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House Bills

HB 1319-S by House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman and Moscoso; by request of Department of Corrections)

Making technical corrections to processes for persons sentenced for offenses committed prior to reaching eighteen years of age.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes technical corrections to processes for persons sentenced for offenses committed before reaching eighteen years of age.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 PS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 10 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1340-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Schmick, Moeller, Harris, Robinson, Ormsby, and Riccelli)

Developing a process to allow pilot programs for health care professionals to learn new skills or roles, use existing skills in new circumstances, and accelerate training.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a health workforce innovation project approval process, within the oversight of the department of health, that: (1) Teaches new skills to existing categories of health care personnel;

(2) Uses existing skills in new circumstances or settings;

(3) Accelerates the training of existing categories of health care personnel; and

(4) Teaches new health care roles and skills to previously trained persons whose skills or license is not recognized within the state.

Provides for termination and review, under the sunset act, of the program authorizing innovative health workforce projects.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 10 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1368-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Reykdal, Stokesbary, Van De Wege, and Springer)

Removing disincentives to the voluntary formation of regional fire protection service authorities by equalizing certain provisions with existing laws governing fire protection districts and by clarifying the formation process.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Equalizes certain provisions with existing laws governing fire protection districts and clarifies the formation process with regard to the voluntary formation of regional fire protection service authorities.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 9 Referred to Finance.

HB 1382-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Griffey, Blake, Lytton, and G. Hunt)

Addressing the delivery of basic firefighter training and testing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the director of fire protection to develop and adopt a plan for the Washington state patrol fire training academy to deliver basic firefighter training and testing to all city fire departments, fire protection districts, regional fire protection service authorities, and other public fire agencies in the state.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 10 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

HB 1410-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Muri, Kilduff, Zeiger, Manweller, Pike, Stanford, and Condotta)

Modifying provisions governing the competitive bidding process of water-sewer districts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies water-sewer district provisions relating to the competitive bidding process.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 9 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1417-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Kochmar, and Pike)

Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Subjects a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city to assume jurisdiction of all or part of a water-sewer district to a referendum.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 9 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1447-S by House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Holy, S. Hunt, and Appleton; by request of Department of Enterprise Services)

Granting the director of the department of enterprise services the authority to fine contractors as a penalty for certain behaviors.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the director of the department of enterprise services to impose a fine on a contractor for cause in replacement of, or in addition to, debarment.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 SG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 9 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

HB 1485-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Cody, Schmick, Shea, Zeiger, Tarleton, Tharinger, and Riccelli)

Concerning family medicine residencies in health professional shortage areas.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a family medicine education advisory board and requires the board to consider and provide recommendations on the selection of the areas within the state where affiliate residency programs could exist, the allocation of funds appropriated under chapter 70.112 RCW (family medicine--education and residency programs), and the procedures for review and evaluation of the residency programs.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a performance audit and evaluation of the family medicine residency programs created in chapter 70.112 RCW.

Requires the schools of medicine to coordinate with the office of student financial assistance to notify prospective family medicine students and residents of their eligibility for the health professional loan repayment and scholarship program.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 10 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1553-S by House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Walkinshaw, MacEwen, Ryu, Appleton, Moscoso, Holy, Gregerson, Zeiger, Peterson, Farrell, Walsh, Reykdal, Orwall, Pettigrew, Tharinger, Fitzgibbon, and Kagi)

Encouraging certificates of restoration of opportunity.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits certain state, county, and municipal departments, boards, officers, and agencies authorized to assess the qualifications of an applicant for a license, certificate of authority, qualification to engage in the practice of a profession or business, or for admission to an examination to qualify for the license or certificate from disqualifying a qualified applicant, solely based on the applicant's criminal history, if the qualified applicant has obtained a certificate of restoration of opportunity and the applicant meets all other statutory and regulatory requirements.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 PS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 10 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

HB 1727-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Schmick, Cody, and Short)

Modifying the definition of health care facility relating to nursing assistants' practice settings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the definition of "health care facility," for purposes of chapter 18.88A RCW (nursing assistants), to

include a licensed service provider under the community mental health services act other than an individual health care provider.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 10 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

HB 2110 by Representatives Tharinger and Schmick

Concerning taxes and service charges on certain stand-alone dental plans offered through the health benefit exchange.

Requires money collected for premiums written on stand-alone dental plans for pediatric oral services that qualify as coverage for the minimum essential coverage under P.L. 111-148 (2010), offered through the state health benefit exchange, to be deposited in the state health benefit exchange account.

Authorizes the state health benefit exchange to require each issuer writing premiums for stand-alone adult and family dental plans offered through the exchange to pay a service charge in an amount necessary to fund the stand-alone adult and family dental operations of the exchange.

