House Bills

HB 1607 by Representatives Caldier, Jinkins, Robinson, Macri, and Cody

Concerning notice of material changes to the operations or governance structure of participants in the health care marketplace.

Requires a party to a transaction that results in a material change, to submit written notice to the attorney general of the material change, not less than thirty days before the effective date of the transaction.

Defines a material change as a merger, acquisition, or contracting affiliation between two or more hospitals, hospital systems, or provider organizations.

Requires the attorney general to make requests for additional information from the parties within thirty days of the date notice is received.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
Jan 28 Committee relieved of further consideration.
Referral to Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1608 by Representatives Macri, Dolan, Slatter, Stonier, Robinson, Kilduff, Riccelli, Senn, Goodman, Tharinger, Jinkins, Davis, Cody, Appleton, Kloha, Ortiz-Self, Valdez, Frame, Pollet, Stanford, Tarleton, and Leavitt

Protecting patient care.

Prohibits a health care entity from the following, if a health care provider is acting in good faith, within the provider's authorized scope of practice, and within the relevant standard of care: (1) Limiting the provider's provision of medically accurate and comprehensive information and resources to a patient regarding his or her health status; (2) Limiting the provider's provision of information regarding the death with dignity act; or (3) Prohibiting the provider from providing health services in cases in which failure to provide the service would violate the accepted standard of care or when the patient presents a certain medical condition.

Requires the department of health to design, prepare, and make available online, written materials to clearly inform health care providers and staff of the provisions of, and authority to act under, this act and the federal emergency medical treatment and labor act.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1609 by Representatives Van Werven, Shewmake, and Eslick

Conducting an evaluation of resource and assessment centers.

Requires the state institute for public policy to evaluate the outcomes of resource and assessment centers contracted by the department of children, youth, and families. Expires July 1, 2020.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Human Services & Early Learning.
HB 1610  by Representatives Lekanoff, Walsh, Blake, Chapman, Doglio, Shewmake, Peterson, Ortiz-Self, Pollet, and Leavitt

Concerning compensation for lost or damaged commercial and treaty fishing gear.

Requires the fish and wildlife commission to adopt rules to establish a commercial and treaty fisher's gear compensation program for commercial and treaty fishers whose fishing gear has been lost or damaged as a result of contact with other vessels in the marine waters of the state east of a line extending due north from the northernmost point of Tatoosh Island.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) In administering the compensation program, pay eligible claims at the conclusion of the calendar year on a proportional basis, according to available funds;

(2) In consultation with the department of commerce and the department of natural resources, conduct a study of the provisions of the compensation program; and

(3) As part of the study, establish a pilot program in which the department coordinates with willing fishers to track potential fishing gear damage and loss.

Provides a June 30, 2021, expiration date for the pilot program.

Creates the commercial and treaty fisher's gear compensation account.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

HB 1611  by Representatives Blake, Walsh, Springer, Kretz, Dye, and Chapman

Ensuring the safe and productive cultivation of shellfish.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Authorize the use of imidacloprid to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor for the 2019 treatment season;

(2) Issue a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit for the use of pesticides to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in association with the cultivation of shellfish; and

(3) Delegate certain authorities, regarding the regulation of pesticides used to control burrowing shrimp on tidelands, to the department of agriculture through a memorandum of understanding.

Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of ecology, pertaining to chapter 90.48 RCW as it relates to the regulation of the pesticides, to the department of agriculture.

Exempts the following from the requirements of the state environmental policy act: The issuance of a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit or waste discharge permit for the use of the pesticides.

Makes appropriations from the state general fund to the department of ecology for conducting a study on the use of imidacloprid for control of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor; and from the state toxics control account to the department of agriculture for studying the impacts of the use of imidacloprid as a means to control burrowing shrimp.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources.

HB 1612  by Representatives Macri, Jinkins, Doglio, Riccelli, Cody, Peterson, Robinson, Dolan, Tharinger, Lekanoff, Senn, Slatter, Gregerson, Davis, Thai, Stonier, Valdez, Appleton, Kloba, Sells, Wylie, Goodman, Hudgins, Frame, Pollet, Stanford, Ormsby, Bergquist, Santos, Tarleton, and Callan

Eliminating barriers to reproductive health care for all.

Establishes the reproductive health care access for all act.

Finds and declares that: (1) In 2018, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6219 was passed which mandated a literature review of barriers to reproductive health care;

(2) The report submitted to the legislature on January 1, 2019, stated that young people, immigrants, people living in rural communities, transgender and gender nonconforming people, and people of color face significant barriers in getting reproductive health care; and

(3) State law should be enhanced to ensure greater coverage of and timely access to reproductive health care for the benefit of all, regardless of immigration status, or gender identity or expression.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1613  by Representatives Young, Shea, and Walsh

Reporting agreements between state agencies and the federal government.

Requires state agencies to submit a written report to the speaker and minority leader of the house of representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the senate, and the governor, providing a comprehensive, detailed description of every agreement between the agency and the federal government.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1614  by Representatives Young and Gildon

Requiring certain traffic lane merge education and testing.

Defines the late merge zipper method as follows: It applies when two lanes are merging, and consists of drivers using both lanes of traffic until reaching the defined merge area, and then alternating in zipper fashion into the single lane.

Requires the driver licensing examination to include testing on the late merge zipper method.

