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House Bills

HB 1601-S3 by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Campbell, Chase, Hudgins, Hunt, Morrell, Upthegrove, McCoy, Santos, Dickerson, Hasegawa, Sells, Schual-Berke, Wood, and Simpson)

Creating the children's environmental health and protection advisory council.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 3RD SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the children's environmental health and protection advisory council.

Requires the advisory council to: (1) Review and comment on existing laws, rules, regulations, and standards to ensure that they adequately protect the health of children from environmental hazards;

- (2) Review existing laws, rules, regulations, and standards of other states that relate to the protection of the health of children from environmental hazards;
- (3) Review current research on environmental toxins and exposures, children's environmental health, and other

research relevant to the protection of the health of children from environmental hazards;

- (4) Work collaboratively with state agencies and others without duplicating current work in this area; and
- (5) Report to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2008, and December 1, 2009, with recommendations on changes in regulation that would reduce children's exposure to environmental hazards and recommendations for collaborative approaches to public education.

Expires June 30, 2010.

- -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 15 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
 - -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 18 ENVH Majority; 3rd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Jan 21 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2053-S3

by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman,

Springer, O'Brien, Dunshee, Eddy, Blake, Lovick, Upthegrove, Green, Simpson, and Hurst)

Providing for improved availability of motor vehicle fuel during power outages or interruptions in electrical service.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 3RD SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, in computing the tax imposed under chapter 82.04 RCW, a credit is allowed for the purchase of an alternative power generation device, and labor and services for the installation of the device, by an eligible person. The credit is equal to the lesser of fifty percent of the cost of the alternative power generation device or twenty-five thousand dollars.

Declares that "alternative power generation device" means a device capable of providing electrical power for gasoline service station pumps during periods when regular electrical power is lost including, but not limited to, portable generators, standby generators, emergency generators, or other power generation devices. "Alternative power generation device" also includes wiring necessary to make the device capable of providing electrical power to the gasoline service station pumps.

Declares that "eligible person" means a person selling motor vehicle or special fuel from a gasoline service station, or other facility, with at least four fuel pumps.

Expires June 30, 2011. Takes effect July 1, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 22 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Mar 27 Executive session in committee.
- Apr 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
 - -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 18 FIN Majority; 3rd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Jan 22 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2332-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representative Hunter)

Concerning the levies by school districts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Recognizes that school districts request voter approval for two to four year levies based on their projected levy capacities at the time that the levies are submitted to the voters.

Declares an intent to permit school districts with voter-approved maintenance and operation levies to seek an additional approval from the voters, if subsequently enacted legislation would permit a higher levy.

- -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Mar 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
 - -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 18 FIN Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Jan 22 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2466-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Warnick and

O'Brien)

Modifying duties of county clerks.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE) Modifies duties of county clerks.

- -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 18 JUDI Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Jan 22 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2487-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller and

Morrell)

Concerning vulnerable adult protection orders.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires that a copy of an order for protection of a vulnerable adult shall be forwarded by the clerk of the court on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency specified in the order.

Requires the law enforcement agency to enter the order into the Washington crime information center system to list outstanding warrants. The order shall remain in the computer for the period stated in the order and may be expunged when it is expired, vacated, or superseded. The information entered into the system shall include notice to law enforcement whether the order was personally served, served by publication, or served by mail.

Provides that the court should, before entering an order for protection of a vulnerable adult, conduct a check of the judicial information system for the existence of other orders affecting the parties to the petition, criminal history of the parties, and other relevant information necessary to assist courts in issuing orders under this act.

Provides that if the respondent, or the vulnerable adult where the petition is filed by someone other than the vulnerable adult, was not personally served with the petition, notice of hearing, and ex parte order before the hearing, the court shall reset the hearing for twenty-four days from the date of entry of the order and may order service by publication instead of personal service under the following circumstances: (1) The sheriff, municipal officer, or other process server files an affidavit stating that the officer or process server was unable to complete personal service upon the party to be served;

- (2) The petitioner files an affidavit stating that the petitioner believes that the party to be served is hiding from the server to avoid service or is being hidden from the server to avoid service;
- (3) The server has deposited a copy of the summons, notice of hearing, and the ex parte order of protection in the post office, directed to the party to be served at the party's last known address; and
- (4) The court finds reasonable grounds exist to believe that the party to be served is concealing himself or herself to avoid service or is being hidden from the server to avoid service, and that further attempts to personally serve the party to be served would be futile or unduly burdensome.