Imposes a business and occupation tax on persons engaging in the business of providing stand-alone adult and family dental plans offered through the state health benefit exchange.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2111 by Representatives Tharinger and Nealey

Creating a tax division of the court of appeals.

Creates a new tax appeal division in the court of appeals to resolve tax disputes.

Transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the state board of tax appeals to the tax division of the court of appeals.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2112 by Representatives Hunter and Walkinshaw

Addressing annexation of islands of unincorporated territory in areas subject to boundary review.

Addresses the prevention of potential unincorporated urban islands that remain surrounded by city and town boundaries and the implementation of locally adopted goals, policies, and objectives pertaining to annexation of unincorporated urban growth areas, potential annexation areas, and urban service areas.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Local Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2113 by Representatives Walkinshaw, Walsh, Kagi, Johnson, Appleton, Sawyer, Kilduff, Stanford, Jinkins, Zeiger, Santos, Ortiz-Self, Pollet, and Ormsby

Creating a task force on poverty.

Creates the legislative task force on poverty and requires the task force to develop a comprehensive plan for more effective and efficient poverty relief solutions through identification of pathways out of poverty.

Expires December 31, 2017.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2114 by Representatives Appleton, Caldier, Johnson, Kilduff, Ortiz-Self, Hayes, and Muri; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs

Providing for representation of the state veterans' homes on the governor's veterans affairs advisory committee.

Changes the composition and duties of the veterans affairs advisory committee.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2115 by Representatives Blake, Sawyer, Stanford, and S. Hunt

Concerning cetacean captivity.

Creates the crime of unlawful cetacean captivity.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2116 by Representatives Holy and Goodman

Concerning motor vehicle crimes.

Expands the definition for the crime of theft of a motor vehicle.

Removes the crime of taking a motor vehicle without permission in the second degree.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Public Safety (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2117 by Representatives Pollet, Ortiz-Self, S. Hunt, Santos, Taylor, Scott, Griffey, and Shea

Reevaluating the duties of the state board of education.

Reevaluates the state board of education's duties through a process to be determined by the education chairs of the house of representatives and senate, divesting the state board of education of inappropriate policy authority that resides in the purview of the legislature and transferring appropriate duties to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 13 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2118 by Representatives Orwall, Cody, Stokesbary, and Pollet

Providing a business and occupation tax credit to alleviate the additional costs incurred by small businesses that previously provided health insurance through an association health plan and currently provide nongrandfathered small group coverage.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit to a person that: (1) Previously purchased an association health plan that is no longer offered in this state; and

(2) Currently purchases nongrandfathered small group coverage at a per employee cost that exceeds the per employee cost of the previously purchased association health plan.

Expires December 31, 2019.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 13 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2119 by Representatives Smith and Pollet

Concerning consumer data privacy protection and the work of a task force to consider creating a consumer data privacy protection office.

Imposes a business and occupation tax on persons receiving income from the sale of smart metering system data.

Creates the legislative task force on data privacy and requires the task force to evaluate and make recommendations on whether the legislature should establish a state government office of the privacy commissioner to protect and promote the privacy rights of individuals.

Creates the data privacy enforcement account.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 13 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 5067-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Padden and Darneille)

Addressing informant and accomplice evidence and testimony.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the unreliability of accomplice and criminal informant evidence and testimony to ensure that the jury is fully informed when an accomplice or informant testifies.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 11 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.
 Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5138-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Liias, and Keiser; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Concerning notice and review processes for annexations, deannexations, incorporations, disincorporations, consolidations, and boundary line adjustments under Titles 35 and 35A RCW.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises Title 35 RCW (cities and towns) and Title 35A RCW (optional municipal code) relating to notice and review processes for annexations, deannexations, incorporations, disincorporations, consolidations, and boundary line adjustments.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 GOS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5158-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators McCoy and Fraser)

Requiring call location information to be provided to law enforcement responding to an emergency.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the Kelsey Smith act.

Requires a wireless telecommunications provider to provide information in its possession concerning the current or most recent location of a telecommunications device and call information of a user of the device when requested by a law enforcement agency.