Requires the department of licensing to provide instructional information on the late merge zipper method and make it available for viewing to driver's license renewal applicants who request a renewal at a licensing office.

Requires the curriculum developed and maintained by the department of licensing and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to include the late merge zipper method.

Requires the instructional material used in driver training schools to include the late merge zipper method.
HB 1615  by Representatives Young and Shea
Establishing driving in significant traffic delays in certain circumstances as an exemption from the prohibition on using a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle.
Exempts the following from the prohibition on driving and using a personal electronic device: A person operating a motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle, during an emergency situation or extraordinary circumstances, which have temporarily caused a significant traffic delay.

HB 1616  by Representatives Young, Walsh, Shea, Orcutt, and Chapman
Authorizing drivers to use personal electronic devices while a motor vehicle is temporarily stationary.
Revises the definition of "driving," for purposes of this act, to exclude a vehicle that is temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device, or other momentary delays.

HB 1617  by Representatives Young, Walsh, and Shea
Prohibiting the use of international law to infringe on property rights.
Prohibits the adoption, development, or implementation of community development policies based on international accords that infringe or restrict private property rights and the expenditure of public funds in furtherance of any international accords that endanger a citizen's private property rights.

HB 1618  by Representatives Young, Shea, and Walsh
Clarifying and protecting the Constitution's freedom of speech and guarantee of religious liberty for public employees.
Clarifies a permissible exercise of religion for public employees and gives protection to employees who choose to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed rights.
Authorizes public employees to pray with and for one another, as in other public forums, and to offer to pray with and for one another, without fear of prior restraint, discrimination, or censorship based on the content of their speech, or any civil or criminal liability for freely exercising those rights.

HB 1619  by Representatives Young, Shea, and Walsh
Establishing community service standards for individuals receiving unemployment benefits.
Requires an unemployed individual to be eligible to receive certain waiting period credits or benefits if the commissioner of the employment security department finds that with respect to claims with an effective date on or after August 28, 2019, he or she performs, for every four weeks of unemployment benefits received, at least:
(1) Twenty hours of community service; or
(2) Fifteen hours of community service as a volunteer firefighter.
Authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules including the establishment of standards for documenting and reporting community service hours worked.

HB 1620  by Representatives Young, Shea, Orcutt, Van Werven, and Kraft
Repealing the state estate tax.
Repeals RCW 83.100.040, the state estate tax, and applies to estates of decedents dying on or after August 1, 2019.

HB 1621  by Representatives Ybarra, Steele, Santos, Harris, Bergquist, Ortiz-Self, and Jinkins; by request of Professional Educator Standards Board
Concerning basic skills assessments for approved teacher preparation programs.
Requires an applicant for admission to an approved teacher preparation program to:
(1) Take the basic skills assessment, or an alternative or equivalent basic skills assessment, as determined by the professional educator standards board; and
(2) Report the results to the state and the approved teacher preparation program.

HB 1622  by Representatives Blake, Kretz, Springer, Chandler, Chapman, Dent, and Shewmake; by request of Department of Ecology
Concerning drought preparedness and response.
Authorizes the department of ecology to:
(1) Issue a drought advisory when it appears that drought conditions may develop;
(2) Upon issuance of a drought emergency order, notify the public of the order;
(3) Issue grants to eligible public entities to reduce current or future hardship caused by drought conditions; and
(4) Develop and update a drought contingency plan in collaboration with other affected federal, state, and local governments.
Requires the department to initiate a pilot program to explore the cost, feasibility, and benefits of entering into long-term water right lease agreements.

Permits a person to petition the department to declare a drought emergency for the state or portions of the state.

Changes the name of the state drought preparedness account to the state drought preparedness and response account.

Permits expenditures from the account to be used for drought preparedness and response activities, including grants.

--- 2019 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources.

HB 1623 by Representatives Dolan, Frame, Appleton, Doglio, Kloba, Lovick, Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Senn, Stokesbary, Valdez, Stanford, and Leavitt

Concerning sign language interpreting in public schools.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Develop an application process and award grants to state universities, regional universities, the state college, and community and technical colleges that offer baccalaureate degrees to establish programs of study that prepare students to become educational interpreters and sign language interpreters; and (2) Develop or expand a mentoring program for people employed as educational interpreters in public schools.

Requires the state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to examine options for developing, expanding, supporting, and coordinating regionally delivered educational services in the full range of communication modalities for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

--- 2019 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1624 by Representatives Thai, Senn, Appleton, Goodman, Stonier, Callan, Pollet, Doglio, Jinkins, Kilduff, Valdez, Davis, Frame, Stanford, Bergquist, Tarleton, and Macri

Concerning Holocaust education.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to partner with nonprofit organizations that teach lessons of the Holocaust and support and train teachers in instructing the lessons of the Holocaust or other acts of genocide to: (1) Develop best practices and curricula for high quality instruction, where the curricula is of various lengths and complexities; (2) Encourage and support middle school, junior high school, and high school teachers in implementing these best practices and curricula; and (3) Collect feedback from the nonprofit organizations about: (a) How the best practices and curricula are being implemented statewide and if they should be modified; (b) the number of teachers in the past two years; and (c) whether the curricula should be required in public schools, and if so, in which grades.

Requires middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools that offer curriculum instruction to use the curricula and follow the best practices.

--- 2019 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1625 by Representatives Fitzgibbon and Shea

Clarifying the valuation and determination of used and useful property for rate making purposes.