Provides that in circumstances justifying service by publication, if the serving party files an affidavit stating facts from which the court determines that service by mail is just as likely to give actual notice as service by publication and that the serving party is unable to afford the cost of service by publication, the court may order that service be made by mail.

Provides that following completion of service by publication or by mail, if the party served by publication or by mail fails to appear at the hearing, the court may issue an order of protection.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 22 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2505-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representative O'Brien)

Providing funding for a patrol vessel for public protection and emergencies.

(DIĞEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Orders the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to convene and facilitate a work group of sheriffs and emergency managers from the counties of Island, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, San Juan, Clallam, and Jefferson, and other appropriate individuals, to study and make recommendations regarding the enhancement of current recreational boating enforcement programs to include coastal defense duties.

Makes an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 21 Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review.

HB 2522-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Campbell, and Chase)

Regarding civil penalty provisions for on-site sewage disposal systems administered by local health jurisdictions. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Clarifies the civil penalty provisions for on-site sewage disposal systems administered by local health jurisdictions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 16 ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 21 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3066 by Representatives Alexander, Fromhold, McDonald, Ormsby, Newhouse, Flannigan, VanDeWege, Kelley, Sullivan, and Hasegawa

Funding catastrophic flood relief.

Funds catastrophic flood relief.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3067 by Representative Kirby

Adopting the life settlements model act.
Adopts the life settlements model act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection.

HB 3068 by Representatives Clibborn, Fromhold, Moeller, Appleton, Roberts, and Wood

Establishing high-capacity transportation corridor areas. Establishes high-capacity transportation corridor areas. Allows a high-capacity transportation corridor area to issue general obligation bonds.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 3069 by Representative Wallace

Regulating driver improvement schools.

Regulates and licenses driver improvement schools.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 3070 by Representatives Conway, Quall, Dunn, Appleton, Schual-Berke, Linville, Fromhold, and Ormsby

Addressing postretirement employment.

Modifies alternate early retirement provisions related to public employees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3071 by Representatives Goodman, Rodne, and Williams

Harmonizing statutes that address the termination of condominiums.

Provides, subject to RCW 64.34.010 (1) and (2) and the rights of mortgagees and the holders of all liens affecting any of the apartments, apartment owners may remove a property from the provisions of this act and terminate the condominium in the manner set forth in RCW 64.34.268 (1) through (7) and (10), in which event all of the provisions of RCW 64.34.268 (1) through (7) and (10) shall apply to such removal in lieu of RCW 64.32.150 (1) and (2).

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3072 by Representatives Grant, Hailey, Blake, Kretz, Linville, Hinkle, Schindler, Warnick, Walsh, Newhouse, Schmick, Ross, Skinner, Haler, Kristiansen, Ahern, Sump, Chandler, Condotta, Armstrong, and McCune

Eliminating the partial relinquishment of water rights. Eliminates the partial relinquishment of water rights.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3073 by Representatives Warnick, Blake, Kretz, Hinkle, Kessler, and McCune

Establishing a program for forage and mulches used in federal wilderness areas and on forest service lands.

Establishes a program for forage and mulches used in federal wilderness areas and on forest service lands.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3074 by Representative Anderson

Eliminating prepayment requirements as a condition to contesting a tax.

Eliminates prepayment requirements as a condition to contesting a tax.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3075 by Representatives Anderson, Hunter, Rodne, and McIntire

Requiring a comprehensive approach to improve mathematics education.

Provides the legislature intends to take a comprehensive approach to immediately improve the standards, curriculum, instruction, and student achievement in mathematics in Washington's public schools.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3076 by Representatives Liias, Rodne, Ericks, Campbell, Sells, Upthegrove, Warnick, Jarrett, Roberts, Loomis, Kelley, Pettigrew, Darneille, Skinner, Linville, Priest, Williams, Simpson, Schual-Berke, Sullivan, McIntire, Conway, and Ormsby

Creating a joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

Establishes the joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

Requires the task force to review certain issues related to expanding the presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated research and development, education, and training businesses at airports of regional significance.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 3077 by Representatives Liias, Armstrong, Appleton, Hunt, O'Brien, Green, Rodne, Ericks, Miloscia, Williams, Simpson, and Hasegawa

Transferring leave to leave pool programs.

