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Senate Bills

SB 5347  by Senator Ericksen
Concerning claims about climate change made by electric utilities.
Prohibits an electric utility from advertising or offering a benefit, program, or service in terms indicating that the benefit, program, or service will slow or stop, or in any similar way affect, climate change.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5348  by Senator Ericksen
Providing a sales and use tax exemption for construction related to public schools, institutions of higher education, and local public safety.
Provides a sales and use tax exemption on charges for labor and services rendered in respect to the constructing of new buildings for use by a public school district or an institution of higher education, or with respect to local public safety.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5349  by Senator Ericksen
Concerning products identified as milk.
Prohibits the sale, offer for sale, or delivery of a product that is identified by the word "milk" and, is intended for human consumption as food or drink, if the product is not milk or does not contain milk or milk products.

SB 5350  by Senators Conway, Bailey, and Schoesler; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy
Concerning the purchase of an optional life annuity benefit for certain public retirement system members.
Authorizes the following, at the time of retirement, to purchase an optional actuarially equivalent life annuity benefit from: (1) The public employees' retirement system plan 1 fund; (2) The public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 fund; (3) The public safety employees' retirement system plan 2 fund; or (4) The school employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 fund, as appropriate.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5351  by Senator Darnelle
Concerning juvenile sex offense registration waivers under the special sexual offender disposition alternative.
Provides eligibility for a juvenile offender who is eligible for the special sex offender disposition alternative if the offender is found to have committed: (1) A sex offense, other than a sex offense that is also a serious violent offense, and has no history of a prior sex offense; or (2) Assault in the fourth degree with sexual motivation, and has no history of a prior sex offense.
Requires the court, upon adjudication of the offense for which the disposition alternative is considered, to order the offender to register as a sex offender.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.
SB 5352 by Senators Walsh, Warnick, McCoy, Kuderer, Van De Wege, and Hasegawa

Concerning the Walla Walla watershed management pilot program.

Finds that participants in the Walla Walla watershed pilot program have demonstrated exceptional cooperation in developing and implementing an innovative water management concept that enhances flexibility in water use since convening in 2009.

Requires the existing authorities and structure of the pilot program to evolve to: (1) Meet the growing water resource demands in the watershed; and (2) Protect and enhance ecological functions.

Extends the pilot program through June 30, 2021, to: (1) Allow it to perform internal and external evaluations; (2) Build upon previous pilot program efforts; (3) Continue Walla Walla river flow enhancement technical work; and (4) Develop a thirty-year integrated water resource management strategic plan.

Imposes additional duties on the water management board during the transition period of July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2021.

SB 5353 by Senators Zeiger and Conway

Promoting redevelopment of certain areas to encourage transit supportive densities and efficient land use.

Requires the following criteria to be met before an area may be designated as a residential targeted area: The area must be in a county seeking to promote transit supportive densities and efficient land use in an area that is located within an urban growth area, a city's potential annexation area of a certain city, one-quarter of a mile of a corridor with bus service that has an acceptable schedule and is in service or is planned for service to begin within five years of designation.

SB 5354 by Senators Rivers, Rolfes, Becker, Brown, Wilson, C., and Kuderer

Concerning programs for highly capable students.

Allocates state funding for basic education programs for highly capable students.

Requires the funds provided by the state for the state basic education program for highly capable students to be categorical funding to provide services to highly capable students as determined by a school district, however, school districts must use a portion of the funds to deliver professional development.

Requires the funds provided by the state for student transportation to and from school to include transportation to and from programs for highly capable students.
Concerning affordable housing development on religious organization property.

Requires a city planning under chapter 35.63 RCW (planning commissions), a city planning under chapter 35A.63 RCW (planning and zoning in code cities), and a city and county fully planning under chapter 36.70A RCW (the growth management act), to allow an increased density bonus consistent with local needs for an affordable housing development of a single-family or multifamily residence located on real property owned or controlled by a religious organization.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.
Jan 22 LGOV - Majority; without recommendation.
And refer to Housing Stability & Affordability.
Jan 23 Referred to Housing Stability & Affordability.