Authorizes the utilities and transportation commission, in determining the fair value for rate-making purposes of the property of a public service company, to include in the valuation, consideration of the property of the public service company acquired or constructed by or during the rate effective period to the extent that the commission finds that the inclusion is in the public interest and will yield fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient rates.

--- 2019 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

HB 1626 by Representatives Pettigrew, Griffey, Goodman, Lovick, Appleton, and Stanford; by request of Liquor and Cannabis Board

Making the authority of the liquor and cannabis board to enforce state laws concerning liquor, marijuana, tobacco, and vapor products more uniform.

Addresses the uniformity of the state liquor and cannabis board's authority to enforce state laws concerning liquor, marijuana, tobacco, and vapor products.

--- 2019 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Public Safety.

HB 1627 by Representatives Reeves and Pellicciotti

Concerning regionalization factors used for Federal Way school district compensation.

Modifies the regionalization factors used for compensation of the Federal Way school district in the 2017-2019 operating budget.

--- 2019 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 1628 by Representatives Reeves, Kilduff, and Leavitt

Creating an account to be used for purposes of supporting community efforts to reduce development conflicts with nearby military installations.

Creates the defense community compatibility account.

Authorizes the department of commerce to expend money from the account to provide state matching funds for projects identified by local governments to address incompatible development near military installations.

Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Evaluate and rank applications using objective criteria; (2) Consider the degree to which project is compatible with the criteria established in the United States department of defense's readiness and environmental protection integration program; (3) Produce a biennial report identifying a list of projects to address incompatible developments near military installations; and
(4) Consult with the commanders of United States military installations in the state to identify eligible projects.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Housing, Community Development & Veterans.

HB 1629  by Representatives Reeves, Walen, Ryu, Kirby, Barkis, Leavitt, Kilduff, Stanford, Appleton, Lovick, Ortiz-Self, Frame, Shea, and Bergquist

Providing property tax relief for disabled veterans.

Requires county assessors to collect annual data: (1) On the number of property tax owners in the county who are veterans; (2) On the disability ranking of veterans within deciles; (3) On participation rates in the property tax exemption program; and (4) That will be submitted to the department of revenue.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1630  by Representatives DeBolt, Macri, Cody, Harris, Tharinger, Riccelli, Doglio, Kloba, Jinkins, and Robinson

Concerning the practice of naturopathy.

Authorizes a naturopath to: (1) Prescribe and administer legend drugs and controlled substances, contained in schedules III through V of the uniform controlled substances act, as necessary in the practice of naturopathy; and (2) Sign and attest to certificates, cards, forms, or other required documentation that a physician may sign, as long as it is within his or her scope of practice, and includes death certificates, guardianships, powers of attorney, disability determinations, and similar legal documents.

Requires a naturopath who prescribes controlled substances to register with the department of health to access the prescription monitoring program.

Requires the board of naturopathy to establish education and training requirements related to prescribing legend drugs and controlled substances, and a naturopath may prescribe and administer drugs only if he or she satisfies the education and training requirements.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1631  by Representatives Senn, Caldier, Entenman, Ortiz-Self, Frame, Slatter, Appleton, Corry, Goodman, Jinkins, Davis, Pollet, and Leavitt

Supporting child welfare workers.

Changes the term "caseworker" to "child welfare worker" for purposes of this act.

Requires the department of children, youth, and families to provide the following to the relevant legislative committees: (1) By December 1, 2019, a report on its current efforts to improve workplace culture; (2) By September 1, 2019, a report on current child welfare worker training; and (3) By January 1, 2020, a training improvement plan, based on the report in (2) above, that describes the recommended frequency of trainings and recommended improvements to child welfare worker training.

Requires child welfare workers to complete comprehensive training before being assigned to case-carrying responsibilities as the sole worker assigned to a particular case.

Requires the department to: (1) Develop and implement an evidence-based curriculum for supervisors providing support to child welfare workers; (2) Develop and/or implement training for child welfare workers that: (a) Includes simulation and coaching designed to improve clinical and analytical skills; and (b) incorporates trauma-informed care and reflective supervision principles; (3) Create dedicated positions used to assist with the caseload of other child welfare workers that need to take leave or a reduction in caseload; (4) Provide child welfare workers and those supervising child welfare workers with access to a critical incident protocol and peer counseling; and (5) Convene a technical work group to develop a workload model.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Human Services & Early Learning.
Feb 8  HSEL - Majority; do pass.

HB 1632  by Representatives Gregerson, Doglio, Peterson, Mead, Tarleton, Macri, Valdez, Fey, Kloba, Pollet, and Bergquist

Reducing pollution from single-use plastic food service ware.

Prohibits a food service business from, effective July 1, 2030, selling or providing food in or with plastic food service products however, the business may sell or provide food in compostable food service products that meet standard specifications.

Prohibits a retail establishment from, effective July 1, 2040, selling or providing plastic food service products, except for recyclable plastic beverage containers made from certain material.

Authorizes the following to enforce the requirements of this act: A local health jurisdiction, a jurisdictional health department, a combined city-county health department, or a health district.

Requires the department of health, in consultation with the department of social and health services, to seek the advice of community health groups, advocates for persons with disabilities, and other stakeholders to ensure that plastic straws or replacement products are available to individuals with disabilities.

