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HB 2265 by Representatives McCoy and Condotta

Changing veterans' tuition waiver provisions.
 Revises veterans' tuition waiver provisions.
 Repeals RCW 28B.10.265, 28B.15.620, 28B.15.625, 28B.15.628, and 28B.15.629.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2266 by Representatives Hunt and Romero

Revising the state leave sharing program.
 Revises the state leave sharing program.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2267 by Representatives Gombosky, Sommers, Moeller, Cody, Conway, Fromhold and McIntire

Providing revenue for the student achievement fund and the health services account.

Improves funding for education by imposing an additional 0.2 percent retail sales and use tax that is dedicated for education purposes. The revenue from this tax will be deposited in the student achievement account and will provide three hundred sixteen dollars per pupil funding in school year 2005, better schools funding, promise scholarship funding, and high-demand enrollment in the higher education institutions.

Improves funding for health care by providing dedicated revenue from the following sources: (1) An additional tax on cigarettes of fifty cents per pack;

(2) An additional tax of five percent on retail sales of spirits (hard liquor) and beverages containing spirits;

(3) Limiting the business and occupation tax deduction for dues by excluding businesses that provide amusement, recreation, or physical fitness services in exchange for the dues;

(4) Repealing the sales and use tax exemptions for candy and gum;

(5) Imposing penalties on businesses that underpay state excise taxes; and

(6) Repealing the business and occupation tax deduction for cash discounts.

Provides that the revenues from these sources are deposited in the health services account, and will provide funding for children's medical coverage up to two hundred fifty percent of federal poverty level and enrollment in the basic health plan.

Provides that there is levied and there shall be collected an additional tax on each retail sale in this state equal to two-tenths percent of the selling price. The revenue collected under this provision, and under RCW 82.12.020 attributable to the rate in this provision, shall be deposited in the student achievement fund.

Provides that there is levied and shall be collected a tax upon each retail sale of spirits, strong beer, or beverage containing spirits, at the rate of five percent of the selling price.

Provides that the revenue collected under this act shall be deposited in the health services account.

Provides that there is hereby levied and there shall be collected by the department of revenue from the persons mentioned in and in the manner provided by this chapter, an additional tax upon the sale, use, consumption, handling, possession, or distribution of cigarettes in an amount equal to the rate of twenty-five mills per cigarette.

Requires the revenue collected under this act to be deposited as indicated in the act.

Declares that the deduction under RCW 82.04.4282 is not available to any person engaging in the business of providing any amusement and recreation service under RCW 82.04.050(3)(a) or fitness service under RCW 82.04.050(3)(g).

Repeals RCW 82.04.4283.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2268 by Representative Gombosky

Relating to reducing preferential tax treatment.
 Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2269 by Representative Gombosky

Relating to increasing revenue.
 Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2270 by Representative Gombosky

Relating to revenue.
 Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2271 by Representatives McIntire, Sommers, Hunter and Fromhold

Addressing education funds.
 Revises provisions relating to education funds.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2272 by Representative Gombosky

Relating to the authorization of electronic scratch ticket gaming.
 Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2273 by Representative Gombosky

Relating to electronic scratch ticket gaming.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2274 by Representative Gombosky

Relating to electronic gaming.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

Senate Bills

SB 6079 by Senators Kline, Franklin and Prentice

Regulating casualty insurance rate filing.

Finds that while it is in the public interest to maintain an efficient and expeditious regulatory environment in which to conduct the business of insurance, this interest must be balanced by the equally important public interest in promoting greater transparency when excessive rate filings impact the very businesses that are to be insured.

Declares an intent to increase consumer access to information regarding excessive rates in general casualty insurance in order to promote greater transparency of the rate filing system.

Directs the insurance commissioner to notify the public of any rate filing by an insurer for a rate change affecting general casualty insurance that exceeds fifteen percent of the then applicable rate. The insurance commissioner shall also notify the public of any rate filing for a rate change affecting general casualty when that filing, together with any other filing by the same company for a rate change within the preceding twelve months, will result in a cumulative rate increase in excess of fifteen percent.

Provides that, with respect to administrative or legal proceedings authorized by or arising under this act, any person may: (1) Initiate or intervene in the proceedings; or (2) Challenge any action of the insurance commissioner.

Directs the commissioner or a court to award reasonable advocacy and witness fees and expenses to any person who demonstrates that: (1) The person represents the interests of consumers; and

(2) The person made a substantial contribution to the adoption of any order, rule, or decision by the commissioner or a court.

Provides that, when an award of fees or expenses under this act occurs in a proceeding related to a rate application, the award must be paid by the applicant.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Financial Services, Insurance & Housing.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8024 by Senators Deccio, Thibaudeau, Parlette, Winsley, Prentice, Brandland, Keiser, Kohl-Welles and Mulliken

Requesting that Congress enact universal, efficient, and effective outpatient prescription drug coverage as part of the federal Medicare program.

Requests that Congress enact universal, efficient, and effective outpatient prescription drug coverage as part of the federal Medicare program.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

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