Provides, with the permission of an employee who transfers leave, the leave may be transferred to the sick leave pool under RCW 41.04.680.

Requires annual leave that is lost by an employee because he or she did not take it within the required time period to be transferred equally to the uniformed service shared leave pool created under RCW 41.04.685 and the sick leave pool created under RCW 41.04.680.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3078 by Representatives O'Brien, Dickerson,
Darneille, Haler, Roach, Wallace, Walsh,
Roberts, Springer, Williams, Green, Simpson, Conway,
and Ormsby

Establishing a lifelong services program for persons with developmental disabilities.

Provides under the lifelong services program, individuals, to the maximum extent possible, must be given a choice of services and authority to exercise control over the resources available to them.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 3079 by Representatives Upthegrove, Priest, Quall, Haigh, Hasegawa, Sullivan, Kenney, Santos, Barlow, Simpson, Kelley, Schual-Berke, Liias, Ormsby, Green, and Nelson; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Creating extended learning opportunities.

Creates the extended learning opportunities program for eligible eleventh and twelfth grade students who are not on track to meet local or state graduation requirements. The program shall provide early notification of graduation status, information on education opportunities, and incentives for new district programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3080 by Representatives Hunt, O'Brien, Williams, and McIntire; by request of State Treasurer

Changing the composition of the board of directors of the Washington materials management and financing authority.

Changes the composition of the board of directors of the Washington materials management and financing authority.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3081 by Representatives Grant, Blake, Warnick, Hailey, Kretz, Hinkle, Haler, Walsh, and Newhouse

Allocating water from the Columbia and Lower Snake rivers for biofuels irrigation and organic crop irrigation.

Establishes an allocation of an annual aggregate of one hundred thousand acre feet of water from the Columbia river mainstem and the Lower Snake river mainstem in perpetuity. The waters allocated under this act are available for appropriation and use for biofuel irrigation and organic crop irrigation. The department is authorized and directed to issue permits and certificates for the uninterruptible appropriation and use of the water allocated under this act, but solely for the purpose of biofuel irrigation and organic crop irrigation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3082 by Representatives Haigh, Priest, Quall, Seaquist, Dunshee, Sullivan, and Ormsby

Creating the sustainable environment culminating project grant program.

Creates the sustainable environment culminating project grant program to establish an organized regional approach to providing environmentally related culminating projects for students that connect school academics with natural resource career possibilities.

Declares that, subject to the availability of funds, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall work with the nonprofit grant recipients under this act to implement a statewide online project database in which students can find project opportunities through connections with community-based and agency resources and where students can post their own projects and continue or build on the work of other student projects.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3083 by Representatives Campbell and Williams

Establishing standards for victim impact panels.

Requires each court administration or the equivalent to develop and maintain a registry of qualified victim impact panels to fulfill the goals of victim impact panels outlined in the act and to meet any probationary requirements or other sentencing conditions of a superior, district, or municipal court.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3084 by Representatives Pettigrew, Walsh, McCoy, Appleton, Kelley, McIntire, Darneille, and Hasegawa

Establishing restricted licenses for persons who fail to comply with child support obligations.

Establishes restricted driver's licenses for persons who fail to comply with child support obligations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3085 by Representatives Williams, Goodman, Moeller, Appleton, and Ormsby

Expanding the types of property subject to seizure and forfeiture in money laundering provisions.

Expands the types of property subject to seizure and forfeiture in money laundering provisions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3086 by Representatives Ericks, Flannigan, Walsh, Goodman, Moeller, Springer, Sells, Eddy,

Williams, Loomis, Roberts, Simpson, Wood, McIntire, O'Brien, Liias, Kagi, Ormsby, Darneille, and Hasegawa

Providing treatment programs as an alternative to total confinement for offenders convicted of nonviolent and nonsex offenses.

Provides for nonviolent and nonsex offenders the option to complete a state-certified inpatient or intensive outpatient treatment program. Upon completion, each day of participation in such program may be substituted for one day of total confinement.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 3087 by Representatives Williams, Goodman Moeller, and Darneille

Allowing a certificate of discharge to be issued when an existing order excludes or prohibits an offender from having contact with a specified person or business, or coming within a set distance of any specified location.