Prohibits a local government from implementing an ordinance restricting plastic food service products applicable to food service businesses, beginning January 1, 2030; and retail establishments, beginning January 1, 2040.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.
HB 1633 by Representatives Goehner, Entenman, Orcutt, Barkis, Boelnk, Mead, Eslick, and Van Werven
Making permanent the posting of fuel tax rate information at fuel pumps.
Requires the department of agriculture to: (1) Produce a fuel tax sticker for display on motor fuel pumps that display and provide notice of the federal and state fuel tax rates; (2) Provide notice of the tax rates, in the form of a sticker, to be displayed on the pumps; (3) Distribute the stickers to individuals who conduct fuel pump inspections; (4) Provide stickers by mail to fuel pump owners who request them; and (5) Produce updated stickers on an annual basis when one or more fuel tax rates have changed.

HB 1634 by Representatives Goehner and Eslick
Requiring property sold in tax lien foreclosure proceedings to be sold as is.
Modifies tax lien foreclosure provisions to require that a sold property be sold “as is.” There is no guarantee or warranty of any kind.

HB 1635 by Representatives Caldier, Frame, Van Werven, Chambers, Orwell, Graham, Kilduff, Eslick, Ormsby, and Bergquist
Requiring public libraries to adopt internet safety policies to address minor access to harmful material.
Requires the board of trustees of a library that provides internet access on public computer terminals to adopt and enforce an internet safety policy that addresses access to a minor, to harmful material online.
Exempts a library from the requirements above if the qualified voters of the area included within the library’s district adopt a proposition to exempt the library according to certain procedures.

HB 1636 by Representative Morris
Concerning the applicability of the 2018 Washington uniform common interest ownership act.
Repeals RCW 64.90.080 regarding the applicability of the 2018 state uniform common interest ownership act.

HB 1637 by Representatives Pollet and Valdez
Addressing airborne nuisances experienced by transitory populations.
Revises the definition of “air pollution,” for purposes of the Washington clean air act, to include an odor or air emission that unreasonably interferes with a person’s use or enjoyment of a public park, public recreational facility or trail, or publicly owned commons of a municipal government or state agency, as a result of an odor or air emission that is sufficiently noxious or offensive as to prevent normal use of the facility, or that creates a risk of illness or other adverse health effect as a result of normal use of the facility.
Requires an air quality inspector, on behalf of a clean air act enforcement authority, to act on a complaint when the complaint of an odor or air emission is made to an authority in connection with the use of the areas mentioned above, irrespective of whether the complainant remains at, or has left, the area.

HB 1638 by Representatives Harris, Stonier, Robinson, Maceri, Jinkins, Cody, Thai, Davis, Appleton, Doglio, Frame, Stanford, Bergquist, Santos, and Tarleton
Promoting immunity against vaccine preventable diseases.
 Declares that proof of disease immunity through documentation of laboratory evidence of antibody titer or a health care provider’s attestation of a child’s history of a disease sufficient to provide immunity against that disease constitutes proof of immunization for that specific disease.
Prohibits a philosophical or personal objection from being used to exempt a child from the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine.

HB 1639 by Representatives Kretz, Dent, and Eslick
Ensuring that all Washingtonians share in the benefits of an expanding wolf population.
Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Rely on the translocation of wolves as the primary tool for managing wolf-related wildlife interactions in the areas of the state where wolves are naturally occurring, in an effort to perpetuate the species and minimize landowner conflicts; (2) Establish and administer a gray wolf sanctuary on an island in Puget Sound; and (3) Consider lethal removal of wolves to attempt to change pack behavior to reduce the potential for recurrent depredations while continuing to promote wolf recovery consistent with certain criteria.
HB 1640  by Representatives Appleton and Stanford
Concerning retail pet stores.
Prohibits a retail pet store from selling or offering for sale, a dog or cat, unless the dog or cat has been: (1) Obtained from an animal care and control agency or animal rescue group; and (2) Spayed or neutered, or will be spayed or neutered before the buyer takes possession of the animal.
Authorizes a retail pet store to enter into a cooperative agreement with an animal care and control agency or animal rescue group to showcase or display dogs or cats available for adoption.
-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

HB 1641  by Representatives Vick, Stonier, Steele, Senn, Bergquist, and Tarleton
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 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.
Requires each school district to conduct universal screenings to find students who need further assessment for potential gifted program placement.
-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1642  by Representatives Doglio, Fey, Peterson, Fitzgibbon, Lekanoff, Ortiz-Self, and Tarleton
Allowing the energy savings associated with on-bill repayment programs to count toward a qualifying utility’s energy conservation targets under the energy independence act.
Requires an electric utility to: (1) Offer an on-bill repayment program option to its retail electric customers beginning January 1, 2020;
(2) Provide participants in the program with conservation incentives for which the participant is eligible; and
(3) Prepare a marketing and outreach program to promote its program as part of its biennial conservation plan.
Authorizes a qualifying utility, in meeting its conservation targets, to count the conservation savings associated with the program, provided that the savings otherwise qualify as cost-effective conservation.
-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