SB 5359 by Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Darneille, Keiser, Van De Wege, Nguyen, Saldaña, and Wilson, C.; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Funding investigations to protect individuals with disabilities in the supported living program.

Addresses vulnerable adults and state services.

Requires a certified provider, after initial certification, to pay an annual certification fee which will be established in the omnibus appropriations act.

Requires the fee to include the department of social and health services' cost of paying providers for the certification fee attributed to medicaid clients.

Prohibits the fee from being required of government-operated programs or court-appointed receivers.

Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Use the funds to conduct complaint investigations in certified residential services and supports programs; (2) Cease collecting the fee if the centers for medicare and medicaid services determine that federal funds cannot be appropriated to match state expenditures under this act; and (3) If the determination is made, notify the office of financial management and the appropriate legislative committees.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5360 by Senators Conway, Hobbs, Saldaña, Dhinra, Keiser, Pedersen, and Hunt; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Addressing plan membership default provisions in the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system.

Revises provisions in the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system with regard to plan membership default.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5361 by Senators Zeiger, Kuderer, Warnick, and Das

Enacting the recommendations of the joint legislative audit and review committee's report analyzing development costs for low-income housing.

Requires the housing finance commission to: (1) Identify and evaluate options for increasing the involvement of for-profit participants in the state portion of the federal nine percent low-income housing tax credit program that it administers; (2) In cooperation with the department of commerce, develop and implement a process for the collection of certified final development cost data from each recipient under the federal low-income housing credit program that it administers; (3) Use the data as part of its cost-containment policy; and (4) Provide a report to the legislature of its final cost data for each project completed within the past year.

Requires the department of commerce to: (1) In cooperation with the housing finance commission, develop and implement a process for the collection of certified final development cost data from certain grant or loan recipients; (2) Use the data as part of its cost-containment policy; and (3) Provide a report to the legislature of its final cost data for each project.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Housing Stability & Affordability.

SB 5362 by Senators Wilson, L., Hobbs, King, and Rivers

Addressing the creation of a deferred prosecution program for nonpayment of license fees and taxes for vehicle, vessel, and aircraft registrations.

Authorizes a county to set up a deferred prosecution program for persons who receive a citation for failing to register a vehicle, an aircraft, or a vessel.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5363 by Senators Palumbo, Wagoner, Hunt, Mullet, and Liias

Extending the property tax exemption for new and rehabilitated multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers.

Allows an exemption period, for properties qualified for the property tax exemption, to be extended for an additional twelve years if the local government adopts qualifying guidelines for the extension.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Housing Stability & Affordability.
SB 5364 by Senators Wagoner, King, Takko, Schoesler, Honeyford, and Van De Wege
Ensuring that offenders who are incarcerated and commit murder may be charged with the death penalty.
Creates a death penalty review panel.
Requires the prosecuting attorney to: (1) If a person is charged with aggravated first degree murder and the murder occurred while the person was already serving a term of incarceration, forward a request for review along with all relevant materials to the panel for a determination of whether the death penalty should be sought;
(2) If a majority of the panel recommends pursuing the death penalty, file written notice of a special sentencing proceeding to determine whether or not the death penalty should be imposed.
Requires the attorney general to convene a meeting of the panel, upon receipt of a request for review, and the panel must review materials submitted from the prosecuting attorney and by defense counsel and make a recommendation on the death penalty.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5365 by Senators Wagoner, Padden, Bailey, and Wilson, L.
Concerning vaccination and antibody titer test notification.
Establishes the vaccine consumer protection act.
Establishes a requirement for health care providers to notify individuals, before vaccine administration, of the option to obtain serologic proof of immunity in lieu of vaccination for all vaccines for which there is a licensed antibody titer test.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5366 by Senators Wagoner, Mullet, Rivers, Palumbo, Rolfes, Brown, Honeyford, Wilson, L., and Zeiger
Expanding the property tax exemption for new and rehabilitated multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers.
Delays the expiration date of the property tax exemption in this act, if a review finds that at least twenty percent of new housing is developed and occupied by households earning: (1) At or below eighty percent of the area median income, at the time of occupancy, adjusted for family size for the county in which the project is located; or
(2) When the housing is intended exclusively for owner occupancy, up to one hundred fifteen percent of the area median income, at the time of sale, adjusted for family size for the county in which the project is located.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Housing Stability & Affordability.