Provides issuance of a certificate of discharge under RCW 9.94A.637 shall not affect, nor be prevented by, an order that excludes or prohibits the offender from having contact with a specified person or business, or coming within a set distance of any specified location, that was contained in the judgment and sentence.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3088 by Representatives Cody, Hinkle, and Schual-Berke

Limiting the scope of chapter 18.260 RCW over certain dental assistant and education and training programs.

Limits the scope of chapter 18.260 RCW over certain dental assistant and education and training programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 3089 by Representatives Miloscia, VanDeWege, and Simpson

Regarding occupational diseases of public employee fire investigators.

Provides occupational disease presumptions for public employee fire investigators.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3090 by Representatives Miloscia and Kelley; by request of Attorney General

Modifying the notice requirement for special meetings.

Allows a special meeting to be called at any time by the presiding officer of the governing body of a public agency or by a majority of the members of the governing body by delivering written notice personally, by mail, by fax, or by electronic mail to each member of the governing body; by posting a notice on the agency's web site, if any, and in an area open to the public at the agency's main administrative office; by delivering written notice to each local newspaper

of general circulation; and by delivering notice to each local radio or television station which has on file with the governing body a written request to be notified of such special meeting or of all special meetings.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3091 by Representatives Blake, Kretz, Warnick, Takko, and McCune

Protecting privacy rights regarding animal identification.

Provides neither the state, the agency, nor the director may restrict, limit, or infringe upon the personal or private property rights of individuals, corporations, or other entities whether they choose to participate or not in premise registration or animal identification programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3092 by Representatives Quall, Pedersen, Roberts, Ormsby, Darneille, and Hasegawa

Changing requirements for the restoration of the right to vote for people convicted of felonies.

Changes requirements for the restoration of the right to vote for people convicted of felonies.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3093 by Representatives Moeller and Darneille

Concerning the estates of vulnerable adults.

Adds abusers to those who cannot inherit property under chapter 11.84 RCW.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3094 by Representatives Linville, Ericksen, and Williams

Designating the International Peace Arch the official state peace monument.

Designates the international peace arch as the official peace monument of the state of Washington.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3095 by Representatives Lantz, Ericks, Kagi, Pedersen, Green, Moeller, Goodman, Seaquist, Williams, and Ormsby

Concerning provisions governing firearms possession by persons who have been involuntarily committed.

Requires the convicting or committing court to forward on or before the next judicial day a copy of the person's driver's license or identicard, or comparable information, along with the date of conviction or commitment, to the department of licensing. When a person is committed by court order under RCW 71.05.240, 71.05.320, 71.34.740, 71.34.750, or chapter 10.77 RCW, for mental health

treatment, the committing court also shall forward on or before the next judicial day a copy of the person's driver's license, or comparable information, along with the date of commitment, to the national instant criminal background check system index, denied persons file, created by the federal Brady handgun violence prevention act (P.L. 103-159).

Provides when a person's right to possess a firearm has been restored, the court shall forward, on or before the next judicial day, notification that the person's right to possess a firearm has been restored to the department of licensing and the national instant criminal background check system index, denied persons file.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3096 by Representatives Clibborn and McIntire; by request of Governor Gregoire

Financing the state route number 520 bridge replacement project.

Allows the department of transportation to collect tolls on the existing state route number 520 bridge or on a replacement state route number 520 bridge.

Requires the executive director of the Puget Sound regional council, the secretary of the department of transportation or his or her designee, and a member of the state transportation commission from King county to form a state route number 520 tolling implementation committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 3097 by Representatives Quall, Barlow, Priest, and Anderson

Specifying authority of the executive director of the state board of education.

Allows the board to delegate to the executive director by resolution such duties as deemed necessary to efficiently carry on the business of the board including, but not limited to, the authority to employ necessary personnel and the authority to enter into, amend, and terminate contracts on behalf of the board.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3098 by Representatives Santos, Roach, and Kelley

Addressing facilitators of refund anticipation loans.

Requires a person registered as a facilitator to establish policies and procedures to ensure a retailer who is acting as a distributor and collector of information or materials: (1) Appropriately safeguards and protects an applicant's personal private financial information; and

(2) Acts solely in a clerical role and does not provide any counseling regarding refund anticipation loan products.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection. HB 3099 by Representatives Kelley, Darneille, Flannigan, Kirby, Morrell, Campbell, Lantz, Conway, Green, McDonald, Seaquist, and Sullivan

Creating a sales and use tax deferral program for eligible investment projects in community empowerment zones.

