Sheldon, Roach, Becker, Bailey, Rivers, Honeyford, Braun, Carrell, Schoesler, Parlette, and Hewitt)

Designating certain hydroelectric generation from a generation facility located in irrigation pipes, irrigation canals, and wastewater pipes as an eligible renewable resource under chapter 19.285 RCW.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the energy independence act to designate, as an eligible renewable resource, certain hydroelectric generation from a generation facility located in irrigation pipes, irrigation canals, and wastewater pipes.

## -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 13 EET - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 14 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 19 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

**SB 5296-S** by Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Ericksen, Baumgartner, Rivers, Bailey, Delvin, and Honeyford)

Concerning the model toxics control act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prioritizes the spending of revenues under the model toxics control act, on cleaning up the most toxic sites, while also providing jobs in communities around the state.

Requires the state treasurer to: (1) For the biennium ending June 30, 2015, transfer twenty-five million dollars

from the state toxics control account and seventy-five million dollars from the local toxics control account to the special category E account; and

(2) Transfer the fund balance of the mixed waste fees within the state toxics control account to the radioactive mixed waste account.

Creates the special category E account and the radioactive mixed waste account.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 8:00 AM.

Feb 13 EET - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 8:00 AM.

Feb 14 Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

**SB 5329-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Hobbs, Fain, Hatfield, Tom, Frockt, and Roach)

Assisting persistently lowest-achieving schools to become more accountable.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Implements the second phase of an accountability system that was created for public schools in 2010 to assist persistently lowest-achieving schools to become more accountable.

Makes an appropriation.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 13 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 14 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; do not pass.

Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

**SB 5404-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Hargrove, Pearson, and Darneille; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Concerning the introduction of contraband into or possession of contraband in a secure facility.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Includes in the crime of introducing contraband in the first, second, or third degree, knowingly providing a deadly weapon or contraband to a person confined in a secure facility under chapter 71.09 RCW (sexually violent predators).

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 10:00 AM.

Feb 14 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 10:00 AM.

Feb 15 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5560-S** by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Kohl-Welles, and Tom)

Modifying job skills program provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies job skills program provisions.

Creates the job skills program account and the job skills program trust account.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 14 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 26 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

**SB 5588-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Dammeier, Sheldon, Rivers, Fain, and Tom)

Requiring an analysis of how school districts use school days.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to: (1) Conduct an analysis of how school districts use school days; and

(2) Use case studies or other methods to conduct the analysis.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 13 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 14 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 25 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

**SB 5833** by Senators Murray, Keiser, Hasegawa, Harper,

Conway, Shin, Hobbs, Nelson, Kohl-Welles, Kline, and Fraser

Regulating interpreter services.

Authorizes the department of social and health services, the department of labor and industries, and the state health care authority to: (1) Purchase interpreter services; and

(2) Integrate the purchase of interpreter services through one centralized system.

Requires the department of social and health services to establish the spoken language interpreter advisory group to advise the departments of social and health services, labor and industries, and enterprise services and the state health care authority on the certification and authorization of spoken language interpreters.

Requires the director of the department of enterprise services to develop and implement a model for providing interpreter services.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

**SB 5834** by Senators Roach and Holmquist Newbry; by request of Governor Inslee

Concerning veteran-owned businesses.

Changes the duties of the department of veterans affairs relating to certification of veteran-owned businesses.

Encourages state agencies to award five percent of procurement contracts to veteran-owned businesses.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Governmental Operations.

Feb 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Governmental Operations at 1:00 PM. (Subject to change)

**SB 5835** by Senators Tom and Bailey

Concerning differential tuition.

Prohibits increases that apply to only a portion of an institution's resident undergraduate programs, campuses, courses, or students, in an amount that results in an increase in the tuition unit payout value under the advanced college tuition payment program.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Higher Education. Executive session in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

**SB 5836** by Senator Honeyford

Providing certainty for local governments on water resource decisions.

Authorizes the use of permit exempt wells by a city, town, or county legislative body to satisfy certain requirements for the appropriate provision of potable water to a subdivision as long as the department of ecology has not closed or partially closed a basin to further appropriation of groundwater.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development. Public hearing, executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, and Water & Rural Economic Development at 12:15 PM.

**SB 5837** by Senator Frockt

Implementing career and college ready graduation requirements.

Authorizes, and provides sufficient resources for, implementation of the opportunity for: (1) Students to complete twenty-four credits for graduation through a comprehensive approach that includes increased instructional hours;

(2) Expansion of the learning assistance program and transitional bilingual instructional programs; and

(3) Resources to support additional family engagement and counseling.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

**SB 5838** by Senators Hewitt, Keiser, and Becker

Restoring some of the nursing facility payment methodology changes made during 2011.

Revises nursing facility payment methodology provisions to restore some of the changes made in chapter 7, Laws of 2011 1st sp. sess. (ESSB 5581).

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 5839** by Senators Kline, Chase, Darneille, Conway, Keiser, and Hasegawa

Creating a cause of action for the protection of employees acting in furtherance of public policy.

Prohibits an employer from taking materially adverse action against an employee where retaliation is a substantial factor in the employer's decision to take adverse action.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

**SB 5840** by Senators Kline and Chase

Concerning foreclosure.

Addresses foreclosure.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

**SB 5841** by Senators Rivers and Benton

Modifying the distribution of initial and renewal vehicle license fees.

Changes the distribution of proceeds from vehicle license fees and renewal vehicle license fees.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**SB 5842** by Senators Tom, Fain, Sheldon, and Litzow

Encouraging the creation of competitive districts in the redistricting plan.

Requires districts, in the redistricting plan, to be competitive such that the majority of districts have no greater than a three percent advantage for any one political party based on an average of the votes cast for the three offices with the most votes cast in the last election preceding the adoption of the redistricting plan.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Governmental Operations.

Establishes the professional compensation parity act. Requires attorneys and law firms to charge an indigent person a fee for services that is based upon a sliding fee schedule for determination of discounts from charges for persons who qualify for such discounts developed by the state bar association.

Requires the state bar association to develop the sliding fee schedule.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

**SB 5843** by Senators Tom, Billig, Hill, Hobbs, and Murray

Strengthening the review of the legislature's goals for tax preferences by requiring that every new tax preference provide an expiration date and statement of legislative intent.

Requires introduced bills, that adopt a new tax preference or expand or extend an existing tax preference, to include legislative intent provisions, establishing the policy goals and any related metrics that might provide context and/or data for purposes of reviewing the preference.

Provides that a bill that is enacted without the legislative intent provisions does not take effect.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, before a bill would take effect, but for the failure of such bill to meet the requirements, to provide written notice to the department of revenue of the bill's failure to meet the requirements.

Requires the department of revenue to provide written notice of the bill not taking effect to certain parties.

Requires certain tax preferences taking effect on or after July 1, 2013, to expire five years after the effective date, unless a specific expiration date is provided.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 5844** by Senator Sheldon

Modifying collective bargaining law to authorize the right of state workers employed in the community and technical college system as nontenured part-time academic employees to form a collective bargaining unit for the protection of their common interests.

Authorizes certain state workers employed in the community and technical college system to form a collective bargaining unit for the protection of their common interests.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

**SB 5845** by Senators Becker, Dammeier, Bailey, Litzow, Braun, Schoesler, Holmquist Newbry, Smith, Fain, Ericksen, Rivers, Hill, Carrell, Honeyford, Benton, Pearson, Sheldon, King, Parlette, and Hewitt

Concerning attorney compensation from clients with little or no ability to pay.