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House Bills

HB 1023-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Strow, O'Brien, and Moeller)

Providing for broader collection of biological samples for the DNA identification system.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides for broader collection of biological samples for the DNA identification system.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in committee.
Jan 25 Executive session in committee.
PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1071-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Kessler, Kagi, Hudgins, Hasegawa, Eddy, Upthegrove, McCoy, Sells, McIntire, Fromhold, Jarrett, Appleton, Goodman, Haler, Green, Lantz, Ericks, Hunter, Williams, Darneille, Morrell, Simpson, Lovick, Kenney, Conway, Walsh, Moeller, B.

Sullivan, Quall, Rolfes, Pettigrew, and Wallace; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Concerning access to health care services for children. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that, in order to provide students with the opportunity to become responsible citizens, to contribute to their own economic well-being and to that of their families and communities, and to enjoy productive and satisfying lives, the state recognizes the importance that access to appropriate health services and improved health brings to the children of Washington state. In addition, fully immunized children are themselves protected, and in turn protect others, from contracting communicable diseases.

Declares that, consistent with the goals established in RCW 74.09.402, the department shall design and administer a program to provide affordable health care coverage to children under the age of nineteen who reside in Washington state and whose family income at the time of enrollment is not greater than two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level as adjusted for family size and determined annually by the federal department of health and human services. In administering the program, the department shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure the receipt of federal financial participation under the medical assistance program, as codified at Title XIX of the federal social security act, the state children's health insurance program, as codified at Title XXI of the federal social security act, and any other federal funding sources that are now available or may become available in the future.

Finds that parents have a responsibility to: (1) Enroll their children in affordable health coverage;

- (2) Ensure that their children receive appropriate wellchild preventive care;
 - (3) Link their child with a medical home; and
- (4) Understand and act upon the health benefits of good nutrition and physical activity.

Directs the department, in collaboration with the department of health, health plans, local public health jurisdictions, children's health care providers, parents, and other purchasers, to identify explicit performance measures that indicate that a child has an established and effective medical home, such as: (1) Childhood immunization rates;

- (2) Well child care utilization rates, including the use of validated, structured developmental assessment tools that include behavioral and oral health screening;
- (3) Care management for children with chronic illnesses:
 - (4) Emergency room utilization; and
 - (5) Preventive oral health service utilization.

Declares that it is the goal of Washington state to ensure that: (1) By 2010, all K-12 districts have school health advisory committees that advise school administration and school board members on policies, environmental changes, and programs needed to support healthy food choice and physical activity and childhood fitness.

- (2) By 2010, only healthy food and beverages shall be available on school campuses. Minimal standards for available food items, except food served as part of a United States department of agriculture meal program, include: (a) not more than thirty-five percent of its total calories from fat; (b) not more than ten percent of its total calories from saturated fat; and (c) not more than thirty-five percent of its total weight or fifteen grams sugar per food item composed of sugar, including naturally occurring and added sugar.
- (3) By 2010, all students in grades one through eight should have at least thirty minutes of quality physical education per school day.
- (4) By 2010, all student health and fitness instruction shall be conducted by appropriately certified instructors.
- (5) By 2010, any district waiver or exemption policy from physical education requirements for high school students shall be based upon meeting both health and fitness curricula concepts as well as relevant and adequate physical activity, but should acknowledge students' interest in pursuing their academic interests.

Establishes a select interim legislative task force on comprehensive school health reform. The task force shall review and make recommendations on policies, environmental changes, and programs needed to support healthy schools, including but not limited to food choice, physical activity, and childhood fitness. The task force shall also review the delivery of health care services in the schools by school personnel providing health services. The task force may establish technical advisory committees related to nutrition, fitness, and child health.

Requires the task force to submit its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives by October 1, 2008.

Repeals RCW 74.09.405, 74.09.415, 74.09.425, 74.09.435, and 74.09.450.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Executive session in committee.

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

Minority; without recommendation.

Jan 25 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1096-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Priest, Quall, Wallace, Conway, Haler, Morris, Ormsby, Linville, Jarrett, Dickerson, Hunt, Walsh, P. Sullivan, Darneille, Appleton, Morrell, Williams, Dunn, Schual-Berke, Fromhold, Hasegawa, Chase, Upthegrove, McCoy, Green, O'Brien, Hudgins, Sells, Springer, Moeller, Goodman, Barlow, Eddy, Santos, Simpson, Haigh, Lantz, Kagi, and Rolfes)

Creating postsecondary opportunity programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) The economic trends of globalization and technological change are increasing the demand for higher and differently skilled workers than in the past;

- (2) Increasing Washington's economic competitiveness requires increasing the supply of skilled workers in the state:
- (3) Improving the labor market competitiveness of all Washington residents requires that all residents have access to postsecondary education; and
- (4) Community and technical college workforce training programs and Washington state apprenticeship and training council-approved apprenticeship programs provide effective and efficient pathways for people to enter high wage, high skill careers while also meeting the needs of the economy.

Requires the college board to develop and implement a workforce education program known as the opportunity grant program to provide funding for students enrolled at qualified institutions of higher education in opportunity grant-eligible programs of study as described in this act. Students enrolled in the opportunity grant program are eligible for: (1) Funding for tuition and mandatory fees at the public community and technical college rate, prorated if the credit load is less than full time, paid directly to the educational institution; and

(2) An additional one thousand dollars per academic year for books, tools, and supplies, prorated if the credit load is less than full time.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 22 Executive session in committee. CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 26 Referred to Higher Education.

HB 1099-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Hinkle, Green, Bailey, Schual-Berke, Campbell, McCoy, Morrell, Ormsby, Kenney, and Moeller)

Regulating certain dental professions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes regulations for certain dental professions.

Declares that no person may practice or represent himself or herself as a registered dental assistant by use of any title or description without being registered by the commission as having met the standards established for registration under this act unless he or she is exempt.

Declares that no person may practice or represent himself or herself as a licensed expanded function dental auxiliary by use of any title or description without being licensed by the commission under this act unless he or she is exempt.

Provides that nothing in this act may be construed to prohibit or restrict: (1) The practice of a dental assistant in the discharge of official duties by dental assistants in the United States federal services on federal reservations, including but not limited to the armed services, coast guard, public health service, veterans' bureau, or bureau of Indian affairs; or

(2) Expanded function dental auxiliary education and training programs approved by the commission and the practice as an expanded function dental auxiliary by students in expanded function dental auxiliary education and training programs approved by the commission, when acting under the direction and supervision of persons licensed under chapter 18.29 or 18.32 RCW.

Requires that, by November 15, 2012, the department, in consultation with the commission and the dental hygiene examining committee, shall conduct a review of the effectiveness of the creation of the dental assistant and expanded function dental auxiliary professions as related to: (1) Increasing professional standards in dental practices;

- (2) Increasing efficiency in dental practices and community health clinics;
- (3) Promoting career ladders in the dental professions;
- (4) Recommendations for expanding or contracting the practice of dental assistants and expanded function dental auxiliaries.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 25 Executive session in committee. HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1125-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Kagi, McCoy, Eickmeyer, Lantz, Williams, and Dickerson)

Modifying forest fire protection assessments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) Revises forest fire protection assessments.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 25 Executive session in committee.

AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

HB 1255-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Curtis, Sells, Walsh, Buri, B. Sullivan, Ericks, Ormsby, and Moeller)

Prohibiting municipal officers from being beneficially interested in any personal services contract that is made by, through, or under the supervision of that officer.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits municipal officers from being beneficially interested in any contracts for consulting or advisory services that are made by, through, or under the supervision of that officer.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 25 Executive session in committee. LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1258-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Alexander, Hunt, Curtis, and Simpson)

Changing the disbursement of funds by air pollution control agencies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the disbursement of funds by air pollution control agencies.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

> LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading suspension calendar.

HB 1268-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives

Goodman, Eddy, Ross, Curtis, Clibborn, Darneille, Hurst, Lovick, Simpson, Moeller, Kenney, Ericks, Rolfes, and Springer)

Authorizing donation of unclaimed personal property to nonprofit charitable organizations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a nonprofit charitable organization receiving personal property donated under this act to use the property, or its proceeds, to benefit needy persons. Such organization must qualify for tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the federal internal revenue

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 25 Executive session in committee. LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1295-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Puget Sound (originally sponsored by Representatives Eickmeyer and Upthegrove)

Dividing water resource inventory area 14 into WRIA 14a and WRIA 14b.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, for purposes of this act, WRIA 14 shall be divided such that the portion of the WRIA where surface waters drain into Hood Canal shall be considered WRIA 14b, and the remaining portion shall be considered WRIA 14a. Planning for WRIA 14b under this chapter shall be conducted by the WRIA 16 planning unit. WRIA 14b shall be eligible for one-half of the funding available for a single WRIA, and WRIA 14a shall be eligible for one-half of the funding available for a single WRIA.

Provides that, upon the division of WRIA 14 into WRIA 14a and 14b, the same ratio of funding that is made available to WRIA 14a and 14b shall also be made available to all other WRIAs that have been created by the division of an original WRIA into two or more WRIAs for the implementation of an approved watershed plan.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

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

Jan 26 Scheduled for executive session in committee. (Subject to change)
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1507-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Bailey, Schual-Berke, Green, Kenney, Williams, Conway, Ericks, Lantz, Darneille, Linville, Moeller, Kelley, Morrell, and Rolfes; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Creating the uniformed service shared leave pool. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the uniformed service shared leave pool to allow employees to donate leave to be used as shared leave for any employee who has been called to service in the uniformed services and who meets the requirements of RCW 41.04.665. Participation in the pool shall, at all times, be voluntary on the part of the employee. The military department, in consultation with the department of personnel and the office of financial management, shall administer the uniformed service shared leave pool.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 24 Executive session in committee. SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 26 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1733 by Representatives Conway, Kirby, Darneille, and Chase

Modifying provisions relating to state community justice facilities.

Directs the department to prepare a projected list of counties and rural multicounty geographic areas in which community facilities need to be sited during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and every biennium thereafter starting with the biennium beginning July 1, 2008, and transmit the list to the office of financial management and the counties on the list. The list may be updated as needed. In preparing the list, the department shall make substantial efforts to provide for the equitable distribution of community facilities among counties. The department shall give great weight to the following factors in determining equitable distribution: (1) The locations of existing community facilities owned or operated by, or operated under contract with, the department in each county;

(2) The number and proportion of juvenile offenders committed to the department residing in the county or rural multicounty geographic area; and

(3) The number of juvenile registered sex offenders classified as level II or III and juvenile sex offenders registered as homeless per thousand persons residing in the county.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 1734 by Representatives Haigh, Chandler, McDermott, Hunt, Armstrong, Kretz, and Ormsby

Recodifying campaign funding and disclosure laws. Reorganizes campaign funding and disclosure laws.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1735 by Representatives Hunt, Chase, Appleton, Dickerson, O'Brien, Hasegawa, Wood, and

Ormsby

Authorizing state employees who provide services to persons with developmental disabilities to express their professional opinions.

Finds that: (1) A workplace where state employees can feel free to express their professional opinions encourages an open and free exchange of ideas and knowledge and more efficient government;

(2) Scientific integrity in work by state employees is increasingly important as the issues the state faces are increasing in complexity; and

(3) Many professional licenses require license holders to express their professional opinions and make independent professional judgments in their work.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1736 by Representatives Simpson, Conway, Ormsby, Ericks, Hurst, Kenney, Campbell, O'Brien, Wood, and Morrell

Negotiating state patrol officer wages and wage-related matters.

Provides that the decision of an arbitration panel is binding on the governor and the Washington state patrol.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1737 by Representatives Ericks, Curtis, Simpson, Jarrett, Miloscia, Springer, Clibborn, Eddy, Haler, Roberts, and Ormsby

Granting tax incentives for certain multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers.

Provides tax incentives for certain multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 1738 by Representatives B. Sullivan and Chase Regarding ballast water management.

Provides that the department, in consultation with the ballast water work group created in this act, shall collect data necessary to establish and maintain an inventory of the location and geographic range of nonindigenous plant and animal populations in the coastal and estuarine waters of the state that includes open coastal waters and bays and estuaries. In particular, data must be collected that does both of the following: (1) Supplements the existing baseline of nonindigenous species previously developed pursuant to this section, by adding data from investigations of intertidal and nearshore subtidal habitats along the open coast; and

(2) Monitors the coastal and estuarine waters of the state, including, but not limited to, habitats along the open coast, for new introductions of nonindigenous species or spread of existing nonindigenous species populations.

Repeals RCW 77.120.060, 77.120.080, and 77.120.090.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Jan 29 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1739 by Representatives Eickmeyer, Chase, Grant, Seaquist, and Darneille

Providing that newly created property tax exemptions do not apply to school district levies.

Finds that, in the state of Washington, school funding for construction bonds, as well as maintenance and operation levies is derived solely from property taxes at the local level. Tax benefits given to businesses as location incentives often include property tax reductions or forgiveness, which has the effect of burdening other taxpayers in the district with higher rates and taxes. The legislature recognizes that it is the paramount duty of the state to adequately educate our children and finds that this responsibility should be shared as broadly as possible among its taxpayers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1740 by Representatives Hunt, Dickerson, Jarrett, Linville, B. Sullivan, Upthegrove, Kenney, O'Brien, Wood, Ormsby, and Chase

Requiring certain state agencies to report their greenhouse gas production.

Requires the agencies to evaluate its activities and their effect on the climate in terms of the total amount of greenhouse gases produced.

Requires the agencies to report to the legislature every two years, beginning in 2008. The report must include, but is not limited to: (1) The total amount of greenhouse gases produced, measured in units of carbon dioxide;

- (2) How the agency is incorporating the effects of climate changes into its programs and activities;
- (3) The interest groups involved with aiding the agency in climate change issues; and
- (4) The adaptations, activities, and technology used to reduce the effects on climate.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1741 by Representatives Hunt, Skinner, and Conway

Transferring the oral history program from the secretary of state to the legislature.

Transfers the oral history program from the secretary of state to the legislature.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1742 by Representatives Appleton, Roach, Haigh, Rolfes, and Hurst

Providing for privacy protection for certain voter registration information.

Declares that the signature and phone number provided on the return envelope by the voter is not available for copying but is available for public inspection in the county auditor's office.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1743 by Representatives Kretz, B. Sullivan, Sump, Upthegrove, and Linville

Requiring the appointment of county noxious weed control boards

Requires the appointment of county noxious weed control boards.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1744 by Representatives Kretz and Sump

Addressing special needs transportation services provided by rural public utility districts.