Requires the state emergency management division E911 office to maintain a database containing emergency contact information for all wireless telecommunications providers registered to do business in the state and make the information immediately available upon request to facilitate a request from law enforcement for call location information.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Feb 11 Referred to Ways & Means.
 Feb 13 WM - Majority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5275-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hargrove, Hill, Sheldon, and Hewitt)

Concerning tax code improvements that do not affect state revenue collections.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides tax code improvements relating to: (1) Eliminating obsolete and redundant statutory provisions; (2) Promoting administrative efficiencies; (3) Providing greater clarity and consistency; and

- (4) The taxability matrix.
 -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5313-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Fraser, Angel, Rolfes, Cleveland, Brown, and Parlette)
 Increasing the total amount of tax credits allowed under the Washington main street program.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Increases tax credits allowed under the Washington main street program.
 -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 AWRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Feb 11 Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5317-S** by Senate Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, Becker, Mullet, Miloscia, Jayapal, Dammeier, Kohl-Welles, Litzow, Pedersen, Hatfield, Keiser, Darneille, Rivers, McAuliffe, Hasegawa, Rolfes, Conway, and Chase)
 Requiring universal screening and provider payment for autism and developmental delays for children in medicaid programs.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Requires the state health care authority to require universal screening and provider payment for autism and developmental delays as recommended by the bright futures guidelines of the American academy of pediatrics.
 -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 HLTH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5348-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Miloscia and Chase)
 Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Authorizes any two or more public agencies to enter into a contract providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services if certain conditions are met.
 -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 GOS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5463-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hill, Kohl-Welles, Fain, Fraser, Litzow, King, Angel, Nelson, Chase, Pedersen, Roach, Liias, and McAuliffe)
 Concerning access to and creation of cultural and heritage programs and facilities.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Authorizes county legislative authorities to create a cultural access program.
 Authorizes a county to impose sales and use taxes or additional regular property tax levies for the purposes authorized in this act.
 -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5956** by Senators Liias, Billig, and Pedersen
 Limiting defenses based on victim identity.
 Specifies that it is not a defense if a crime resulted from the discovery of, knowledge about, or potential disclosure of a victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.
 -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 13 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.
- SB 5957** by Senators Liias, Rivers, Billig, King, Hobbs, Frockt, and Hasegawa
 Creating a pedestrian fatality and serious injury review panel.
 Requires the traffic safety commission to convene a pedestrian fatality and serious injury review panel and requires the panel to identify all pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries that occurred in the state during the preceding calendar year.
 -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 13 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5958** by Senators Roach, Liias, Benton, McCoy, Angel, and Chase; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs
 Providing for representation of the state veterans' homes on the governor's veterans affairs advisory committee.
 Changes the composition and duties of the veterans affairs advisory committee.
 -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 13 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.
- SB 5959** by Senator Hatfield
 Concerning agreements with the federal government, such as those available under the endangered species act, affecting the state's management of its natural resources.
 Prohibits the department of commerce from officially entering into a habitat conservation plan, or other multiyear agreement with the federal government under the endangered species act that commits the state to future action or constrains future state options relating to the

management of aquatic lands as it affects overwater structures and log storage.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5960 by Senator Dansel

Requiring the department of fish and wildlife to update the 2011 wolf conservation and management plan to ensure the establishment of a self-sustaining population of gray wolves while also ensuring social tolerance of wolf recovery.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to engage in a process to amend the existing wolf conservation and management plan to better address the wolf recovery rate and uneven distribution of wolves in northeast Washington that has occurred since the initial adoption of the plan.

Expires June 30, 2018.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5961 by Senators Benton and Hobbs

Modifying certain construction defect action procedures. Modifies construction defect claim provisions.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

SB 5962 by Senators Dansel and Warnick

Requiring the department of fish and wildlife to amend the existing wolf conservation and management plan.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to amend the existing wolf conservation and management plan to better address the wolf recovery rate and the uneven distribution that has occurred since the initial adoption of the plan.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5963 by Senators Dansel and Warnick

Requiring the department of fish and wildlife to manage wolf-related wildlife interactions using lethal means when certain conditions are satisfied.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to manage wolf-related wildlife interactions using lethal means when certain conditions are satisfied.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5964 by Senators Roach and Liias

Addressing infill development.

Addresses categorical exemptions from the state environmental policy act with regard to infill development.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 5965 by Senators Warnick, Hatfield, Pearson, Hobbs, and Bailey

Evaluating mitigation options for impacts to base flows and minimum instream flows.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Produce a report evaluating options for mitigating the effects of permit-exempt groundwater withdrawals on base flows and minimum instream flows; and

(2) Consult with the office of the attorney general when preparing the report.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5966 by Senators Rolfes, Litzow, McAuliffe, and Frockt; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Concerning mathematics and science course equivalencies for high school career and technical courses.

Extends the time in which a school district board of directors must grant academic course equivalency in mathematics or science for a high school career and technical course from the list of courses approved by the state board of education.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5967 by Senator McCoy

Eliminating the state board of education.