SB 5367 by Senators Wagoner, Bailey, Warnick, Honeyford, and Wilson, L.
Creating the purple star award for military friendly schools.
Creates the purple star award to recognize military friendly schools that show a commitment to students and families connected to the nation's military.
Requires a school or school district on behalf of a school to submit an application to the state council, created in Article VIII of the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children, in order to be considered for a purple star award.
Requires the purple star award to be awarded every two years, beginning in 2020.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5368 by Senators Wagoner, Warnick, Bailey, Honeyford, and Van De Wege
Requiring the department of natural resources to maintain the department's roads that are the exclusive means of accessing private property by road.
Requires the department of natural resources to maintain a road under its ownership or control that has been the exclusive means of accessing private property by road for a continuous period of at least ten years.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5369 by Senators Wagoner, Bailey, Honeyford, and Warnick
Promoting just compensation for certain property owners who are prevented from using permit-exempt wells.
Specifies that Washington courts should order just compensation to be made to a property owner who has been prohibited from using or constructing a permit-exempt well by the application of a state or local law, rule, order, ordinance, opinion, or other similar directive.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5370 by Senators Keiser, Warnick, Saldaña, Hasegawa, Wilson, C., and Honeyford
Creating a state commercial aviation coordinating commission.
Creates the state commercial aviation coordinating commission.
Requires the department of transportation to provide staff support for coordinating and administering the commission and technical assistance as requested by commission members.
Requires the commission to: (1) Review existing data and conduct research as needed to determine the state's long-range commercial aviation facility needs and the site of a new commercial aviation facility;
(2) Make recommendations to the legislature on future aviation facility needs;
(3) Identify a preferred location for a new commercial aviation facility; and
(4) Project a timeline for the development of an additional commercial aviation facility that is completed and functional by the year 2040.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18  First reading, referred to Transportation.

**SB 5371** by Senators Keiser, Kuderer, Bailey, Cleveland, Rivers, Rolfes, Saldaña, Darneille, Van De Wege, Frockt, Mullet, Nguyen, Conway, Das, and Hasegawa

Protecting consumers and purchasers from excessive increases in insulin drug prices.
Requires a drug manufacturer, if it increases the wholesale acquisition cost of an insulin drug by ten percent at any one time or in the aggregate in a twelve-month period, to notify the office of the insurance commissioner and the state health care authority of the increase.

Requires the prescription drug program to: (1) Produce and make available to drug manufacturers a price increase notification form; and
(2) Review the price increase and determine if the increase is excessive.

Authorizes a drug manufacturer, if the prescription drug program finds the price excessive, to appeal the decision by filing a notice of appeal with the office of administrative hearings.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18  First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

**SB 5372** by Senators Palumbo and Honeyford

Concerning local project review undertaken under chapter 36.70B RCW.

Provides that a project permit application is deemed procedurally complete upon submittal, except that within ten days after receiving the application, that is submitted online or in person without an appointment, a local government must provide a written determination to the applicant.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18  First reading, referred to Local Government.

**SB 5373** by Senators Conway, Saldaña, Hunt, Nguyen, and Hasegawa

Concerning meal and rest breaks and mandatory overtime for certain health care employees.

Addresses mandatory overtime, meal breaks, and rest breaks for health care employees.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18  First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.

**SB 5374** by Senators Conway, Keiser, Hunt, Nguyen, and Hasegawa

Concerning rest and meal periods.
Requires an employer to provide employees with rest and meal periods that must be uninterrupted and may not be intermittent.

Authorizes an employer to apply to the director of the department of labor and industries for an order for a variance from the required rest and meal periods, including whether they are uninterrupted or intermittent.

Requires an employer to give notice of the application for variance to the employees or their representatives so they may submit comments to the director.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18  First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.