HB 1643  by Representatives Doglio, Walsh, Dolan, Irwin, Orwall, Lovick, Macri, Appleton, Shewmake, Jinkins, Davis, and Leavitt
Concerning property ownership for participants in the address confidentiality program.
Requires the secretary of state to contract with an entity to provide legal assistance to participants of the address confidentiality program, who request the assistance, to allow the participants to own property without public disclosure of the ownership.
Requires the secretary of state, state and local agencies, and nonprofit agencies to publicize the availability of legal assistance to program participants and applicants.
Prohibits the secretary of state from providing direct legal assistance to participants; and from charging a fee to the participants for legal assistance.
-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1644  by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Lovick, Kilduff, Valdez, Frame, Goodman, Davis, and Leavitt
Concerning the creation of a youth development work group within the department of children, youth, and families.
Creates a youth development work group, within the department of children, youth, and families, to develop a mission, vision, and goals over the 2019-2021 biennium for supporting youth ages five to young adulthood with a racial equity and inclusion lens.
Requires the department of children, youth, and families to provide up to five stipends to cover travel and time for work group members that do not have the resources or job classification to participate in a statewide work group.
Expires December 31, 2021.
-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Human Services & Early Learning.

HB 1645  by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Frame, Gregerson, Valdez, Jinkins, Davis, Santos, and Morgan
Concerning certificates of parental improvement.
Requires the department of children, youth, and families to develop and implement a process by which an individual, with a founded finding of child abuse or neglect or whose child was found by a court to be dependent, may petition the department for issuance of a certificate of parental improvement.
Prohibits the following from denying a prospective volunteer, or a license or approval to an individual for unsupervised access to children, as appropriate, solely because of a founded finding of abuse or neglect revealed in a record check, or background check process, as appropriate, or a court finding that the individual's child was dependent when the finding is accompanied by a certificate of parental improvement related to the same incident: School districts, educational service districts, the state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss, the
HB 1646  by Representatives Goodman, Eslick, Senn, Corry, Irwin, Griffey, Lovick, Graham, Davis, Frame, Appleton, Jinkins, Valdez, and Ormsby
Concerning confinement in juvenile rehabilitation facilities.

Addresses the transfer and incarceration of youth, to or from the department of children, youth, and families (DCYF), the department of corrections (DOC), or the department of social and health services (DSHS).

Requires the DCYF to review the placement of an individual over age twenty-one who was placed in the custody of the DCYF following an adult court felony conviction for an offense committed before age eighteen to determine whether the individual should be transferred to the custody of the DOC.

Requires an individual in the custody of the DSHS or the DCYF on or before the effective date of this act, under the age of eighteen at the time of the offense and convicted as an adult, to remain in the custody of the DCYF until transfer to the DOC or release.

Requires the DOC and the DCYF to establish a multidisciplinary interagency team to conduct a case-by-case review of the transfer of individuals from the DOC to the DCYF.

Requires the state institute for public policy to assess the impact of this act on community safety, racial disproportionality, and youth rehabilitation and submit a report to the governor and the appropriate legislative committees of the legislature.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Human Services & Early Learning.
Feb 6   HSELE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
        Minority; do not pass.
Feb 11  Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1647  by Representatives Chapman, Boehnke, Barkis, Ortiz-Self, Shewmake, and Goodman; by request of Board of Pilotage Commissioners
Concerning mandatory rest periods for pilots.

Requires a pilot to have a mandatory rest period: (1) Of at least ten hours with an opportunity for eight hours of uninterrupted sleep after completion of an assignment; or (2) That mitigates fatigue caused by circadian misalignment after three consecutive night assignments.

Prohibits a pilot trainee from taking a training program trip if he or she is physically or mentally fatigued or has reasonable belief that the training program trip cannot be carried out in a competent and safe manner.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards.
Feb 7   LAWS - Majority; do pass.
(2) Provide assistance to veterans who are LGBT in applying for an upgrade to the character of, or a change in, the narrative reason for a discharge from service;
(3) Provide assistance in applying for and obtaining veterans' benefits and benefits available through other programs and applying for and appealing a denial of, federal and state veterans' benefits and aid; and
(4) Develop and distribute informational materials to veterans who are LGBT regarding veterans' benefits and other benefit programs that provide services and resources.

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Jan 25 First reading, referred to Community Development & Veterans.
Feb 12 HOUS - Majority; do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.

HB 1651 by Representatives Kilduff, Dent, Lovick, Eslick, Senn, Leavitt, Macri, Callan, Cody, Tarleton, Ortiz-Self, Goodman, Jinkins, Frame, Bergquist, and Santos

Concerning the rights of clients of the developmental disabilities administration of the department of social and health services.

Requires the department of social and health services to notify an individual, a client, their representative, and the necessary supplemental accommodation representative of the following rights upon determining the individual is an eligible person and upon conducting a client's assessment: (1) The right to personal power and choice; (2) The right to participate in the department's service planning;
(3) The right to access information about services and health care;
(4) The right to file complaints and grievances and to request appeals;
(5) The right to privacy and confidentiality;
(6) Rights during discharge, transfer, and termination of services; and
(7) The right to access advocates.

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Jan 25 First reading, referred to Human Services & Early Learning.

HB 1652 by Representatives Peterson, DeBolt, Goodman, Fitzgibbon, Appleton, Ortiz-Self, Hudgins, Orrall, Jinkins, Sells, Tharinger, Kloba, Senn, Pollet, Stanford, Bergquist, and Macri

Concerning paint stewardship.

Requires producers of architectural paint selling in or into the state to participate in an approved state paint stewardship plan for covered entities through membership in and appropriate funding of a stewardship organization.