Creates a sales and use tax deferral program for eligible investment projects in community empowerment zones.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 3100 by Representatives Darneille, Flannigan, Kirby, Kelley, Morrell, Campbell, Lantz, Conway, Green, McDonald, Seaquist, Sullivan, and Nelson

Creating an economic development and diversification tuition incentive program.

Creates an economic development and diversification tuition incentive program. The higher education coordinating board shall maintain a list of employers who are certified under this act to participate in the program.

Provides a nonresident student shall pay resident tuition rates beginning with the first quarter or semester after moving to Washington if: (1) The student, student's spouse, or student's parent is employed by an employer certified by the department of community, trade, and economic development under this act;

(2) The student, student's spouse, or student's parent relocated to Washington at the request of that certified employer; and

(3) The student signs a letter of intent to establish domicile in Washington.

Provides a nonresident student who moves to Washington to attend an institution of higher education before the time that the student's spouse or student's parent is employed by a qualified employer shall pay resident tuition beginning with the first semester or quarter after the spouse or parent moves to Washington.

Allows employers who currently operate in Washington and must bring new employees from out-of-state and employers who are relocating or expanding operations in Washington to be eligible for the program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 3101 by Representatives Darneille, Flannigan, Kirby, Kelley, Morrell, Campbell, Lantz, Conway, Green, McDonald, and Seaquist

Concerning the international services business and occupation tax credit.

Provides the number of qualified employment positions is determined by dividing the total hours spent providing international services by all of an eligible person's employees by 1820. A single qualified employment position is created for each full increment of 1820 such work hours in a calendar year.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 3102 by Representatives Darneille and Roberts

Expanding the circumstances under which a person may be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court beyond his or her eighteenth birthday.

Expands the circumstances under which a person may be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court beyond his or her eighteenth birthday.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 3103 by Representative Darneille

Expanding the list of crimes that require dismissal or certificate revocation for school employees.

Expands the list of crimes that require dismissal or certificate revocation for school employees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3104 by Representatives Pedersen, Hankins, Moeller, Walsh, Linville, Takko, Upthegrove, Kessler, Jarrett, Ericks, Wallace, Grant, Eickmeyer, Quall, Clibborn, Dunshee, Lantz, Sullivan, Simpson, Blake, Hunter, Roberts, Rolfes, Williams, Sells, Schual-Berke, Springer, Eddy, Hunt, Hudgins, Santos, Cody, Seaquist, Fromhold, Nelson, McIntire, Chase, Hasegawa, Appleton, Darneille, Haigh, Sommers, Dickerson, Kirby, Wood, Flannigan, Conway, Goodman, Kenney, Kagi, Ormsby, Loomis, McCoy, Barlow, O'Brien, Pettigrew, Morris, Liias, and VanDeWege

Expanding rights and responsibilities for domestic partnerships.

Expands the rights and responsibilities for domestic partnerships, including provisions that address notice, public officials, public assistance, judicial process, veterans, community property, taxes, guardianship, probate and trusts, dissolution, and reciprocity.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3105 by Representatives Anderson, Dunshee, Priest, Santos, Sullivan, and McIntire

Creating the Washington state department of energy.
Creates the Washington state department of energy.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 3106 by Representative Grant

Changing the name of the commission on pesticide registration to the commission on integrated pest management without changing responsibilities or authority of the commission.

Changes the name of the commission on pesticide registration to the commission on integrated pest management without changing responsibilities or authority of the commission.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3107 by Representatives Kagi, Wallace, Anderson, Sullivan, Sells, Hunter, and Ormsby

Requiring an assessment of the funding formula used by the state board for community and technical colleges.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to assess the current methodology and funding formula used by the state board for community and technical colleges to distribute state funding to community and technical colleges.

Requires the final report to be submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 3108 by Representatives Kagi, Ericks, Eddy, Springer, Takko, McIntire, and Dickerson

Creating the Saint Edward seminary building future uses assessment committee.

Creates the Saint Edward seminary building future uses assessment committee to conduct an assessment of and make recommendations regarding the future uses of the seminary building at Saint Edward state park.

Provides that the assessment must be provided to the governor, the parks and recreation commission, and the fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of representatives by November 1, 2008.