Revises provisions relating to special needs transportation services provided by rural public utility districts.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1745 by Representatives Takko, Skinner, Hunt, Eddy, Santos, Sells, Haigh, Wallace, Clibborn, Dickerson, Moeller, and Chase

Regulating the practice of hairdressing.

Recognizes that the practices of cosmetology, hairdressing, barbering, manicuring, and esthetics involve the use of tools and chemicals which may be dangerous when mixed or applied improperly, and therefore finds it necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to regulate those practices in this state.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1746 by Representatives Orcutt, Santos, McIntire, and Alexander

Exempting certain historic property leased to counties from property taxation.

Exempts property leased to a county by a nonprofit religious organization if the property is used by the county primarily for historic restoration and preservation, historic displays, educational programs, and other public uses consistent with the property's historic past.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1747 by Representatives Simpson and Rodne

Removing the deadline for regional transit authorities to acquire insurance by bid or by negotiation on certain projects.

Amends RCW 81.112.060 to remove the deadline for regional transit authorities to acquire insurance by bid or by negotiation on certain projects.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1748 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Curtis, and Pearson

Regarding hydraulic project permit approval for projects intended to reduce or eliminate damage from floods.

Requires the department to, when reviewing applications for hydraulic projects specifically intended by the applicant to eliminate or reduce damages to upland properties caused by potential floods, give equal consideration to protecting fish life, public safety, and private property.

Provides that, for any property that has experienced at least two consecutive years of flooding or erosion that has damaged or has threatened to damage a structure, water supply system, septic system, or access to any road or highway, the county legislative authority must determine that a chronic danger exists. The county legislative authority shall notify the department, in writing, if it determines that a chronic danger exists. In cases of chronic danger, the department shall issue an expedited written permit, upon request, for work to remove any obstructions, repair existing structures, restore banks, restore road or highway access, protect fish resources, or protect property.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1749 by Representatives Condotta, Chandler, and Crouse

Simplifying and adding certainty to the calculation of workers' compensation benefits.

Simplifies and adds certainty to the calculation of workers' compensation benefits.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1750 by Representatives McDermott, Hankins, Miloscia, Armstrong, Jarrett, Campbell,

Appleton, Darneille, O'Brien, Hasegawa, Roberts, Ormsby, and Chase

Adopting the interstate agreement for the election of the president of the United States by national popular vote.

Adopts the interstate agreement for the election of the president of the United States by national popular vote.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1751 by Representatives Eddy, McDonald, O'Brien, Pearson, Green, Simpson, and Ormsby

Revising the penalty provisions for the crime of indecent exposure.

Revises the penalty provisions for the crime of indecent exposure.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1752 by Representatives Eddy and Curtis

Regarding growth management planning.

Amends RCW 36.70A.367 relating to growth management planning.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1753 by Representatives Eddy, Curtis, and McCune

Addressing transportation concurrency and impact fees under the growth management act.

Revises provisions regarding transportation concurrency and impact fees under the growth management act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1754 by Representatives Lovick, Pearson, O'Brien, Hurst, Kenney, Green, VanDeWege, Simpson, Lantz, and McCune

Creating a registry of methamphetamine offenders.

Creates within the Washington state patrol a registry of persons convicted after the effective date of this act of a violation of RCW 69.50.401(2)(b), 69.50.440, or 69.50.406.

Provides that this registry shall be maintained by the Washington state patrol and made available for public inquiry on the internet.

Requires the registry to consist of the person's name, date of birth, offense or offenses making the person eligible for inclusion on the registry, the conviction date and county of those offenses, and other identifying data as the Washington state patrol determines is necessary to properly identify the person, but shall not include the person's social security number.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1755 by Representatives Hurst, O'Brien, Eddy, Kessler, Lovick, Rolfes, Williams, Dunshee, Kenney, Green, Hunter, Quall, VanDeWege, Simpson, Hasegawa, and Ormsby

Modifying consumer credit report provisions. Revises consumer credit report provisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Service & Consumer Protection.

HB 1756 by Representatives Kretz, Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, Blake, Takko, and VanDeWege

Authorizing one additional hound hunting cougar season.

Provides that the department of fish and wildlife may authorize one additional season in which cougars may be pursued or killed with dogs, subject to the other conditions of the pilot project. This additional season is authorized to avoid a lag in cougar management and conditioning between the end of the third pilot cougar season and the time needed for the 2008 legislature to consider the report provided under section 3, chapter 264, Laws of 2004.

Authorizes a county legislative authority to request inclusion in the cougar control pilot project authorized by chapter 264, Laws of 2004 after taking the following actions: (1) Adopting a resolution that requests inclusion in the pilot project;

(2) Documenting the need to participate in the pilot project by identifying the number of cougar/human encounters and livestock and pet depredations; and

(3) Demonstrating that existing cougar depredation permits, public safety cougar hunts, or other existing wildlife management tools have not been sufficient to deal with cougar incidents in the county.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1757 by Representatives Newhouse, Ross, Dunn, Chandler, Hailey, Warnick, McCune, Kristiansen, Bailey, Kretz, and Morrell

Providing sales and use tax relief for farm machinery and equipment.

Provides sales and use tax relief for farm machinery and equipment.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1758 by Representatives Ormsby, Hunt, Dunn, Appleton, Moeller, Kenney, Simpson, and Wood; by request of Health Care Authority

Authorizing tribal governments to participate in public

employees' benefits board programs.

Provides that, consistent with the centennial accord, the new millennium agreement, related treaties, and federal and state law, it is the intent of the legislature to authorize tribal governments to participate in public employees' benefits board programs to the same extent that counties,

municipalities, and other political subdivisions of the state are authorized to do so.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1759 by Representatives McIntire, Hunt, Kessler, Upthegrove, Darneille, Moeller, Kenney, Hasegawa, Simpson, Ormsby, and Morrell

Authorizing shared leave for declared emergencies.

Applies when a state of emergency has been declared anywhere within the United States by the federal or any state government and the employee has needed skills to assist in responding to the emergency or its aftermath and volunteers his or her services to either a governmental agency or to a nonprofit organization engaged in humanitarian relief in the devastated area, and the governmental agency or nonprofit organization accepts the employee's offer of volunteer services.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1760 Representatives McDonald, O'Brien, Pearson, and Morrell

Prohibiting the reproduction of certain evidence collected in prosecutions for sexual exploitation of children.

Provides that, in any criminal proceeding, any photograph or visual or printed matter of a minor collected as evidence in a prosecution for RCW 9.68A.040 through 9.68A.070 shall remain in the care, custody, and control of the law enforcement agency or the court.

Declares that, notwithstanding any other statute or court rule, a court shall deny, in any criminal proceeding, any request by the defendant to copy, photograph, duplicate, or otherwise reproduce any photograph or visual or printed matter of a minor collected as evidence in a prosecution for RCW 9.68A.040 through 9.68A.070, so long as the law enforcement agency or the court makes the evidence reasonably available to the defendant.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1761 by Representatives Linville, Hunter, Priest, Hunt, B. Sullivan, Upthegrove, Kessler, Sump, Hankins, Jarrett, Fromhold, Appleton, Rolfes, Darneille, Campbell, Conway, Green, O'Brien, Schual-Berke, Simpson, Ormsby, and Chase

Accelerating the cleanup of Puget Sound and hazardous waste and waste sites in the state.

