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House Bills

HB 1234-S by House Committee on General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representative Senn; by request of Department of Enterprise Services)

Modifying certain building permit fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases the building permit fee issued by a county or a city to: (1) Five dollars and fifty cents for residential building permits; and

(2) Ten dollars for nonresidential building permits.

Requires the department of enterprise services to increase the fees on July 1, 2019, and every four years thereafter.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 GGIT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1272-S by House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Buys, Orwall, and Pollet)

Concerning the crime of disclosing intimate images.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the crime of disclosing intimate images.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 PS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to General Government & Information Technology.

Feb 25 GGIT - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1276-S2 by House Committee on General

Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Klippert, Goodman, Hayes, Orwall, Moscoso, Pettigrew, Zeiger, Kilduff, and Fey)

Concerning impaired driving.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies impaired driving provisions.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 GGIT - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1503-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Jinkins, Ryu, Tharinger, DeBolt, Senn, Robinson, Harris, Cody, Riccelli, Walsh, Sawyer, and Moeller)

Concerning medical liens.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to medical liens.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 20 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1539-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller and Wylie)

Concerning hardship property tax waivers for interest and penalties.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases the occasions in which court treasurers may waive the interest and penalties for delinquencies on property taxes.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.

HB 1551-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Ryu, Haler, Kagi, Gregerson, and Wylie; by request of Department of Revenue)

Improving the administration of unclaimed property laws.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses unclaimed property law administration.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1569-S by House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Goodman, Hayes, Holy, Fitzgibbon, and Ormsby)

Improving the drug offender sentencing alternative.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes availability of the residential chemical dependency treatment-based alternative to thirty-six months or less for the midpoint of the standard range.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 PS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1586-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Manweller, Dent, Orcutt, and Wylie)

Transferring a railroad right-of-way to the Port of Royal Slope.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of transportation to transfer to the Port of Royal Slope, at no cost, the Royal Slope railroad right-of-way and any materials, equipment, and supplies purchased as a part of the Royal Slope rehabilitation project.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1678-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlyle and Nealey; by request of Department of Revenue)

Improving tax fairness for businesses engaged in electronic commerce by eliminating inconsistent tax treatment of digital business inputs, ensuring that prewritten computer software developers remain eligible for the manufacturing machinery and equipment sales and use tax exemption, and providing greater clarity for out-of-state sellers concerning their tax obligations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides more clarity and consistency in the sales and use taxation of digital business inputs.

Reaffirms and restores the policy choice, made by the legislature in 2009, of providing substantial sales and use tax relief to businesses for their acquisition of digital business inputs.

Evaluates whether the fiscal impact of these tax preferences reasonably conforms to what was anticipated at the time the implementing legislation was adopted.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 26 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1693-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Pollet and Tarleton)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

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

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

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 26 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1763-S2 by House Committee on General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Van De Wege, Lytton, Riccelli, and Tharinger)

Regulating music licensing agencies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates music licensing agencies.

Requires the department of licensing, in collaboration with the office of the attorney general, to conduct a consumer awareness campaign to inform business proprietors of their rights and responsibilities regarding the public performance of copyrighted music.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 GGIT - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1784-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Tharinger, Cody, Van De Wege, Riccelli, Jinkins, and Moeller)

Concerning nursing home quality.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes staffing standards for nursing homes.

Requires the department of social and health services to develop a payment methodology to incorporate outcome-based measures into nursing home rates.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1808-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Stanford, Manweller, Blake, Orcutt, Ryu, Zeiger, Moscoso, Harris, Appleton, Wilcox, Takko, Haler, Pollet, Kochmar, Ormsby, Holy, Vick, Fey, Sells, Dunshee, Hayes, Farrell, S. Hunt, Reykdal, and Van De Wege)

Concerning passenger-carrying vehicles for railroad employees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the utilities and transportation commission to:

- (1) Regulate persons providing railroad crew transportation and contract crew hauling vehicles with respect to the safety of equipment, driver qualifications, insurance levels, and safety of operations;

- (2) Compile data regarding reported safety complaints, accidents, regulatory violations and fines, and corrective actions taken by the commission involving passenger-carrying vehicles; and

- (3) Develop an inspection program for vehicles used to carry railroad employees.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

HB 1822-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Farrell, Orcutt, Fey, Fitzgibbon, and Moscoso)

Extending and modifying the commute trip reduction tax credit.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies commute trip reduction tax credit provisions.