Makes an appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars from the general fund to the state parks and recreation commission for the purposes of this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

HB 3109 by Representatives Seaquist, Priest, Sullivan, Green, Kelley, Rolfes, Liias, Ormsby, and

Hasegawa

Regarding the Washington community learning center program.

Expands the purposes of the Washington community learning center program to include professional development and programmatic support to the Washington community learning center programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3110 by Representatives Simpson, Green, Williams, and Sullivan

Concerning the taxation of nonprofit nursing homes.

Provides that chapter 82.04 RCW (business and occupation tax) does not apply to nursing homes operated as religious or charitable organizations if certain conditions are met.

Provides that the real and personal property used by nonprofit nursing homes, which are used for the purposes of such organizations, are exempt from taxation if certain conditions are met.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3111 by Representatives McCune, Warnick, Haler, Campbell, Dunn, and Roach

Exempting school construction projects from sales and use taxes

Exempts school construction projects from sales and use taxes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3112 by Representatives Roach, Williams, Ericks, Sells, Simpson, Hurst, McCune, Haler, Ormsby, Morris, and Darneille

Creating a business and occupation tax credit for enhancing educational opportunities for children with disabilities.

Creates a business and occupation tax credit for enhancing educational opportunities for children with disabilities.

Provides that each person claiming a tax preference that requires a survey under this act must report information to the department by filing a complete annual survey, which is due by March 31st of the year following any calendar year in which the tax preference is taken.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3113 by Representatives Santos and Hasegawa

Regarding state and local requirements for high school graduation.

Modifies state and local requirements for high school graduation.

Provides that a school district board of directors may adopt a local school district graduation requirement that students must meet the state standard in both reading and writing on the high school Washington assessment of student learning or an approved objective alternative assessment if, based on the district's high school assessment results for the prior year, there is less than a five percentage point gap between the percent of students in the subgroup with the highest percent of students who met the state standard in both reading and writing and the percent of students in any other subgroup who met the state standard in both reading and writing.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3114 by Representatives Grant, Hinkle, Warnick, Blake, Hailey, Newhouse, Pettigrew, Pearson, and Clibborn

Providing a sales and use tax exemption for farm machinery and equipment sold at an auction.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for farm machinery and equipment sold at an auction.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3115 by Representatives Kenney, Skinner, Green, Wallace, Haler, Chase, Rodne, Conway,

Morrell, Linville, VanDeWege, Loomis, Kelley, Rolfes, Liias, Ormsby, and Darneille

Concerning small business incubators.

Declares that the purpose of small business incubators is to provide comprehensive business assistance to start-up and early-stage firms in order to improve their chances of growing into healthy, sustainable companies.

Redefines "business incubator" as a facility or program that provides, on an on-going basis, business-related training, services, and technical assistance to businesses that are less than five years old and have fewer than five employees at the time of admission to the facility or program.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop a certification program for small business incubators.

Requires that all qualified small business incubators are required annually to collect data for each client business.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 3116 by Representatives Kessler, Orcutt, Ericks, Linville, Newhouse, Armstrong, Grant, VanDeWege, Williams, Pearson, and Ormsby

Extending the sales and use tax exemptions to machinery and equipment used to produce electricity using certain organic materials and byproducts of pulping or wood manufacturing processes.

Extends the sales and use tax exemptions related to machinery and equipment used in generating electricity to machinery and equipment used to produce electricity using certain organic materials and byproducts of pulping or wood manufacturing processes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3117 by Representatives Hunter, Sullivan, and McIntire

Requiring a LEAP document that provides estimates of educational programs and services for each publicly proposed budget document.

Requires the governor to cause to be prepared an accompanying legislative evaluation and accountability program committee document when the governor submits a budget bill under RCW 43.88.060 that contains appropriations proposed for support of the operation of the common schools.

Declares that the purpose of the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee document is to make transparent to the public, using categories and terms that are readily understood, examples of the type and level of educational programs and services supported by funding appropriated in the omnibus appropriations act under specified programs for support of the common schools.

Requires each legislative evaluation and accountability program committee document prepared to provide estimates for certain items, based on the level of state funding appropriated in the budget bill for which the document is prepared and for the school year immediately following the legislative session in which the bill is considered.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3118 by Representatives Rolfes and Conway

Concerning the practice of architecture.