Finds that, in 1988, the citizens of the state of Washington created by initiative the model toxics control act. The primary purpose of this act, as stated in its intent, is to raise sufficient funds to clean up all hazardous waste sites and to prevent the creation of future hazards due to improper disposal of toxic wastes into the state's lands and waters. The legislature reaffirms this purpose.

Finds that global economic trends and events since 1988 have caused the funds raised by the model toxics control act to shift in a cyclical manner. The intent of this act is to accelerate clean-up efforts throughout Washington with the goal of cleaning up all currently-known sites within ten years, to create the financing tools to clean up large-scale hazardous waste sites that require multi-year commitments of funding and effort, and to ensure that the state continue its efforts to ensure the long-term ecological health of Puget Sound's sediments and shorelines.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 1762 by Representatives Williams, Darneille, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, Simpson, and Ormsby

Concerning local government contracts for correctional industries services.

Declares that this act does not permit a unit of local government to execute or renew a contract to purchase class II through IV correctional industries services if: (1) The services have been customarily and historically provided by classified public employees before the effective date of this act;

- (2) The purchase of such services will have the effect of terminating classified public employees or positions existing at the time the contract was executed or renewed; and
- (3) A bargaining unit is represented and there has not been agreement by that bargaining unit representative that such bargaining unit work can be performed by prison labor.

Applies to all class II through IV correctional industries contracts entered into with a unit of local government on or after the effective date of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --Jan 26 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1763 by Representatives Williams, Morris, Moeller, and Simpson

Protecting financial information and means of identification stored on portable electronic data storage devices.

Finds that the storage of large amounts of unencrypted financial information or means of identification on portable electronic data storage devices and the transportation of such devices away from the workplace contribute to identity crimes.

Declares an intent to reduce the incidence of identity crimes by imposing civil liability in certain cases where wrongful access to financial information or means of identification from a portable electronic data storage device that has been removed from the workplace leads to an identity crime.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1764 by Representatives Lantz, Strow, Kagi, Anderson, Skinner, Appleton, Hankins, Seaquist, Jarrett, Roberts, Williams, Rolfes, Hurst, Moeller, Kenney, Schual-Berke, and Ormsby

Addressing possession of electronic weapons on school property.

Declares that it is unlawful for a minor under the age of eighteen or a student of a public or private elementary or secondary school to carry onto, or to possess on, public or private elementary or secondary school premises, school provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public or private schools any electronic weapon as defined in this act.

Declares that a person who violates this provision is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1765 by Representatives Lantz, Springer, Williams, Rodne, and Moeller

Changing provisions concerning limitation of claims under a construction contract.

Provides that any clause in a construction contract that purports to waive, release, or extinguish the claim rights of a contractor, subcontractor, or supplier to damages or an equitable adjustment based on failure to submit claim notice or claim-related documentation in a specified time frame or form is waived to the extent that the contractor, subcontractor, or supplier shows by a preponderance of the evidence that: (1) The party to whom the claim is being made had knowledge of and consented to the actions of the contractor, subcontractor, or supplier that are the basis of the claim; and

(2) The actions of the contractor, subcontractor, or supplier that are the basis of the claim benefited the party to whom the claim is being made.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1766 by Representatives B. Sullivan and Roberts

Using certain state sales tax proceeds to maintain lifeguards at state parks.

Directs the state treasurer to deposit proceeds received under RCW 82.08.020 from the furnishing of lodging, or the granting of any similar license to use real property, if the real property is under the care, charge, control, or supervision of the Washington state parks and recreation commission. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only by the commission to maintain lifeguards at state parks.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 1767 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Moeller, Ormsby, and Morrell

Expanding the veterans conservation corps program.

Requires the department to assist veterans enrolled in the veterans conservation corps with obtaining employment in conservation programs and projects that restore Washington's natural habitat, maintain and steward local, state, and federal forest lands and other outdoor lands, maintain and improve urban and suburban storm water management facilities and other water management facilities, and other environmental maintenance, stewardship, and restoration projects.

Requires the department to submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008, on the status of the veterans conservation corps program, including the number of enrollees employed in projects, training provided, certifications earned, employment placements achieved, program funding provided from all sources, and the results of the pilot project authorized in this act.

Provides that, during fiscal year 2008, the department of veterans affairs may enter an agreement with a local government or other entity for use of veterans conservation corps enrollees in a project or projects, where the enrollees' work on the project or projects will be commenced before June 30, 2008. Up to one million dollars appropriated from the veterans conservation corps account in the biennial budget act may be expended by the department for this agreement.

Provides that, by September 30, 2007, the department shall provide to the office of financial management and to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives a report that: (1) Identifies projects on state agency-managed lands that are currently planned for veterans conservation corps enrollee participation;

- (2) Identifies additional projects on state agencymanaged lands that are suitable for veterans conservation corps enrollee participation and for which funding is currently in place for such participation; and
- (3) Identifies additional projects on state agencymanaged lands for which project implementation has been funded or is included in the agency's multibiennial stewardship plans, and that are suitable for veterans conservation corps enrollee participation in the event that additional funding is provided to the department for associated training, education, and certification.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of veterans affairs for the purposes of this act.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the department of veterans affairs for the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1768 by Representatives Ericks, B. Sullivan, Hurst, and Roberts

Authorizing a local real estate excise tax to be used for the maintenance and operation of parks.

Authorizes a local real estate excise tax to be used for the maintenance and operation of parks.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1769 by Representatives Ericks, Strow, Simpson, and Linville

Providing retailers with an allowance for sales and use tax collection costs.

Provides retailers with an allowance for sales and use tax collection costs.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1770 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Chase, and Kagi

Funding state and municipal parks.

Provides that, for the purpose of providing funds to finance state park capital facility projects, and all costs incidental thereto, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of one hundred twenty-five million dollars, or as much thereof as may be required, to finance these projects and all costs incidental thereto.

Requires the secretary of state to submit this act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to facilitate its operation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1771 by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Changing certain public retirement systems.

Revises provisions relating to public pensions that revises gain-sharing provisions and makes certain changes in benefits for the teachers' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, and the public employees' retirement system.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 1772 by Representatives Quall, Priest, P. Sullivan, McDermott, Kenney, Simpson, Kagi, and

Ormsby

Regarding voluntary participation in the WASL by students enrolled in private schools.

Authorizes voluntary participation in the WASL by students enrolled in private schools.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1773 by Representatives Clibborn and Jarrett

Regarding the imposition of tolls.

Requires the transportation commission, in determining whether to impose or remove tolls on a particular corridor or facility and in determining the amount of the tolls, to consider the following policy guidelines: (1) Overall Direction. Washington should use tolling to encourage effective use of the transportation system and provide a supplementary source of transportation funding.

(2) When to Use Tolling. Tolling should be used when it can be demonstrated to contribute a significant portion of the cost of a project that cannot be funded solely with existing sources or optimize the performance of the transportation system. Such tolling should in all cases be fairly and equitably applied in the context of the statewide transportation system and not have significant adverse impacts through the diversion of traffic to other routes.

- (3) Use of Toll Revenue. Toll revenue should be used only to improve, preserve, or operate the transportation facility, corridor, or operation in which the revenue is collected.
- (4) Setting Toll Rates. Toll rates, which may include variable pricing, should be set to optimize system performance, recognizing necessary trade-offs to generate revenue.
- (5) Duration of Toll Collection. Because transportation infrastructure projects have costs and benefits that extend well beyond those paid for by initial construction funding, tolls should remain in place to fund additional capacity, capital rehabilitation, maintenance, and operations, and to optimize performance of the system.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Jan 30 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1774 by Representatives Hinkle, Chandler, Haler, Bailey, Dunn, Priest, and Warnick

Ensuring the integrity of elections.

