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## **House Bills**

HB 1912-S by House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris and Tarleton)

Concerning distributed generation.

#### (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that it is the intent of the legislature to extend incentives for renewable energy systems while obtaining recommendations from a third-party consultant who will work with utilities, customers, and other stakeholders to develop better tools for utilities as we transition to the digital smart grid of the future.

-- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 12 TED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Jun 18 Referred to Finance.

HB 2120-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Takko, Farrell, and Walkinshaw)

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

# (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows a credit for a leasehold interest in real property owned by the University of Washington or Washington State University equal to the amount that the leasehold excise tax exceeds the property tax that would apply if the real property were privately owned by the taxpayer.

Provides that the credit is available only if the tax parcel that is subject to the leasehold interest has a market value in excess of ten million dollars.

Expires July 1, 2020.

-- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 8 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Jun 16 Placed on second reading.

HB 2156-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger)

Promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties with regard to: (1) Nuisance abatement assessments in cities and towns;

- (2) Cost recovery mechanism for public records sought for commercial purposes;
- (3) Health coverage purchased by political subdivisions through the public employees' benefits board program; and
- (4) Sales and use tax for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas.
  - -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --
  - Jun 8 FIN Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.Minority; do not pass.
  - Jun 18 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2214 by Representatives Reykdal, Taylor, Pettigrew, Shea, Gregory, G. Hunt, Pollet, Holy, Ryu, Haler, Sells, Santos, Farrell, Tarleton, Bergquist, Appleton, Moscoso, Takko, Peterson, Dunshee, Riccelli, Sawyer, Tharinger, Condotta, Gregerson, Stanford, Robinson, Fitzgibbon, Kilduff, Orwall, Ortiz-Self, Van De Wege, Goodman, Kirby, Blake, Wylie, Moeller, Fey, McBride, Hurst, Schmick, S. Hunt, Griffey, and Young; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Increasing academic rigor and streamlining assessment requirements for high school students.

#### (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 6/11/15)

Eliminates the tenth grade assessments in reading, writing, and mathematics and alternative assessments that students may use to obtain a certificate of academic achievement.

Requires students to meet the standard on the smarter balanced English language arts and mathematics assessments administered in high school, or demonstrate by the beginning of their senior year that they have met state standards using the SAT or ACT.

Intends for students who fail to meet the standard to take and pass locally determined courses in their senior year that align with their college or career goals, including, when available, high school transition courses.

Declares it is the intent of the legislature for Washington to administer only the following for high school graduation: The smarter balanced assessment in English language arts; the smarter balanced assessment in mathematics; and the statewide assessment in science, including, when operational, the comprehensive next generation science standards assessment.

#### -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 26 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

# -- 2015 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Apr 29 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

May 26 Committee relieved of further consideration.

Placed on second reading.

May 27 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 87; nays, 7; absent, 0; excused, 4.

#### -- IN THE SENATE --

May 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

#### -- IN THE HOUSE --

May 29 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Jun 10 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on third reading.

Jun 11 Returned to second reading for amendment.

Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 83; nays, 6; absent, 0; excused, 9.

# -- IN THE SENATE --

Jun 15 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

HB 2263 by Representatives Springer, Walkinshaw, Robinson, Tharinger, Carlyle, McBride, Fitzgibbon, and Reykdal

Providing local governments with options to strengthen their communities by providing services and facilities for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and other vulnerable populations, and by increasing access to educational experiences through cultural organizations.

Authorizes county legislative authorities to create a cultural access program.

Authorizes certain counties to impose sales and use taxes or additional regular property tax levies for the purposes authorized in this act.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 4 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

## HB 2264 by Representatives Smith and Haler

Amending the statewide minimum privacy policy for disclosure of customer energy use information.

Addresses a consumer-owned utility's implementation of the statewide minimum privacy policy.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 4 First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Jun 12 TED - Majority; do pass.

Jun 18 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

## HB 2265 by Representatives Manweller and Condotta

Providing additional detail in the tax preference performance statement, including a 79,500 employment baseline, for the aerospace tax incentives.

Revises the tax preference performance statement for the aerospace tax incentives to provide additional detail, including a 79,500 employment baseline.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 5 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

# HB 2266 by Representative Sullivan

Deferring implementation of class size reduction and school employee staffing formula changes.

Defers implementation of class size reduction and school employee staffing formula changes.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

# HB 2267 by Representative Hunter

Suspending the state expenditure limit in order to implement the state's Article IX obligation to amply fund basic education.

Declares that the legislature is temporarily suspending the state expenditure limit during the biennia in which the legislature is phasing in its Article IX obligation to amply fund education and for the ensuing biennium.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

## **HB 2268** by Representative Hunter

Directing the treasurer to transfer budget stabilization account deposits that are attributable to extraordinary revenue growth in the 2013-2015 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer into the state general fund the entire budget stabilization account deposit that is attributable to extraordinary revenue growth: (1) By June 30, 2015, for the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium; and

(2) During the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, for the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2269 by Representatives Hunter, Carlyle, Sullivan, and Walkinshaw

Relating to investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington's tax system.