Provides that an architect or architectural firm registered in any other jurisdiction recognized by the state board of registration for architects may offer to practice architecture in this state if it is clearly and prominently stated in such an offer that the architect or firm is not registered to practice architecture in the state of Washington and prior to practicing architecture or signing a contract to provide architectural services, the architect or firm must be registered to practice architecture in this state.

Modifies the qualifications for applicants who wish to register as architects.

Modifies procedures for the architect's certificate of registration examination.

Requires any business entity, including a sole proprietorship, offering architecture services in Washington state to register with the state board of registration for architects, regardless of its business structure.

Requires, for renewals of certificates, a registered architect to demonstrate professional development since the architect's last renewal or initial registration.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3119 by Representative Rolfes

Concerning human immunodeficiency virus testing of infants placed in out-of-home care.

Declares that when an infant under one year of age is placed in out-of-home care under chapter 13.34 RCW, the department of social and health services or other supervising agency shall request that the infant's treating physician administer to the infant a test for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), if the HIV status of the mother of the infant is unknown, and shall request follow-up testing for an infant who tests positive for HIV under the first instance or whose mother is HIV-positive.

Declares that this act does not apply to an infant whose parents object to the test as being in conflict with their religious tenets and practices.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 3120 by Representatives Rolfes, Morrell, Liias, and Williams

Providing a sales and use tax exemption for environmentally certified residential and commercial construction.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for environmentally certified residential and commercial construction.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3121 by Representatives Conway, Green, Hunt, Kenney, Roberts, Haler, Morrell, Hankins, Ericks, Appleton, Eddy, Wood, Sells, Chase, Ormsby, Hasegawa, Williams, Moeller, Campbell, Simpson, Rolfes, McIntire, and Darneille

Implementing the recommendations of the joint legislative task force on the underground economy in the construction industry.

Requires the department of labor and industries to deny an application for registration for contractors and suspend an active registration if the department determines that the applicant has falsified information on the application, unless the error was inadvertent, or the applicant does not have an active and valid certificate of registration with the department of revenue.

Provides that a contractor shall not be allowed to bid on any public works contract for one year from the date of a final determination that the contractor has committed certain violations or infractions within a five-year period.

Requires three staff members, one being a working supervisor, to be added to the department of labor and industries' fraud audit infraction and revenue contractor fraud team.

Requires the department of labor and industries to create an expanded social marketing campaign using currently available materials and newly created materials as needed for consumers and warn them of the risks and potential consequences of hiring unregistered contractors or otherwise assisting in the furtherance of the underground economy.

Declares that a pilot project must be established between the department of labor and industries and certain local jurisdictions to explore ways to improve the collection and sharing of building permit information.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --Jan 22 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3122 by Representatives Conway, Green, Hunt, Kenney, Roberts, Haler, Morrell, Ericks, Hankins, Eddy, Wood, Sells, Chase, Ormsby, Hasegawa, Appleton, Williams, Moeller, Simpson, Sullivan, and McIntire

Consolidating, aligning, and clarifying exception tests for determination of independent contractor status under unemployment compensation and workers' compensation laws

Consolidates, aligns, and clarifies exception tests for the determination of independent contractor status under unemployment compensation and workers' compensation laws.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3123 by Representatives Morrell, Cody, Roberts, Green, and Ormsby

Establishing a process to identify best practices related to patient safety.

Intends the legislature to establish a mechanism for direct care nurses and hospital management to participate in a joint process to identify and apply best practices related to patient safety and nurse retention, including nurse staffing.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 3124 by Representative Kagi

Concerning persons allowed to testify in guardianship proceedings.

Allows family members of an alleged incapacitated person to testify and present evidence at any hearing on a petition to establish guardianship.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3125 by Representatives Kenney, Haler, Sullivan, Simpson, Barlow, Quall, Kagi, Flannigan, Cody, Nelson, Ormsby, Darneille, and Hasegawa

Creating the building communities fund program.

Creates the building communities fund.

Authorizes capital and technical assistance grants to nonprofit organizations, local governments, or federally recognized Indian tribes in distressed communities for acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating facilities used for the delivery of nonresidential community services, including social service centers, multipurpose community centers, and cultural centers.

Makes appropriations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 3126 by Representatives Loomis, Orcutt, Hunter, McIntire, Priest, Roach, Condotta, Kelley, and

Rolfes

Clarifying the interaction of the streamlined sales and use tax legislation and the power of local governments to license and tax.