Revises provisions to ensure the integrity of elections. Repeals RCW 29A.08.145.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1775 by Representatives Hinkle, Pettigrew, Kretz, Grant, Armstrong, Pearson, Strow, Sump, Warnick, and Blake

Regarding crimes against livestock belonging to another person.

Declares that it is unlawful for a person to intentionally kill or harm a horse or cattle belonging to another person, without consent of the owner. A violation of this act constitutes a class B felony.

Does not apply to individuals meeting the definition of slaughterer or packer, as those terms are defined in RCW 16.50.110, when conducting activities consistent with those definitions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1776 by Representatives Hinkle, McCune, and Hudgins

Requiring election of judges and the superintendent of public instruction at the general election.

Requires election of judges and the superintendent of public instruction at the general election.

Declares that this act takes effect January 1, 2008, if the proposed amendment to Article IV, section 29 of the state Constitution (HJR) is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at a general election held in November 2007. If the proposed amendment is not approved and ratified, this act is void in its entirety.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1777 by Representatives Rodne, Lantz, Darneille, Kirby, Ahern, Ross, Flannigan, Moeller, Kenney, and Morrell; by request of Secretary of State

Regulating charitable organizations that solicit contributions from the public.

Regulates charitable organizations that solicit contributions from the public.

Repeals RCW 19.09.095.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1778 by Representatives Wallace, Dunn, Kenney, Haigh, Hasegawa, B. Sullivan, Darneille, McDermott, Takko, Roberts, Schual-Berke, and Santos

Modernizing Washington state history and government high school graduation requirements.

Finds that the current high school graduation requirements for coursework in Washington state history and government have become outdated and lack relevancy. It is therefore the intent of the legislature to modernize high school graduation requirements for coursework in Washington state history and government.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1779 by Representatives Wallace, Dunn, Haigh, Kenney, Hasegawa, B. Sullivan, McDermott, Takko, Roberts, P. Sullivan, Fromhold, Quall, Simpson, Lantz, Hudgins, Kagi, Santos, Ormsby, and Morrell

Creating the GET ready for math and science scholarship program.

Establishes the GET ready for math and science scholarship program. The purpose of the program is to provide scholarships to students who achieve level four on the mathematics or science portions of the tenth grade Washington assessment of student learning, major in a mathematics, science, or related field in college, and commit to working in mathematics, science, or a related field for at least three years in Washington following completion of their bachelor's degree. The program shall be administered by the nonprofit organization selected as the private partner in the public-private partnership.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1780 by Representatives Kagi, Walsh, McIntire, Fromhold, Moeller, P. Sullivan, Hunt, Flannigan, Pettigrew, Appleton, Darneille, Kenney, Dickerson, Simpson, Wood, Haler, Santos, and Ormsby

Creating a statewide family court.

Declares an intent to consolidate the areas in the legal system that involve children and families to better serve the legal and social needs of the families. The goal is to enable families to address issues that may arise in the future with minimal legal intervention. Family court has long been recognized as a potential means of serving the legal and social needs of families. It is the intent of the legislature to support the use and success of family court through means

such as judicial training, longer judicial rotations, and provision of needed services to the families.

Repeals RCW 26.12.020, 26.12.060, 26.12.800, 26.12.802, and 26.12.804.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4214 by Representatives Hinkle, Campbell, McCune, and Hudgins

Amending the Constitution to require election of judges at the general election.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require election of judges at the general election.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

Senate Bills

SB 5002-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt, Pflug, Honeyford, Swecker, Morton, Stevens, Parlette, Delvin, McCaslin, Schoesler, and Sheldon)

Changing tuition waivers for families of fallen veterans and national guard members.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that, subject to the conditions in this act, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges, shall waive all tuition and fees for the following persons: (1) A child and the spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member who became totally disabled as defined in RCW 28B.15.385 while engaged in active federal military or naval service, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action; and

(2) A child and the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member who lost his or her life while engaged in active federal military or naval service.

Provides that a child must be a Washington domiciliary between the age of seventeen and twenty-six to be eligible for the tuition waiver and a child's marital status does not affect eligibility.

Declares that a surviving spouse must be a Washington domiciliary, and has ten years from the date of the death, total disability as defined in RCW 28B.15.385, or federal determination of prisoner of war or missing in action status of the eligible veteran or national guard member to receive the benefit. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse is ineligible for the tuition waiver.

Provides that each recipient's continued participation is subject to the school's satisfactory progress policy.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

Jan 23 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5009-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Hatfield, Poulsen, Sheldon, Holmquist, Rasmussen, Schoesler, Kline, and Shin)

Exempting biodiesel fuel used for nonhighway farm use from sales and use tax.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts biodiesel fuel used for nonhighway farm use from sales and use tax.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 22 Executive session in committee.

Jan 23 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5032-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore and Zarelli)

Concerning the Vancouver national historic reserve.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the legislature has declared through RCW 27.34.220 that it is the public policy and in the public interest of the state to designate, preserve, protect, enhance, and perpetuate those structures, sites, districts, buildings, and objects that reflect outstanding elements of the state's historic, archaeological, architectural, or cultural heritage, for the inspiration and enrichment of the people of the state. The Vancouver national historic reserve is on both the state and federal registers as a historic district and encompasses some of the richest historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural resources in the state.

Declares it is the purpose of this act to: (1) Confirm the role of the state of Washington in the development and management of the Vancouver national historic reserve;

(2) Identify the role of state agencies in the Vancouver national historic reserve; and

(3) Establish an account in the state treasury through the Washington state historical society for funds designated specifically for the Vancouver national historic reserve.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 16 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 18 Executive session in committee.

Jan 22 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5034-S by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Eide, Swecker, Weinstein, Franklin, Rasmussen, Brandland, Spanel, Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Poulsen, Keiser, Shin, Pridemore, Fraser, Fairley, Rockefeller, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Tom, Murray, and Oemig; by request of Department of Ecology)

Phasing out the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) have been used extensively as flame retardants in a large number of common household products for the past thirty years. Studies on animals show that PBDEs can impact the developing brain, affecting behavior and learning after birth and into adulthood, making exposure to fetuses and children a particular concern. Levels of PBDEs are increasing in people, and in the environment, particularly in North America. Because people can be exposed to these chemicals through house dust and indoor air as well as through food, it is important to phase out their use in common household products, provided that effective flame retardants that are safer and technically feasible are available at a reasonable cost.

Provides that no ban on deca-bde in televisions, computers, or upholstered furniture may go into effect until the department, the department of health, and the fire safety committee determine that a safer and technically feasible alternative that meets applicable fire safety standards is available.

Requires that, by December 15, 2008, the department and the department of health shall review risk assessments, scientific studies, and other relevant findings regarding alternatives to the use of commercial deca-bde in residential upholstered furniture, televisions, and computers.

Requires the department and the department of health to document their findings and the findings of the fire safety committee in a report to the legislature by December 15, 2008. The report must also include any additional evidence of the potential harm posed by deca-bde.