**SB 5375** by Senators Wellman, Hawkins, Wilson, C., Pedersen, Salomon, Saldaña, Hasegawa, Hunt, and Zeiger; by request of Arts Commission

Making the public art capital budget language permanent for efficiency.
Makes the public art capital budget language permanent for efficiency.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18  First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 5376** by Senators Carlyle, Palumbo, Wellman, Mullet, Pedersen, Billig, Hunt, Lias, Rolfes, Saldaña, Hasegawa, and Keiser

Protecting consumer data.
Establishes the Washington privacy act.
Addresses the processing of personal data by controllers or processors; facial recognition for profiling; the state’s citizens right to privacy; transparency; exemptions; liability; and enforcement.

Prohibits state and local government agencies from using facial recognition technology to engage in ongoing surveillance of specified individuals in public spaces, unless it is in support of law enforcement activities.

Requires the office of privacy and data protection to conduct an analysis on the public sector use of facial recognition and submit a report of its findings to the appropriate legislative committees.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18  First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

**SB 5377** by Senators Carlyle, Palumbo, Mullet, Hasegawa, Keiser, Pedersen, and Saldaña

Concerning data sales and governance.
Establishes the data management and protection act.

Prohibits a state agency from selling personal data to third parties except as authorized by law.

Requires state agencies that are authorized by law to sell information containing the personal data of individuals to third parties, to take affirmative steps to protect the data from impermissible subsequent use, transfer, or sale by the third parties.
Requires the office of privacy and data protection to:
(1) Publish a statement of principles to promote responsible stewardship of the state's structured data assets regarding data minimization, due diligence, sensitive data and sensitive contexts, data quality, open data, transparency and accountability, and data security; and
(2) Provide a design template for consumer access to data and develop compliance criteria to meet the requirements of chapter 43.105 RCW (consolidated technology services agency).

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5378 by Senators Lias, Wellman, Zeiger, Mullet, and Hobbs
Regulating personal delivery devices.

Authorizes an eligible entity to operate a personal delivery device on a sidewalk or crosswalk if certain requirements are met.

Subjects the operation of a personal delivery device to all rules of the road (chapter 46.61 RCW) that apply to pedestrians.

Prohibits a personal delivery device from crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5379 by Senators Wilson, C., Nguyen, Saldaña, Darneille, Das, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, and Zeiger
Providing services and supports to parenting minors to improve educational attainment.

Allows an applicant to receive the maximum temporary assistance for needy families grant award regardless of his or her income if certain conditions are met.

Allows a parent who is under eighteen years of age and attending high school or working toward completing a G.E.D. certificate to receive working connections child care.

Requires the department of children, youth, and families to follow certain requirements when determining consumer eligibility and copayment.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to establish a competitive application process to provide grants to school districts for the establishment of a graduation, reality, and dual-role skills program.

Requires the state institute for public policy to evaluate the effectiveness of the awarded grants.

Authorizes a school district, at the request of an eligible student, to allow the student to transport his or her infant on a school bus or other student transportation vehicle provided by the district.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5380 by Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Frockt, Walsh, Keiser, King, Randall, O'Ban, Conway, Darneille, Saldaña, Das, Dhingra, Hunt, Wilson, C., and Zeiger; by request of Office of the Governor
Concerning opioid use disorder treatment, prevention, and related services.

Declares that opioid use disorder is a public health crisis.

Requires state agencies to: (1) Increase access to evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment services;
(2) Promote coordination of services within the substance use disorder treatment and recovery support system;
(3) Strengthen partnerships between opioid use disorder treatment providers and their allied community partners;
(4) Expand the use of the state prescription drug monitoring program; and
(5) Support comprehensive school and community-based substance use prevention services.

Requires agencies that administer state purchased health care programs to: (1) Coordinate activities to implement this act and the state interagency opioid working plan;
(2) Explore opportunities to address the opioid epidemic; and
(3) Provide status updates as directed by the joint legislative executive committee on health care oversight to promote legislative and executive coordination.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5381 by Senators Takko and Short
Concerning the authority and procedures for unit priced contracting by water and sewer districts.