Prohibits a producer or paint retailer from selling or offering for sale, to a person in the state, architectural paint unless the producer or brand of architectural paint is participating in an approved stewardship plan.

Provides a business and occupation tax exemption on the receipts attributable to the assessment on architectural paint imposed under this act.

Exempts the following from disclosure under the public records act: Records filed with the department of ecology, under this act, that a court has determined are confidential valuable commercial information.

Creates the paint product stewardship account.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

HB 1653 by Representatives Doglio, Dolan, Barkis, Griffey, Kloba, Santos, and Tarleton

Increasing the maximum tax rate for the voter-approved local sales and use tax for emergency communication systems and facilities.

Prohibits the maximum tax rate for voter-approved local sales and use tax, for emergency communication systems and facilities, from exceeding two-tenths of one percent of the selling price in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

Requires a county imposing the tax, mentioned above, to submit an authorizing proposition to the voters to increase the rate of tax.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1654 by Representatives Ryu, Shea, Morris, Valdez, Kloba, Fitzgibbon, Appleton, Frame, and Tarleton

Concerning the procurement and use of facial recognition technology by government entities in Washington state and privacy rights relating to facial recognition technology.

Prohibits state agencies, local government agencies, or officials of the agencies from obtaining, retaining, accessing, or using: (1) A facial recognition system; or
(2) Information obtained from or by use of a facial recognition system.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Innovation, Technology & Economic Development.

HB 1655 by Representatives Hudgins, Shea, Morris, Kloba, and Valdez

Establishing guidelines for government procurement and use of automated decision systems in order to protect consumers, improve transparency, and create more market predictability.

Finds that: (1) Washington is a technology leader on a national and global level;
(2) Automated decision systems are rapidly being adopted to make or assist in core decisions in a variety of government and business functions; and
(3) The automated decision systems are often deployed without public knowledge, are unregulated, and vendors selling the systems may require restrictive contractual provisions that undermine government transparency and accountability.

Requires the chief privacy officer to adopt rules regarding the development, procurement, and use of automated decision systems by a public agency.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Innovation, Technology & Economic Development.
Senate Bills


Banning the use of nontribal gill nets.

Requires the director of the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Develop a program for the purchase and permanent retirement of salmon gill net licenses by December 31, 2022; and

(2) Administer the fishing license buyout program in three phases, as follows, before the gill net ban takes effect: Phase one to be conducted by December 31, 2020; phase two to be conducted by December 31, 2021; and phase three to be conducted by December 31, 2022.

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to purchase a salmon gill net license from a willing seller.

Prohibits the director from offering funding for a gill net license holder that has not landed a salmon in the state from 2014 through 2018.

Prohibits a person from using a gill net to take salmon beginning January 1, 2023.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5618 by Senator Wagoner

Concerning public works bid limits.

Addresses uniform small works roster provisions regarding the limit on bids for public works.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

Jan 30 SGTE - Majority; without recommendation.

And refer to Local Government.

Referred to Local Government.

SB 5619 by Senators Wagoner, Bailey, Holy, Zeiger, Honeyford, Walsh, and O'Ban

Creating a business and occupation tax credit for new businesses.

Allows a credit on business and occupation taxes for eligible new businesses.

Prohibits the credit during a period in which a business is operating in the state but has not registered with the department of revenue.

Expires January 1, 2030.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.

SB 5620 by Senator Wagoner

Establishing a pilot project to test elk fencing.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Conduct a pilot project to test New Zealand design elk fencing and determine the cost and effectiveness of the fence design in reducing damage; and

(2) Work with at least two agricultural property owners that volunteer to build and test the elk fence design.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5621 by Senators Warnick, Padden, Holy, Wagoner, and Wilson, L.

Increasing the jurisdictional amount for small claims courts.

Gives the small claims department jurisdiction in cases for the recovery of money if the amount claimed does not exceed ten thousand dollars.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5622 by Senators Randall, Pedersen, Walsh, and Liias

Revising the authority of commissioners of courts of limited jurisdiction.

Gives a court commissioner the same power, authority, and jurisdiction in criminal and civil matters as the appointing judges possess.

Allows court commissioners of courts of limited jurisdiction to solemnize marriages.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

Feb 7 LAW - Majority; do pass.

Feb 8 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5623 by Senators Van De Wege, Das, Hunt, Salomon, Keiser, Saldaña, Conway, and Hasegawa

Strengthening the rights of workers through collective bargaining by addressing authorizations and revocations, certifications, and the authority to deduct and accept union dues and fees.

Addresses authorizations, revocations, certifications, and the authority to deduct and accept union dues and fees, in order to strengthen the rights of workers through collective bargaining.

Repeals RCW 41.59.100 (union security provisions--scope--agency shop provision, collection of dues or fees).

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.