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington's tax system.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

# HB 2270 by Representatives Hudgins and Walkinshaw

Modifying sentencing laws related to property crimes and other crimes and implementing recommendations of the Washington state justice reinvestment task force.

Declares an intent to respond to the findings of the state justice reinvestment task force by: (1) Changing sentencing policy to require supervision of certain people convicted of property offenses;

- (2) Providing treatment, if needed, and programs to reduce recidivism; and
  - (3) Providing additional support to local governments.
    - -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

# **Senate Bills**

SB 6099-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, O'Ban, and Conway)

Appointing a representative for a crime victim in certain circumstances.

# (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a prosecuting attorney to appoint a community-based advocate or an investigative law enforcement officer to serve as a representative of a crime victim if the victim is deceased and has no estate or surviving family or other representative.

Authorizes the community-based advocate or the law enforcement officer to make a recommendation for a sentence different than that provided in a plea agreement.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 18 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jun 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

# SB 6129 by Senators Roach and Warnick

Allowing cities, towns, code cities, and counties to choose to conduct district-based elections.

Allows a local government to choose to conduct a district-based election.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 6130 by Senators Dammeier, Rolfes, Rivers, and Hargrove

Concerning the state's constitutional basic education obligation, including reducing overreliance on local levies.

Declares that the legislature has developed a plan and intends to take the following actions: (1) Clarifying the definition and state funding required for the instructional program of basic education:

- (2) Creating greater clarity, transparency, and accountability procedures for monitoring the expenditures of state, federal, and local revenues, including basic and nonbasic education expenditures;
- (3) Phasing in a streamlined and less complicated salary allocation model for certificated instructional staff;
- (4) Reducing reliance on local levies for basic education by assuming full responsibility for providing state basic education salary allocations that are sufficient to attract and retain professional certificated instructional staff, statewide and locally;
- (5) Providing additional specificity on how local levy funds may be expended for enhancements;
- (6) Improving transparency and equity among school districts; and
- (7) Creating the education funding council to review the changes made under this act before the changes are implemented and continuing through full implementation.
  - -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

# SB 6131 by Senator Ericksen

Requiring safer chemicals in Washington.

Establishes the toxics reduction act.

Requires safer chemicals in the state.

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

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 11 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.

# SB 6132 by Senator Ericksen

Relating to the retirement of electric generation facilities.

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to the retirement of electric generation facilities.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 11 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.

# SB 6133 by Senators Hargrove, Hill, Schoesler, and Rolfes

Defining employee for sheltered workshops and certain nonprofit organizations.

Excludes from the definition of "employee" under the minimum wage act, an individual whose earning capacity is impaired by physical or mental disabilities engaged in activities with a sheltered workshop or nonprofit organization issued a special certificate under the federal fair labor standards act.

# -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

#### SB 6134 by Senator Padden

Exempting pretrial electronic alcohol monitoring programs from statutory limitations on pretrial supervision costs.

# (SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Exempts pretrial electronic alcohol monitoring programs from statutory limitations on pretrial supervision costs.

#### -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 15 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

Jun 18 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jun 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

# SB 6134-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senator Padden)

Exempting pretrial electronic alcohol monitoring programs from statutory limitations on pretrial supervision costs.

# (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SÜBSTITUTE)

Exempts a pretrial electronic alcohol monitoring program, drug monitoring program, or 24/7 sobriety program from statutory limitations on pretrial supervision costs.

Requires the court, if electronic monitoring or alcohol abstinence monitoring is ordered, to specify who shall provide the monitoring services and the terms under which the monitoring is performed.

## -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 18 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jun 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

#### SB 6135 by Senator Miloscia

Concerning the treatment of binge eating disorder.

Allows a practitioner to prescribe, order, dispense, administer, supply, or give certain amphetamines or nonnarcotic stimulants to a person for the treatment of binge eating disorder.

# -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 17 First reading, referred to Health Care.

# SB 6136 by Senators Rivers, Mullet, and Hatfield

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

Addresses comprehensive marijuana market reforms relating to: (1) Marijuana excise tax, exemptions, and distribution of revenues;

- (2) Marijuana business--Buffers and licensee residency;
- (3) Consumption of marijuana in a public place;
- (4) Transportation of marijuana products;
- (5) Funding for marijuana health awareness program;
- (6) Cannabis health and beauty aid exemption;
- (7) Signage and public notice requirements;
- (8) Marijuana-infused products and concentrates;
- (9) Medical use of marijuana;
- (10) The dedicated marijuana account;
- (11) Synthetic cannabinoids and bath salts;
- (12) Restricting certain methods of selling marijuana;
- (13) Marijuana clubs; and
- (14) Marijuana research licenses.
  - -- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 19 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.