Authorizes a water-sewer district to procure public works with a unit priced contract for the purpose of completing anticipated types of work based on hourly rates or unit pricing for one or more categories of work or trades.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

SB 5382 by Senators Zeiger, Palumbo, Das, Nguyen, Short, Van De Wege, Wilson, C., and Wilson, L.
Concerning tiny houses serving as accessory dwelling units.

Allows a tiny house to be an accessory dwelling unit for the purposes of permanent residence without being attached to or constructed within the primary dwelling unit.

Allows a tiny house with wheels, for which the owner has made reasonable accommodation for water, power, and sewage disposal for use as a permanent residence, to be an accessory dwelling unit without being attached to or constructed within the primary dwelling unit.
Concerning tiny houses.

Finds that: (1) Tiny houses have become a trend across the nation to address the shortage of affordable housing; and

(2) It is important to create space in the revised code of Washington for the regulation of tiny house siting as tiny houses are becoming more acceptable.

Allows individual cities and counties to permit tiny houses with wheels to be collected together as tiny house villages using the binding site plan method articulated in chapter 58.17 RCW (plats--subdivisions--dedications).

Prohibits a city or town from adopting an ordinance that prevents the entry or requires the removal of a tiny house with wheels used as a primary residence in manufactured/mobile home communities.

Concerning the location of tiny house communities.

Permits a county that is required or choosing to plan under the growth management act, to establish a process for reviewing proposals to authorize tiny house communities located outside of the initially designated urban growth areas or limited areas of more intense rural development when, upon review, a shortage of affordable housing within a reasonable distance from urban services has been identified.

Concerning telemedicine payment parity.

Requires certain health carriers, certain health plans offered to employees, school employees, and their dependents, and managed health care systems to reimburse a provider for a health care service provided to a covered person through telemedicine or store and forward technology at the same rate as if the health care service was provided in person by the provider.

Requires a health care professional who provides clinical services through telemedicine to complete telemedicine training and attest acknowledgment and understanding, and maintain documentation of training and attestation, before providing services through telemedicine to patients located in the state.

Concerning physician credentialing in telemedicine services.

Modifies physician credentialing provisions regarding telemedicine services.

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who identifies a student who may be at risk for substance abuse, violence, or youth suicide, to screen the student to determine if he or she is at risk.

Prohibits a school district from scheduling a psychiatry teleconsultation for a student without first receiving authorization from the student.

Requires individuals who are certified by the professional educator standards board as a school nurse, school social worker, school psychologist, or school counselor to complete a training program on identifying and referring students who are at risk for substance abuse, violence, and youth suicide, including the use of teleconsultation.

Requires school districts, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, to require certificated and classified employees at each school to receive training based on the curriculum developed for identifying students who are at risk for substance abuse, violence, or youth suicide.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5390 by Senators Becker, Walsh, Bailey, Short, Holy, O’Ban, Rivers, Fortunato, Hawkins, Warnick, Zeiger, Padden, and Wilson, L.

Providing property tax relief to preserve home ownership.

Finds that substantial increases in property values in recent years have made it increasingly difficult for many people to remain in their homes and increases the need to expand property tax relief to a broader range of older or disabled individuals.

Expands an existing property tax relief program for persons retired by reason of age or disability.

Requires county assessors to:
(1) Include, as part of the county’s parcel assessment data, information indicating whether a parcel qualifies for an exemption, as well as the specific level of exemption; and
(2) Provide the department of revenue with the data on an annual basis within two weeks after the assessment rolls have been certified for the tax year.

Requires the department of social and health services to work with nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and adult family homes to obtain data regarding the number of individuals residing in these facilities that currently or formerly claimed the exemption for their place of residence.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5391 by Senators Zeiger, Mullet, Padden, Das, Warnick, Hunt, and Keiser

Requiring the disclosure of drug production in improved residential real property sales.

Requires the seller of improved residential real property to inform the buyer if the property being sold was ever used to manufacture illegal drugs.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.

SB 5392 by Senators Frockt, Rivers, McCoy, Das, Nguyen, Randall, Keiser, Walsh, Saldaña, Hasegawa, and Wilson, C.

Establishing the profession of dental therapist.

Expands access to oral health care through an evidence-based mid-level dental provider called a dental therapist.