Provides that, if the department and the department of health jointly find, by December 15, 2008, that an effective flame retardant that is safer than commercial deca-bde and technically feasible for use in residential upholstered furniture, televisions, or computers is not available or if the fire safety committee finds that an alternative to commercial deca-bde does not meet applicable fire safety standards, the department shall by rule grant an exemption to allow for the manufacture, sale, or distribution of products prohibited from manufacture, sale, or distribution under this act.

Declares that nothing in this act restricts the ability of a manufacturer, importer, or distributor from transporting products containing PBDEs through the state, or storing the products in the state for later distribution outside the state.

Provides that a manufacturer of products containing PBDEs that are restricted under this act must notify persons that sell the manufacturer's products in this state about the provisions of this act no less than ninety days prior to the effective date of the restrictions.

Provides that a manufacturer of products containing PBDEs in violation of this act is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each violation in the case of a first offense. Manufacturers who are repeat violators are liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for each repeat offense. Penalties collected under this section must be deposited in the state toxics control account created in RCW 70. 105D.070.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 19 Executive session in committee.

Jan 22 WET - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5040-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Eide, Franklin, Fairley, Shin, Rockefeller, Weinstein, Marr, Oemig, Hobbs, Haugen, Kilmer, Murray, Keiser, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Kauffman, and Kohl-Welles)

Creating a survivors' endowed scholarship program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to honor those who lost their lives in service-connected activities while engaged in military service in combat zones. The legislature further intends to assist the families of such veterans by providing an endowed scholarship for postsecondary education to the veterans' surviving children and spouses.

Authorizes the board to deposit twenty-five thousand dollars of state matching funds into the survivors' scholarship endowment fund when the board can match state funds with an equal amount of private cash donations.

Provides that after the initial match of twenty-five thousand dollars, state matching funds from the survivors' endowed scholarship trust fund shall be released to the survivors' scholarship endowment fund semiannually so long as there are funds available in the survivors' endowed scholarship trust fund.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

Jan 23 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5080-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Swecker, Murray, Weinstein, Kauffman, Rasmussen, Hatfield, Hobbs, Berkey, Pridemore, Regala, Tom, McCaslin, Oemig, Jacobsen, and Rockefeller)

Extending waste tire removal fees and the disposition of the fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Extends the time period for waste tire removal fees and revises the disposition of the fees.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 16 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 18 Executive session in committee.

Jan 22 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5085-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Swecker, and Murray)

Providing that transportation accounts receive one hundred percent of their proportionate share of earnings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that transportation accounts receive one hundred percent of their proportionate share of earnings.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 16 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 18 Executive session in committee.

Jan 22 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5089-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Regala,

Zarelli, Eide, Shin, Franklin, Keiser, Rockefeller, Weinstein, Pridemore, Marr, Hobbs, Rasmussen, Murray, Prentice, Fairley, Fraser, Spanel, Berkey, Tom, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, and Kline; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Conforming Washington's tax structure to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Conforms Washington's tax structure to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 18 Executive session in committee.

Jan 22 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5123-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Kilmer, Roach, Jacobsen, Shin, Fairley, Marr, Prentice, Carrell, Murray, Rasmussen, Keiser, Berkey, Haugen, Franklin, Hatfield, Eide, Kauffman, Fraser, and McAuliffe)

Protecting persons with veteran or military status from discrimination.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Protects persons with veteran or military status from discrimination.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

Jan 25 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5191-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Hatfield, Brandland, Sheldon, and Delvin)

Modifying missing persons provisions.

(DIĞEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that it is the intent of this act to build upon the research and findings of the Washington state missing persons task force, assembled by the state attorney general in 2003, the United States department of justice, and the initiative taken in chapter 102, Laws of 2006, by the

legislature to aid in recovery of missing persons and the identification of human remains.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 19 Executive session in committee.

Jan 23 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5193-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland, Hewitt,

Parlette, Morton, Schoesler, Swecker, Clements, Stevens, McCaslin, Carrell, Keiser, Berkey, and Kohl-Welles)

Authorizing donation of unclaimed personal property to nonprofit charitable organizations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a nonprofit charitable organization receiving personal property donated under this act to use the property, or its proceeds, to benefit needy persons. Such organization must qualify for tax-exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the federal internal revenue code.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

Jan 25 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5242-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Hewitt, Haugen, Kastama, Fairley, Shin, Kline, Clements, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Tom, Brandland, Murray, Roach, Spanel, Kauffman, Rockefeller, Regala, Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Berkey, Carrell, Sheldon, Kilmer, Rasmussen, Holmquist, and Honeyford)

Establishing an internship program for wounded combat veterans.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department to establish an internship program for returning wounded combat veterans, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose. The purpose of the program is to assist returning wounded combat veterans by matching them with jobs within the department that require their military skill sets and would be of benefit to the department, or that would teach them new skills.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 24 Executive session in committee.

Jan 25 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5280-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Rasmussen, Shin, Kilmer, and Honeyford)

Providing postsecondary education grants for national guard and military families.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a postsecondary education grant program, known as the dollars for military scholars program.

Declares that, to be eligible for a postsecondary education grant under this act, an applicant must: (1) Be a: (a) veteran who is a resident of Washington who is on active military or national guard duty, or the spouse or dependent of the veteran; or (b) veteran who is on active military or national guard duty stationed in the state, or the spouse or dependent of the veteran;

- (2) Be applying for a two or four-year institution of higher education or a vocational or technical school degree or certification program in Washington;
- (3) Demonstrate a financial need as the grants are need-based; and

(4) Recognize that extra evaluative points will be awarded for those working toward math, science, engineering, or non-English language studies.

Provides that need-based, postsecondary scholarship grants in amounts of between one thousand and five thousand dollars each shall be made available to persons who meet the eligibility requirements of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 24 Executive session in committee.
- Jan 25 HIE Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5291-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Murray and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Labor & Industries)

Addressing public workers excluded from prevailing wages on public works provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 39.12.020 to clarify what workers are excluded from prevailing wages on public works provisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Executive session in committee.

Jan 24 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5630 by Senators Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Kauffman, Kilmer, and Jacobsen

Clarifying how cities, towns, counties, public corporations, and port districts may participate in the federal new markets tax credit program.

Requires all cities, towns, counties, public corporations, and port districts to create partnerships and limited liability companies and enter into agreements with public or private entities, including partnership agreements and limited liability company agreements, to implement

within their boundaries the federal new markets tax credit program established by the community renewal tax relief act of 2000 (26 U.S.C. Sec. 45D) or its successor statute.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5631 by Senators Keiser and Pflug

Licensing the wholesale distributors of prescription drugs.

Requires every wholesale distributor who engages in the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs to be licensed by the department of licensing, and every nonresident wholesale distributor must be licensed by the department of licensing if it ships prescription drugs into this state, in accordance with this act before engaging in wholesale distributions of wholesale prescription drugs.

Provides that if a person engages in the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs in violation of this act, the person may be either imprisoned for not more than fifteen years or fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, or both.

Provides that if a person knowingly engages in wholesale distribution of prescription drugs in violation of this act, the person shall be either imprisoned for any term of years or fined not more than five hundred thousand dollars, or both.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5632 by Senators Kastama, Eide, Delvin, Berkey, and Tom

Meeting financial responsibility requirements for automobiles.

Requires that, when the department sends a vehicle license renewal notice, it shall also provide notice of the requirement for proof of meeting the financial responsibility requirements in order to renew the license.

