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### House Bills

**HB 1458-S2** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Goodman, Pettigrew, Ryu, Stanford, Gregerson, Jinkins, Bergquist, McBride, Magendanz, Cody, Kagi, S. Hunt, and Pollet; by request of Attorney General)

Protecting youth from tobacco products and vapor products.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Raises the legal smoking age to nineteen.  
Provides a definition for vapor product.  
Takes effect July 1, 2019.

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Apr 3 FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Apr 7 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 2087-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey and Muri)

Concerning vehicles powered by clean alternative fuel.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Delays, until July 1, 2019, the expiration of the existing sales and use tax exemption on clean alternative fuel vehicles.

Requires the department of transportation's public-private partnership office to develop a pilot program to support the deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure that is supported by private financing.

Creates the electric vehicle charging infrastructure account.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer one million dollars from the multimodal transportation account to the electric vehicle charging infrastructure account. Expires July 1, 2027.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Minority; do not pass.

Apr 7 Minority; without recommendation.  
Referred to Appropriations.

**HB 2136-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Carlyle)

Concerning comprehensive marijuana market reforms to ensure a well-regulated and taxed marijuana market in Washington state.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses comprehensive marijuana market reforms.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 31 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Apr 1 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

### Senate Bills

**SB 5449-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Rivers, Brown, Hobbs, Dammeier, Becker, Mullet, Sheldon, Warnick, Fain, Honeyford, Hewitt, and Frockt)

Creating a tax division of the court of appeals.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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

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

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5575-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means  
(originally sponsored by Senators Braun,  
Honeyford, and Hatfield)

Providing sales and use tax exemptions, in the form of a remittance of tax paid, to encourage coal-fired electric generation plants or biomass energy facilities to convert to natural gas-fired plants.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for labor and services rendered in respect to the constructing of new structures, and expansion or renovation of existing structures, for the purpose of converting a coal-fired electric generation facility into a natural gas-fired plant or a biomass energy facility.

Expires July 1, 2025.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 2 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5665-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means  
(originally sponsored by Senators Hill, Lias,  
Fain, Brown, and Benton; by request of Office of Financial  
Management)

Reinstating tax preferences for high-technology research and development.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a business and occupation tax credit for high-technology companies performing research and development.

Provides a sales and use tax deferral for certain construction for new and expanding high-technology companies conducting research and development in the fields of advanced computing, advanced materials, biotechnology, electronic device technology, or environmental technology.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 2 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.