Transfers duties and functions still within the authority of the state board of education to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5968 by Senators Hobbs, Benton, Mullet, Hatfield, and Miloscia

Clarifying that the owner or holder of a trust deed, or the owner or holder's designee, may initiate foreclosure proceedings.

Clarifies that foreclosure proceedings may be initiated by the owner or holder of a trust deed or by a designee.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 5969 by Senators Brown and Braun

Updating the state environmental policy act.

Addresses environmental analysis under the national environmental policy act.

Exempts from state environmental policy act requirements: (1) Certifications under the federal coastal zone management act; and

(2) Certifications under section 401 of the federal clean water act.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Trade & Economic Development.

SB 5970 by Senator Hasegawa

Creating a best investment selection option for use in public works contracts.

Creates an additional bidding process that the state and municipalities may elect to use in selecting bidders for public works contracts.

Allows a contracting authority to determine which of the bids submitted best achieves the regulatory, commercial, and socio-economic goals as determined by the authority.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 5971 by Senators Hasegawa, Chase, Darnelle, Conway, and Frockt

Establishing the Washington publicly owned trust in order to create a financing infrastructure to implement Initiative Measure No. 502 that complies with the United States attorney general's guidance letter of August 29, 2013, thereby providing resources for public infrastructure and other public purposes.

Specifies that the legislature intends the state to engage in the business of banking under the name of the Washington publicly owned trust with the mission of the trust being to act as the sole depository for in-state marijuana producers, processors, and retailers and to use taxable earnings from those deposits for the benefit of the people and economy of the state.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 5972 by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Warnick

Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

Requires agencies to require suppliers of seed to provide seed that is certified to ensure the genetic purity and identity of the seed.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5973 by Senators Benton and Angel

Offering raffle tickets to benefit traffic congestion relief.

Specifies that the state lottery will offer up to four statewide raffle tickets to benefit traffic congestion relief.

Requires net revenues from raffle ticket sales to go towards specific state route highway improvement expenditures that focus solely on traffic congestion relief as the primary objective.

Creates the traffic congestion relief account.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

SB 5974 by Senators Benton, Bailey, Hobbs, Chase,

Cleveland, Angel, Hasegawa, Roach, Jayapal, Fraser, McCoy, and Hewitt

Requiring the insurance commissioner to review barriers to offering supplemental coverage options to disabled veterans and their dependents.

Requires the insurance commissioner to review the supplemental coverage options offered to the civilian health and medical program of the United States department of veterans affairs and identify current barriers to attracting supplemental policies in this state.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 5975 by Senators Benton and Angel

Authorizing parent taught driver training education courses.

Authorizes a commercially available, parent taught course of instruction in traffic safety education.

Authorizes the director of the department of licensing to: (1) Review and approve parent taught driver training education courses designed for use in the home; and

(2) Charge a fee for enrollment in the course.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5976 by Senators Litzow, Keiser, Becker, Rivers, Hobbs, Hill, Hatfield, Fain, Baumgartner, McAuliffe, and Dammeier

Establishing a consolidating purchasing system for public school employees.

Creates the school employees' benefits board, within the state health care authority, to design and approve insurance benefit plans for school employees and to establish eligibility criteria for participation in insurance benefit plans.

Creates the school employees' insurance account and the school employees' benefits board medical benefits administration account.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5977 by Senators Bailey, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Decodifying, expiring, and making nonsubstantive changes to community and technical college provisions.

Decodifies, expires, and makes nonsubstantive changes to community and technical college provisions.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 5978 by Senators Roach, Liias, and Fain; by request of Secretary of State

Modifying presidential primary provisions.

Modifies provisions relating to the presidential primary.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 5979 by Senator Braun

Providing salary increases in the form of flat dollar monthly increases calculated using the state average wage determined under RCW 50.04.355.

Addresses general salary and wage increase provisions included in collective bargaining agreements.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5980 by Senator Braun

Creating a defined contribution retirement plan option for elected officials.

Establishes the elected official retirement savings plan act.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5981 by Senator Braun

Concerning limitations on state debt.

Requires the state treasurer's office to calculate a working debt limit for purposes of budget development.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5982 by Senator Braun

Addressing retirement age provisions for new members of the state retirement systems administered by the department of retirement systems.

Modifies retirement age provisions with regard to new members of the state retirement systems.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5983 by Senator Warnick

Addressing services performed by an individual for remuneration.

Addresses services performed by an individual for remuneration as it relates to employment subject to industrial insurance provisions and unemployment compensation provisions.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

SB 5984 by Senators Kohl-Welles and Roach

Concerning a leasehold excise tax credit for properties of market value in excess of ten million dollars.

Provides a leasehold excise tax credit to tax parcels that are subject to the leasehold interest and have a market value in excess of ten million dollars.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.