Provides that the department shall not renew a vehicle license due for renewal January 1, 2008, or after unless the applicant provides proof of meeting the financial responsibility requirements for operating a motor vehicle as provided in RCW 46.30.020.

Provides that every applicant for renewal of a vehicle license due for renewal January 1, 2008, or after shall provide current proof of financial responsibility to operate a vehicle as required in RCW 46.30.020. The department may adopt rules regarding valid proof of financial responsibility for persons renewing a vehicle license. The department shall reimburse its agents, including county auditors, for the mailing costs of returning license renewal applications that are submitted without proof of financial responsibility.

Declares that any person who knowingly provides false evidence of financial responsibility to a law enforcement officer, to a court, or to the department of licensing on an application for renewal of a vehicle license, including an expired or canceled insurance policy, bond, or certificate of deposit is guilty of a misdemeanor.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5633 by Senators Brandland, Kline, Delvin, McCaslin, and Shin; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission

Revising provisions relating to core training requirements.

Revises provisions relating to core training requirements.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5634 by Senators Brandland, Kline, McCaslin, and Delvin; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission

Revising corrections personnel training provisions.

Amends RCW 43.101.220 relating to corrections personnel training.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5635 by Senators Brandland, Kline, and Delvin; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission

Revising provisions relating to limitations on polygraph tests.

Amends RCW 49.44.120 relating to requiring polygraph tests.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5636 by Senators Keiser, Oemig, Pridemore, and Shin

Prohibiting signature gathering by sex offenders.

Provides that any person with a duty to register as a sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130 is prohibited from gathering signatures for any initiative or referendum measure.

Declares that petitions circulated by a person with a duty to register as a sex offender under RCW 9A.44.130 shall not be counted when determining whether the initiative measure contains sufficient signatures.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5637 by Senators Regala, Franklin, Kastama, and Rasmussen

Concerning fees for petitioners of sexual assault protection orders.

Provides that no fees for filing or service of process may be charged by a public agency to petitioners seeking relief under chapter 7.90 RCW. Petitioners shall be provided the necessary number of certified copies at no cost.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5638 by Senator Rockefeller; by request of Statute Law Committee

Revising the statute law committee's publication authority.

Provides that the statute law committee, in its discretion, may publish the Washington State Register exclusively by electronic means on the code reviser web site if it determines that public access to the Washington State Register is not substantially diminished. If the statute law committee publishes the Washington State Register exclusively by electronic means on the code reviser web site, the electronic copy posted on the code reviser web site, the electronic copy posted on the code reviser web site shall be considered the official copy of the Washington State Register.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5639 by Senators Spanel, Clements, Pflug, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Rasmussen, Poulsen, Regala, and Kline

Authorizing a caterer's endorsement for licensed microbreweries.

Provides that any microbrewery licensed under this act that also holds either a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license or a beer and/or wine restaurant license may also receive a caterer's endorsement to either of those licenses as permitted under RCW 66.24.320 and 66.24.420.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5640 by Senators Kauffman, Fairley, Prentice, Swecker, Rockefeller, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Rasmussen, and Kline; by request of Health Care Authority

Authorizing tribal governments to participate in public employees' benefits board programs.

Provides that, consistent with the centennial accord, the new millennium agreement, related treaties, and federal and state law, it is the intent of the legislature to authorize tribal governments to participate in public employees' benefits board programs to the same extent that counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of the state are authorized to do so.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5641 by Senators Rasmussen, Honeyford, Schoesler, Prentice, Delvin, and Holmquist

Exempting wholesale sales of bulk unprocessed milk from the business and occupation tax.

Exempts wholesale sales of bulk unprocessed milk from the business and occupation tax.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5642 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Rockefeller, Franklin, and Tom

Addressing cigarette ignition propensity.

Declares that cigarettes may not be sold or offered for sale in this state or offered for sale or sold to persons located in this state unless the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the test method and meet the performance standard specified in this act, a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer with the state director of fire protection in accordance with this act, and the cigarettes have been marked in accordance with this act.

Provides that a manufacturer, wholesale dealer, agent, or any other person or entity who knowingly sells or offers to sell cigarettes, other than through retail sale, in violation of this act, for a first offense is liable to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars per each sale of the cigarettes, and for a subsequent offense is liable to a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per each sale of the cigarettes. However, in no case may the penalty against such a person or entity exceed one hundred thousand dollars during any thirty-day period.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --Jan 26 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5643 by Senators Regala, Delvin, Carrell, Hargrove, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Tom, and Kline

Addressing children and families of incarcerated parents.

Recognizes the significant impact on the lives and well-being of children and families when a parent is incarcerated. It is the intent of the legislature to support children and families, and maintain familial connections when appropriate, during the period a parent is incarcerated.

Finds that there must be a greater emphasis placed on identifying state policies and programs impacting children with incarcerated parents. Additionally, greater effort must be made to ensure that the policies and programs of the state are supportive of the children, and meet their needs during the time the parent is incarcerated.

Finds that, according to the final report of the children of incarcerated parents oversight committee, helping offenders build durable family relationships may reduce the likelihood that their children will go to prison later in life. Additionally, the report indicates that offenders who reconnect with their families in sustaining ways are less likely to reoffend.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purpose of enhancing programs and services for the children and families of inmates incarcerated in department of corrections facilities.

Appropriates the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purpose of enhancing programs and services for the children and families of inmates incarcerated in department of corrections facilities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5644 by Senators Regala, Brandland, Hargrove, Keiser, Pridemore, and Delvin

Establishing standards for clubhouse rehabilitation services.

Declares that minimum standards for clubhouses shall include certification by the international center for clubhouse development.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5645 by Senators Rockefeller, Morton, Hatfield, Brandland, Sheldon, and Rasmussen

Promoting a coordinated shellfish aquaculture regulatory process.

Declares it is the purpose of this act to develop and promote a comprehensive and efficient shellfish aquaculture regulatory process, informed by research, that protects the state's environment, natural resources, and recreational opportunities. To optimize limited available resources, state regulatory, environmental, and natural resource agencies, the state department of agriculture, Native American tribes, local governments, and public and private sector interests must work cooperatively to establish common goals, minimize regulatory confusion, develop consistency in applying environmental standards, maximize environmental benefits through coordinated investment strategies, and eliminate duplicative processes.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5646 by Senators Rasmussen, Delvin, Sheldon, Spanel, Fraser, and Shin

Raising the exemption amounts on public bids for construction work at state and regional universities and The Evergreen State College.

Raises the exemption amounts on public bids for construction work at state and regional universities and The Evergreen State College.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 5647 by Senators Fraser, Morton, McAuliffe, Fairley, Swecker, Regala, Hatfield, Spanel, Rockefeller, Kohl-Welles, and Rasmussen

Clarifying the use of existing lodging tax revenues for tourism promotion.

Amends RCW 67.28.080 relating to clarifying the use of existing lodging tax revenues for tourism promotion.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5648 by Senators Swecker, Schoesler, Hatfield, McCaslin, and Rasmussen

Providing sales and use tax exemptions for prescribed durable medical equipment used in the home and prescribed mobility enhancing equipment.

Provides sales and use tax exemptions for prescribed durable medical equipment used in the home and prescribed mobility enhancing equipment.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5649 by Senators Tom, Honeyford, Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, Pridemore, Clements, Jacobsen, and

Kline

Establishing the poet laureate program.