SB 5624 by Senator Fortunato

Exempting permanently from the sales tax purchases of clothing and prepared food.
Provides a sales tax exemption for prepared food and for clothing and footwear for human use.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5625 by Senators Fortunato, Palumbo, and Hasegawa
Allowing medicare supplemental insurance premiums to be deducted from the calculation of disposable income for the purpose of qualifying for senior property tax programs.
Allows the deduction of medigap or medicare supplemental insurance premiums from the calculation of disposable income for qualifying for senior property tax programs.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5626 by Senators Takko, Warnick, Hobbs, Honeyford, and Van De Wege
Ensuring the safe and productive cultivation of shellfish.
Requires the department of ecology to:
(1) Authorize the use of imidacloprid to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor for the 2019 treatment season;
(2) Issue a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit for the use of pesticides to control infestations of burrowing shrimp in association with the cultivation of shellfish; and
(3) Delegate certain authorities, regarding the regulation of pesticides used to control burrowing shrimp on tidelands, to the department of agriculture through a memorandum of understanding.
Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of ecology, pertaining to chapter 90.48 RCW as it relates to the regulation of the pesticides, to the department of agriculture.
Exempts the following from the requirements of the state environmental policy act: The issuance of a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit or waste discharge permit for the use of the pesticides.
Makes appropriations from the state general fund to the department of ecology for conducting a study on the use of imidacloprid for control of burrowing shrimp in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor; and from the state toxics control account to the department of agriculture for studying the impacts of the use of imidacloprid as a means to control burrowing shrimp.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5627 by Senators Brown and Keiser
Establishing the healthy energy workers board.
Creates the healthy energy workers board to develop recommendations for successfully diagnosing and treating diseases or other health problems experienced by workers who have performed work for the United States at the Hanford site.
Requires the University of Washington, through the center of excellence for chemically related illness at Harborview medical center, and the department of labor and industries to provide administrative support to the healthy energy workers board.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.

SB 5628 by Senators Cleveland, Brown, Hobbs, Walsh, and Palumbo
Concerning the classification of heavy equipment rental property as inventory.
Provides a property tax exemption to heavy equipment rental property owned by a heavy equipment rental property dealer.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5629 by Senators Brown, Becker, Ericksen, Warnick, and Palumbo
Promoting small modular reactors in Washington.
Retains and/or increases the number of jobs in the small modular reactor industry.
Encourages eligible investment projects that use or produce small modular reactors or other green technologies.
Provides a business and occupation tax exemption on the manufacture or sale at wholesale or retail of small modular reactors.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5630 by Senators Brown, Wilson, L., Holy, Becker, Warnick, and Zeiger
Concerning the composition of the growth management hearings board.
Changes the composition of the growth management hearings board.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Local Government.

SB 5631 by Senators Brown, Becker, Fortunato, Schoesler, Warnick, Palumbo, and Wilson, L.
Concerning transparency in state and local taxation.
Requires the department of revenue to:
(1) Make publicly available an online searchable database of all taxes and tax rates in the state for each taxing district; and
(2) Provide tax rate calculators on the searchable database to allow taxpayers to calculate their potential taxes.
Requires taxing districts to report tax rates to the department and changes to their tax rates within thirty days of an enactment of a different rate.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.
SB 5632 by Senators Brown, Becker, Fortunato, Warnick, Braun, Wilson, L., and Mullet

Creating a tax court for the state of Washington.

Creates a tax court as a court of record with statewide jurisdiction which will consist of one judge selected from each division of the court of appeals and commissioners as are appointed by the tax court.

Authorizes the judges for the tax court to take any action necessary to enable the judges to properly exercise the duties, functions, and powers given the tax court, to provide an orderly transition in establishing the tax court and before creation of the tax court.

Abolishes the state board of tax appeals and transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the board to the tax court.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5633 by Senators Brown, Walsh, Becker, Hasegawa, Zeiger, Keiser, and O'Ban

Supporting and expanding behavioral health workforce pathway programs.

Requires the department of health to receive funds from the state and provide them to both eastern and western Washington area health education centers for supporting and expanding current behavioral health workforce academic and career pathway programs.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the department of health for the purpose of this act.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.
Jan 28 Referred to Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5634 by Senators Brown, Becker, and Schoesler

Concerning the state building code council.

Addresses the state building code act regarding the deadline in which a decision to adopt or amend codes of statewide application is made.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Local Government.

SB 5635 by Senators Brown, Bailey, Rivers, Walsh, Becker, King, Warnick, Frockt, Wilson, L., Hasegawa, Zeiger, and O'Ban

Expanding opportunities for students to pursue mental and behavioral health professions.

Extends the opportunity grant program to ninety credits for students in an opportunity grant-eligible program of study, including required related courses, that result in a certificate or degree required for employment in a behavioral health profession, which is defined as a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric nurse, chemical dependency professional, social worker, or other mental health professional.

Limits extended opportunity grant funding to no more than a total of ninety credits or for more than four years from initial receipt of grant funds.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5636 by Senators Brown, Becker, Warnick, and Palumbo

Concerning fiscal notes.

Addresses fiscal notes and dynamic fiscal impact statements.

Requires fiscal notes dealing with corrections, child welfare, and mental health issues to include an estimate of the fiscal impact of expenditure reductions or increases on other state or local program expenditures as well as any return on investment as a result of the legislation if requested by a member of a legislative fiscal committee for legislation projected to result in an increase or decrease in state expenditures exceeding five million dollars.

Requires the director of the office of financial management and the director of the state institute for public policy to convene a work group to explore the establishment of a nonpartisan agency to conduct objective, impartial fiscal analysis on behalf of the legislature.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5637 by Senators Brown, Becker, Rivers, Bailey, Warnick, Fortunato, Honeyford, and Zeiger

Providing tax relief to entities that deliver behavioral health and mental health services.

Increases the number of mental health and behavioral health professionals in the workforce.