Delays, until July 1, 2024, the expiration of the commute trip reduction tax credit.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

HB 1874-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Tharinger, Cody, and Riccelli; by request of Department of Health)

Regarding the requirements of allopathic physician licensure.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses allopathic physician licensing requirements.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1916-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody and Harris)

Integrating administrative provisions for chemical dependency and mental health.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the integration of chemical dependency and mental health administrative provisions.

Designates the department of social and health services as the state behavioral health authority which includes recognition as the single state authority for substance use disorders and state mental health authority.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1917-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Hansen, Pettigrew, Ortiz-Self, and Appleton)

Concerning video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows individuals who interact with law enforcement or corrections officers to access the video and/or sound recordings of these interactions under certain circumstances.

Provides that video and/or sound recordings, of any kind, made by uniformed law enforcement or corrections officers while in the course of their official duties are not subject to the privacy act.

Exempts from public inspection and copying under the public records act, video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers, of jurisdictions that have deployed body cameras, while in the course of their official duties.

Requires a law enforcement agency that equips its officers with body worn cameras to establish policies regarding the use of the cameras.

Requires the legislature to convene a task force to examine law enforcement agencies' use of vehicle-mounted and body worn cameras.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 20 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1956-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representative Moeller)

Addressing a report to be filed by an independent review organization.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires certified independent review organizations to submit an annual statistical report with the department of health.

Requires the department of health to transmit the reports to the insurance commissioner.

Requires the insurance commissioner to make the reports available to the public in a database on the commissioner's internet web site.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1993-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Moscoso and Clibborn; by request of Department of Licensing)

Updating and clarifying statutory provisions within the commercial vehicle registration and fuel tax administrative systems.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Updates and clarifies provisions within the commercial vehicle registration and fuel tax administrative systems.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.

HB 2012-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Orcutt, Clibborn, Hargrove, Hayes, Pike, Zeiger, Muri, and Wilson)

Concerning the implementation of practical design by the department of transportation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of transportation to approach project development by applying principles of practical design in appropriate situations so that projects are based on cost efficiencies, community needs, and performance without impacting safety or operations. "Practical design" is a lean, performance-based approach to determining project investments.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 2021-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Parker, Cody, Holy, Ormsby, and Muri)

Concerning the prescription drug assistance foundation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the definition of "health insurance coverage including prescription drugs," for purposes of the prescription drug assistance foundation, to include prescription drug coverage under a plan offered through the state health benefit exchange.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2025-S by House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representative Appleton)

Prohibiting the sale or display of human remains exclusively for commercial purposes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits the sale or display of human remains exclusively for commercial purposes.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 PS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2183 by Representatives McCabe, Orwall, Dent, Senn, Caldier, Johnson, Fagan, Parker, Kagi, Gregerson, and Santos

Concerning a curriculum for the prevention of sexual abuse for grades K-12.

Establishes the Erin's law task force for the purpose of creating and implementing a curriculum for the prevention of sexual abuse for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2184 by Representatives Lytton, Magendanz, Hunter, and Gregerson

Providing a cost savings by making changes to high school science assessment requirements.

Changes high school science assessment requirements.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2185 by Representative S. Hunt; by request of Office of Financial Management

Canceling the 2016 presidential primary.

Prohibits a presidential primary from being held in 2016.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 5057-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Ericksen)

Concerning the safe transport of hazardous materials.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Provide grants to emergency responders to assist with oil spill and hazardous materials response and firefighting equipment and resources needed to meet the requirements of this act; and

(2) Convene a panel to evaluate and assess vessel traffic management and vessel traffic safety within the Columbia river and Grays Harbor.

Requires first-class cities to provide to the utilities and transportation commission a list of existing public crossings within the limits of a first-class city.