Requires the Washington state arts commission to establish and administer the poet laureate program. The poet laureate shall engage in activities to promote and encourage poetry within the state, including but not limited to readings, workshops, lectures, or presentations for Washington educational institutions and communities in geographically diverse areas over a two-year term.

Creates the poet laureate account in the custody of the state treasurer with an allocation of thirty thousand dollars.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5650 by Senators Kauffman, Kohl-Welles, Weinstein, and Keiser

Requiring disclosure to customers of the percentage of automatic service charges paid to servers.

Requires disclosure to customers of the percentage of automatic service charges paid to servers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 5651 by Senators Kauffman, Kastama, and Kilmer

Changing the criteria for investigating and assessing performance in meeting community credit needs.

Revises the criteria for investigating and assessing performance in meeting community credit needs.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 5652 by Senators Kauffman, Kastama, Kilmer, Brown, Berkey, Rockefeller, Keiser, and Shin

Establishing the microenterprise development program.

Declares that it is the purpose of this act to assist microenterprises in job creation by increasing the training, technical assistance, and financial resources available to microenterprises.

Declares an intent to carry out this purpose by enabling the department of community, trade, and economic development to contract with a statewide microenterprise association with the potential to provide organizational support and administer grants to local microenterprise development organizations, subject to the requirements of this act, and to leverage additional funds from sources other than moneys appropriated from the general fund.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

Jan 30 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5653 by Senators Kauffman, Kastama, Brown, Berkey, Rockefeller, Keiser, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, and Shin

Authorizing the development of self-employment assistance programs.

Finds that the establishment of a self-employment assistance program would assist unemployed individuals and create new businesses and job opportunities in Washington state. The department shall inform individuals identified as likely to exhaust regular unemployment benefits of the opportunity to enroll in commissioner-approved self-employment assistance programs.

Declares that an unemployed individual is eligible to participate in a self-employment assistance program if it has been determined that he or she: (1) Is otherwise eligible for regular benefits as defined in RCW 50.22.010;

(2) Has been identified as likely to exhaust regular unemployment benefits under a profiling system established by the commissioner as defined in P.L. 103-152; and

(3) Is enrolled in a self-employment assistance program that is approved by the commissioner, and includes entrepreneurial training, business counseling, technical assistance, and requirements to engage in activities relating to the establishment of a business and becoming self-employed.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

Jan 30 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5654 by Senator Shin

Modifying compensation for dealer warranty work or services provisions.

Declares that the compensation may not be less than the rates reasonably charged by the dealer for like services and parts to retail customers of motor homes, as defined in RCW 46.04.305, campers, as defined in RCW 46.04.085, and travel trailers, as defined in RCW 46.04.623. The compensation may not be reduced by the manufacturer for any reason or made conditional on an activity outside the performance of warranty work.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5655 by Senator Fairley

Revising penalties for intermediate driver's license violations.

Provides that, on the second conviction or finding, the holder of an intermediate driver's license may not operate a motor vehicle except when the holder is accompanied by a licensed driver with at least five years of driving experience who is occupying the seat beside the driver for a period of six months from the date of the second conviction or finding or until the person reaches eighteen years of age, whichever occurs first.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5656 by Senators Jacobsen, Kline, Rockefeller, Regala, and Tom

Creating a regional transfer of development rights program.

Finds that current concern over the rapid and increasing loss of rural, agricultural, and forested land has led to the exploration of creative approaches to preserving these important lands.

Finds also that the creation of a regional transfer of development rights marketplace will assist in slowing the conversion of these lands.

Determines that it is good public policy to build upon existing transfer of development rights programs, pilot projects, and private initiatives that foster effective use of transferred development rights through the creation of a market-based program that focuses on the central Puget Sound region.

Requires the department to submit recommendations, findings, and legislative recommendations according to the following schedule: (1) By December 1, 2007, the department shall submit a report to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on the progress of the regional transfer of development rights program. The report must also include identification of other candidate transfer of development areas and proposals to modify grant criteria for local governments;

- (2) By December 1, 2008, the department shall submit a final report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature on the progress of the regional transfer of development rights program; and
- (3) By December 1, 2008, the department shall submit findings and legislative recommendations, including draft legislation if needed to implement the recommendations and strategies identified in the final report, to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

Jan 29 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5657 by Senators Keiser, Delvin, Hewitt, Hobbs, Oemig, Murray, Tom, Brandland, Rockefeller, McAuliffe, and Kohl-Welles

Creating the revised uniform anatomical gift act.
Creates the revised uniform anatomical gift act.
Repeals provisions of chapter 68.50 RCW.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care. SB 5658 by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Franklin, and Rockefeller

Establishing a health care reinsurance program for small businesses.

Declares an intent to reduce premiums for small employers by providing reinsurance services. Reinsurance will reduce the uncertainty that raises premiums across the small group market to: (1) Help make health insurance coverage more affordable for small businesses and their employees;

- (2) Stabilize the private health insurance market for small businesses; and
- (3) Increase the numbers of people with access to affordable health insurance coverage and improve health outcomes in Washington state.

Appropriates the sum of five million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the health savings account, previously identified with small employer insurance assistance, to the reinsurance account established in this act for the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5659 by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Franklin, Brown, and Kline

Establishing family and medical leave insurance.

Finds that, although family and medical leave laws have assisted individuals to balance the demands of the workplace with their family responsibilities, more needs to be done to achieve the goals of family care, children and family health, workforce stability, and economic security.

Finds that many individuals do not have access to family and medical leave laws, and those who do may not be in a financial position to take family and medical leave that is unpaid, and that employer-paid benefits, including family and medical leave and disability benefits, meet only a relatively small part of this need.

Declares it to be in the public interest to establish a program that: (1) Allows parents to bond with a newborn or newly placed child, and workers to care for seriously ill family members or recover from their own serious health condition;

- (2) Is in addition to those programs offered by employers;
- (3) Provides limited income support for a reasonable period while an individual is away from work on family and medical leave; and
- (4) Reduces the impact on state income support programs by increasing an individual's ability to provide caregiving services for family members while maintaining an employment relationship.

Requires the secretary of state to submit this act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to facilitate its operation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5660 by Senator Haugen

Authorizing rural counties to use local sales and use tax collections to fund certain power line conversions in rural counties.

Authorizes rural counties to use local sales and use tax collections to fund certain power line conversions in rural counties.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 5661 by Senator Prentice

Establishing the term of existence of a collective bargaining agreement.

Provides that any agreement entered into between cities, counties, municipal corporations, or school districts, and their respective employees, may provide for a term of existence of up to six years.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5662 by Senators Weinstein, Honeyford, McCaslin, Delvin, Tom, Kline, Keiser, Shin, and Rasmussen; by request of Secretary of State

Regulating charitable organizations that solicit contributions from the public.

Regulates charitable organizations that solicit contributions from the public.

Repeals RCW 19.09.095.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 5663 by Senators Oemig, Kline, Fairley, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Secretary of State

Providing for electronic voter registration.

Establishes provisions providing for electronic voter registration.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5664 by Senators Oemig, Fairley, Swecker, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Secretary of State

Modifying voter registration provisions.

Revises voter registration provisions.

Repeals RCW 29A.04.103, 29A.08.145, 29A.08.660, and 29A.08.785.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8217 by Senators Carrell, Kastama, Brandland, Regala, and Stevens

Repealing a conflicting residency requirement for voting in a presidential election.

Directs the secretary of state to submit to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of the state of Washington by repealing section 1A thereof in its entirety.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.