Reduces the amount of business and occupation taxes paid by certain entities for providing behavioral health services and for training new mental health and chemical dependency professionals, in order to increase the amount of government funding available for patient services and supervised training for new mental health and behavioral health professionals.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.
Jan 28 Referred to Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care.
Feb 1 BH - Majority; without recommendation.
Feb 4 And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5638 by Senators Brown, Rivers, Becker, and Short

Recognizing the validity of distributed ledger technology.

Encourages the development of distributed ledger technology, which is defined as any distributed ledger protocol and supporting infrastructure, including blockchain, that uses a distributed, decentralized, shared, and replicated ledger.
Prohibits an electronic record or signature from being denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because it is generated, communicated, received, or stored using distributed ledger technology.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5639 by Senators Brown, Becker, and Wilson, L. Concerning the growth management hearings board.
Requires the growth management hearings board, in order to assist in reviewing a petition that involves critical areas, to allow the planning jurisdiction to retain and examine scientific experts or other expert witnesses to aid the board in understanding or determining facts in issue regarding policies or regulations.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5640 by Senators Holy, Pedersen, Wellman, Billig, Padden, Becker, Warnick, Short, Hasegawa, Walsh, Bailey, Wilson, C., and Kuderer
Concerning youth courts.
Modifies youth court provisions regarding the modification of the definition of "youth court" to include the hearing and disposing of traffic infractions, transit infractions, and civil infractions for juveniles who are twelve to seventeen years old.

Requires a youth court to have jurisdiction over civil infractions alleged to have been committed by juveniles twelve to seventeen years old if certain requirements are met.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.
Feb 12  HSRR - Majority; do pass.

SB 5641 by Senators Holy, Pedersen, and Padden; by request of Uniform Law Commission
Adopting the 2018 uniform law commission amendments to the uniform law on notarial acts.
Adopts the 2018 amendments, by the uniform law commission, to the uniform law on notarial acts regarding electronic notarial acts by remotely located individuals.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Law & Justice.
Feb 7  LAW - Majority; do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Feb 8  On motion, referred to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 12  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 13  Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

SB 5642 by Senators Cleveland, Kuderer, Warnick, and Rivers
Performing intramuscular needling.
Authorizes a physical therapist to perform intramuscular needling only after being issued an intramuscular needling endorsement by the secretary of the department of health.
Defines "intramuscular needling" as a skill intervention that uses a single use, sterile filiform needle to penetrate the skin and stimulate underlying connective and muscular tissues for the evaluation and management of neuromusculoskeletal pain and movement impairments.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5643 by Senators King, Palumbo, Honeyford, Keiser, Walsh, and Saldaña
Modifying theater license provisions.
Modifies the requirements of a spirits, beer, and wine theater licensee.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.

SB 5644 by Senators Darneille, Nguyen, Pedersen, Hunt, Das, Keiser, Cleveland, Van De Wege, Wilson, C., Hasegawa, and Kuderer
Concerning the hosting of the homeless by religious organizations.
Requires counties, cities, and towns to protect the health and safety of residents in temporary settings that are hosted by religious organizations.
Authorizes counties, cities, and towns to enact an ordinance or regulation that requires a host religious organization and a distinct managing agency using the organization's property, to enter into a memorandum of understanding to protect the public health and safety of the residents of the particular hosting and the residents of the county.
Prohibits a county, city, or town from enacting an ordinance or regulation or take other action that places an undue burden on a religious organization providing housing or shelter for the homeless.

Requires a host religious organization performing hosting of an outdoor encampment, vehicle resident safe parking, temporary small house on site, or indoor overnight shelter, with a publicly funded managing agency, to work with the county, city, or town to use Washington's homeless client management information system.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25  First reading, referred to Housing Stability & Affordability.

SB 5645 by Senators Darneille, Van De Wege, Wilson, C., and Hunt
Concerning child-placing agencies.
Requires the department of children, youth, and families to: (1) Conduct a child-placing agency contract
evaluation that includes consideration of whether current contracts reflect the services provided by and responsibilities awarded to child-placing agencies; and (2) Contract with an outside entity to conduct a rate analysis of current rates compared with actual costs incurred by child-placing agencies; and (3) Facilitate a stakeholder work group in a collaborative effort to design a child-placing agency rate payment methodology based on actual provider costs of care. Expires July 1, 2020.

SB 5646 by Senators Kuderer, Das, and Frockt

Encouraging investments in affordable and supportive housing.

Encourages investments in affordable and supportive housing.

SB 5647 by Senators Randall, Keiser, Van De Wege, McCoy, Nguyen, Conway, Hunt, Takko, Honeyford, Wilson, C., Hasegawa, and Kuderer

Requiring health insurance payment parity for advanced registered nurse practitioners.

 Requiring health insurance payment parity for advanced registered nurse practitioners. Prohibits a health carrier from reimbursing an advanced registered nurse practitioner in an amount less than he or she would reimburse for the same service if provided by a physician in the same area served.

SB 5648 by Senators Keiser, King, Conway, Takko, Nguyen, Hunt, Cleveland, McCoy, and Van De Wege

Concerning hospital privileges for advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

Addresses the duty of a hospital or facility to request information from physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners, who will provide clinical care under his or her license, before granting or renewing clinical privileges.

SB 5649 by Senators Dhingra, Pedersen, Palumbo, Saldaña, Das, Wilson, C., Frockt, Keiser, and Kuderer

Adjusting the statute of limitations for sexual assault.