Requires the emergency management council to require local emergency planning organizations to submit hazardous materials plans and to update the plans on a five-year cycle for compliance review by the adjutant general.

Requires the department of ecology and the utilities and transportation commission to jointly hold a symposium on oil spill prevention and response activities for international transport of liquid bulk crude oil.

Authorizes the utilities and transportation commission to adopt rules governing safety standards for private crossings along the railroad tracks over which crude oil is transported in the state.

Authorizes employees of the utilities and transportation commission, certified by the federal railroad administration to perform hazardous materials inspections, to enter the property of any business that receives, ships, or offers for shipment hazardous materials by rail.

Imposes an oil spill response tax and an oil spill administration tax on the privilege of receiving crude oil at a bulk oil terminal within this state from a tank car.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5141-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Frockt, Dammeier, Bailey, Rivers, Brown, and Parlette)

Concerning the alternative process for awarding contracts for university medical buildings and facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5166-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Ranker, and Hasegawa)

Concerning the management of forage fish resources.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Collaborate to conduct a survey of the location of surf smelt and sand lance spawning grounds; and

(2) To the extent available, conduct the surveys using crews of the veterans conservation corps.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a mid-water trawl survey to evaluate the prevalence of adults of all species of forage fish.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.
Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 26 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5177-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban and Darneille; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Improving timeliness of competency evaluation and restoration services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Encourages the department of social and health services to develop, on a phased-in basis, alternative locations and increased access to competency restoration services under chapter 10.77 RCW (criminally insane) for individuals who do not require in-patient psychiatric hospitalization level services.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to contract with city or county jails, if the jail is willing and able, to provide competency restoration services in the jail if the secretary of the department determines there is an emergent need for beds and documents the justification, including a plan to address the emergency.

Prohibits new secure facilities for inpatient treatment of defendants ordered to receive competency restoration from being sited within five hundred feet of the facilities and grounds of a public or private school.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5206-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Miloscia, Bailey, Braun, Padden, Hewitt, Hill, Dammeier, Honeyford, and Parlette)

Addressing state audit findings of noncompliance with state law.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a state agency, within thirty days of receipt of an audit containing findings of noncompliance with state law, to submit a response and a plan for remediation to the governor, the state auditor, the office of financial management, the joint legislative audit and review committee, and the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of representatives.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5269-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban,

Darneille, Rolfes, Dansel, Miloscia, Pearson, Bailey, Padden, Becker, Frockt, Habib, and Pedersen)

Concerning court review of detention decisions under the involuntary treatment act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Allows an immediate family member, guardian, or conservator of a person to petition the superior court for review of a designated mental health professional's decision, if the designated mental health professional decides not to: (1) Detain a person for evaluation and treatment; or

(2) Take action within forty-eight hours of a request for investigation being submitted to the designated mental health professional.

Requires the department of social and health services and each regional support network or agency employing designated mental health professionals to publish information in an easily accessible format describing the process for an immediate family member, guardian, or conservator to petition for court review of a detention decision.

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

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5276-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Roach, and Keiser)

Concerning refunds of property taxes paid as a result of manifest errors in descriptions of property.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows a county legislative authority to authorize a refund of property taxes on a claim filed more than three years after the due date of the payment sought to be refunded if the claim arises from taxes paid as a result of a manifest error in a description of property.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5323-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Hobbs, Fain, Liias, Angel, and Conway)

Extending and modifying the commute trip reduction tax credit.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies and extends the commute trip reduction tax credit.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5333-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet, Litzow, Hill, McCoy, Keiser, and Jayapal)

Concerning clean alternative fuel vehicles.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Extends the existing sales and use tax exemption on clean alternative fuel vehicles.

Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Determine the amount of the state sales tax collected from the sales of clean alternative vehicles powered by electricity; and

(2) Notify the state treasurer of the amount of sales tax collected.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer that amount from the general fund into the transportation innovative partnership account to be used for improving the state's publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

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

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; do not pass.

Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5347-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Hatfield, Warnick, Honeyford, and Pearson)

Creating demonstration projects for preserving agricultural land and public infrastructure in flood plains.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the state conservation commission and the departments of agriculture, natural resources, fish and wildlife, and ecology to jointly identify and assess three demonstration projects, located in Whatcom, Snohomish, and Grays Harbor counties, that test the effectiveness and costs of river management.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5403-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Conway, O'Ban, Darneille, Cleveland, Rivers, and Benton)

Concerning competency to stand trial evaluations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses reimbursement to counties by the department of social and health services for competency to stand trial evaluations.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5410-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Roach,

Angel, Miloscia, Bailey, Padden, Warnick, Hill, Dammeier, and Benton)

Modifying qualifications for disabled veterans to receive fee exempt license plates.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes the service-connected compensation rate that allows disabled veterans to receive fee-exempt license plates.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5435-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey and Schoesler)

Expanding participation in the Washington state deferred compensation program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires counties, municipalities, and other subdivisions of the state that participate in one or more of the state retirement systems, to offer the state deferred compensation program as an option to employees eligible to participate in a deferred compensation plan.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5481-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hill, Litzow, Mullet, Chase, Rivers, Becker, Bailey, Warnick, Rolfes, and Hasegawa)

Concerning tolling customer service reform.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of transportation to: (1) Develop rules to allow an individual who has been issued a notice of civil penalty to present evidence of mitigating circumstances as to why a toll bill was not timely paid;

(2) Before issuing a notice of civil penalty to a registered owner of a vehicle listed on an active prepaid electronic toll account, send an e-mail notice and call the phone numbers provided in the account to provide notice of unpaid pay-by-mail toll bills; and

(3) Within six months of the Interstate 405 high occupancy toll lanes being opened to the public, administer a toll amnesty program that will allow a toll customer who owes civil penalties, administrative fees, and tolls to pay the tolls owed and have the civil penalties and associated administrative fees waived.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5486-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means

(originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, O'Ban, Darneille, Fraser, Miloscia, Rolfes, Hargrove, Billig, Ranker, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe)

Creating the parents for parents program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Specifies that the parents for parents program currently exists in nine counties and has been shown to increase the number of family reunifications, where appropriate, while decreasing the length of time needed to establish permanence. The goal is to increase the permanency and well-being of children in foster care through peer mentoring that increases parental engagement and contributes to family reunification.

Authorizes the parents for parents program to provide structured peer mentoring, administered by child welfare parent mentors, for families entering the dependency court system.

Requires funding for the parents for parents program to be through the office of public defense and centrally administered through a pass-through to a state nonprofit-lead organization that has extensive experience supporting child welfare parent mentors.

Requires a research entity with experience in child welfare research to conduct an evaluation of the parents for parents program.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 26 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5550-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Habib and Fain)

Regulating providers of commercial transportation services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates transportation network companies.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5640-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Ericksen)

Concerning the limitation on towing and storage deficiency claims after auction of a private property vehicle impound.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses deficiency claims of registered tow truck operators after auction of a private property vehicle impound.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5656-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers, Chase, Fain, and Keiser; by request of Washington Traffic Safety Commission)

Enhancing public safety by reducing distracted driving incidents caused by the use of personal wireless communications devices.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises existing cell phone laws in order to qualify for federal funds that have been set aside to combat the problem of distracted driving.

Requires the director of the department of licensing to incorporate questions on distracted driving into the driver licensing examination.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5715-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fain, Pedersen, Braun, and Angel)

Including the contents of fiscal impact statements in the ballot title for certain initiative measures.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a ballot title to be displayed and revised in the voters' pamphlet for initiatives to the people or the legislature for which the legislature has not proposed an alternative, that has been certified for the ballot, and for which the fiscal impact statement indicates that the initiative will result in an estimated net biennial increase in state expenditures of twenty-five million dollars or greater, or an estimated net biennial decrease in state revenues of twenty-five million dollars or greater.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Feb 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5758-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Becker, Hargrove, Frockt, Hatfield, and Bailey)

Concerning federal medicaid payment reconciliations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the state health care authority to complete an annual reconciliation of payments to federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics for each calendar year within two years of the calendar year for which the payments are made.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.