Declares an intent to follow the national commission on dental accreditation’s standards for dental therapy education.

Changes the composition of the state dental quality assurance commission by adding two members who are licensed dental therapists.

Requires the department of health and the dental quality assurance commission to adopt rules necessary to implement this act.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5393 by Senators Palumbo, Rolfes, Frockt, McCoy, Wellman, Lias, Pedersen, Darnelle, Dhingra, Van De Wege, Hunt, Wilson, C., Keiser, and Kuderer; by request of Office of the Governor

Establishing a statewide free college program by changing the state need grant to the Washington college promise scholarship.

Creates the Washington college promise scholarship program to: (1) Replace the state need grant program; and (2) Provide a statewide free college program for eligible participants and greater access to postsecondary education for state residents.

Requires the office of student financial assistance to:
(1) Implement and administer the program;
(2) Establish rules for implementation of the program; and
(3) Award Washington college promise scholarships to eligible students beginning in academic year 2021-2022.

Requires the legislature to appropriate funding for the program.

Requires the caseload forecast council to estimate the anticipated caseload of the program and submit the caseload forecast.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5394 by Senators King, Conway, Palumbo, and Keiser

Concerning liquor licensees’ use of web sites and social media to promote authorized events.

States that nothing in RCW 66.28.305 (regarding the three-tier system; money advances; prohibition) prohibits industry members from posting, reposting, or sharing information and images related to authorized events at another retailer’s location or licensed special occasion event, including links to purchase event tickets, on web sites, and social media accounts owned by an industry member or its authorized representative.
SB 5395 by Senators Wilson, C., Randall, Keiser, Saldaña, Takko, Mullet, Wellman, Das, Nguyen, Billig, Pedersen, Rolfes, Darneille, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, and Kuderer; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Concerning comprehensive sexual health education.

Requires each public school, by September 1, 2020, to provide comprehensive sexual health education as an integral part of the curriculum that is evidence-informed, medically and scientifically accurate, age-appropriate, and inclusive for all students regardless of their protected class status under the state civil rights act, and includes information and skills-based instruction that: (1) Encourages healthy relationships that are based on mutual respect and affection and are free from violence, coercion, and intimidation; (2) Teaches how to identify and respond to attitudes and behaviors that contribute to sexual violence; and (3) Emphasizes the importance of affirmative consent as a requirement before sexual activity.

Requires instruction and materials to be inclusive and use language and strategies that recognize all members of a protected class under the state civil rights act.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to develop comprehensive sexual health education instructional materials review tools and make them available on his or her web site.

SB 5396 by Senators Keiser, Walsh, Kuderer, Short, King, Rivers, Honeyford, Becker, Darneille, Hasegawa, and Hunt

Allowing certain adult family homes to increase capacity to eight beds.

Authorizes an adult family home to provide services to up to eight adults upon approval from the department of social and health services.

Requires an applicant requesting to increase bed capacity to seven or eight beds to successfully demonstrate the following to the department: (1) Financial solvency and management experience for the home under its ownership; (2) The ability to meet other relevant safety, health, and operating standards pertaining to the operation of an eight-bed home, including the ability to meet the needs of all current and prospective residents; and (3) How to mitigate the potential impact of vehicular traffic related to the operation of the home.

Requires the department to charge an applicant, requesting to increase the bed capacity at an adult family home to seven or eight beds, a fee of four hundred fifty-three dollars per home.

SB 5397 by Senators Rolfes, Carlyle, Darneille, Saldaña, Hasegawa, Hunt, and Kuderer

Concerning the responsible management of plastic packaging.

Prohibits a producer of plastic packaging, beginning January 1, 2022, from selling, offering for sale, or distributing plastic packaging for use in the state unless the producer is participating in a plastic packaging stewardship organization with a plan approved by the department of ecology.

Requires each producer, by June 1, 2021, to ensure that a plan is submitted on its behalf to the department of ecology by a stewardship organization.

Exempts retailers that are not producers from the requirements of this act.

Allows the department of ecology to administratively impose a civil penalty on a person who violates this act in an amount of up to one thousand dollars per violation per day.

Creates the responsible plastic packaging stewardship account.