Clarifies the interaction of the streamlined sales and use tax legislation and the power of local governments to license and tax.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3127 by Representatives Miloscia, Ormsby, and Kelley

Improving legislative ethics and integrity.

Provides additional duties for the legislative ethics board.

Requires all legislators and legislative staff to attend annual ethics and integrity training.

Requires the board and the legislature to engage in additional planning and evaluations.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to audit the legislative ethics board and the house of representatives' and the senate's ethics and integrity programs every four years.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3128 by Representatives Miloscia, Ormsby, and Kelley

Improving executive ethics.

Provides additional duties to the executive ethics board.

Creates the governor's integrity and ethics award program to be administered by the executive ethics board.

Requires all statewide elected officers, and all other officers and employees in the executive branch, boards and commissions, and institutions of higher education to attend annual ethics and integrity training.

Requires each statewide elected officer and all other agencies in the executive branch to develop an annual ethics and integrity plan for agency leadership and staff.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3129 by Representatives Schmick, Anderson, Quall, Simpson, and Ormsby

Regarding online learning programs for high school students to earn college credit.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to compile information about online learning programs for high school students to earn college credit and to place the information prominently on its web site.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3130 by Representatives Lantz, Seaquist, and Eddy

Regarding the extension of city and town utility services.

Requires cities and towns to adopt an ordinance describing the conditions under which the city or town will provide water or sewer service to any outside municipality, community, corporation, or person.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 3131 by Representatives Lantz, Goodman, Williams, Kelley, and Ormsby

Addressing school safety.

Prohibits a variety of weapons and dangerous objects 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, and prohibits possession and use of any object, implement, or instrument that has the capacity to inflict death or substantial bodily harm when the use, attempt, threat, or intent is of a nature likely to inflict death or substantial bodily harm.

Orders the superintendent of public instruction to convene a multistakeholder school threat assessment work group to develop a model policy and programmatic guidance on threat assessment and threat management in schools.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4028 by Representatives Wallace and Hasegawa

Requesting that the United States Congress pass the Media Ownership Act.

Requests the United States Congress pass the Media Ownership Act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

Senate Bills

SB 5106-S2 by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Murray, and Rasmussen)

Providing for animal emergency operations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the Washington state military department's emergency management division, in cooperation with the state department of agriculture and county and local governments, to prepare, as part of the state comprehensive emergency management plan, animal emergency operations guidance for local jurisdictions that provides for the evacuation, transportation, and temporary sheltering of pets and service animals as defined in RCW 70.84.021 during a major disaster or an emergency.

Requires the state department of agriculture, in cooperation with the state military department's emergency management division and county and local governments, to prepare, as part of the state comprehensive emergency management plan, livestock emergency operations guidance as defined in RCW 16.57.010.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 Executive session in committee.

Jan 16 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 26 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 21 GO - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5959-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Kilmer, Shin, Sheldon, Kohl-Welles, Delvin, and McAuliffe)

Providing assistance to homeless individuals and families. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the transitional housing operating and rent program in the department of community, trade, and economic development to assist homeless individuals and families secure and retain safe, decent, and affordable housing. The department shall provide grants to eligible organizations, as described in RCW 43.185.060, to provide assistance to program participants.

Creates the transitional housing operating and rent account in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from sources directed to the transitional housing operating and rent program must be deposited into the account.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 21 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Jan 18 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Jan 21 First reading, referred to Housing.

SB 6144-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and Kohl-Welles)

Assessing the feasibility of a Pacific Northwest maritime national heritage area.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the director, in consultation with appropriate state, tribal, and local governmental agencies, with federal land managers within the study area, with the advisory group created in this act, and with other interested organizations, to conduct a preliminary assessment to determine the feasibility of seeking congressional designation for a Pacific Northwest maritime national heritage area in western Washington.

Requires, not later than two fiscal years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out the assessment, the director to submit a report setting forth the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the director with respect to the feasibility assessment to the senate committee on natural resources, ocean and recreation, and to the house committee on community and economic development and trade.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred fifty 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 archaeology and historic preservation for the purposes of carrying out this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6340-S by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications (originally sponsored

by Senators Rockefeller, Morton, Sheldon, Swecker, Hobbs, Berkey, and Kilmer)

Providing for a water system acquisition and rehabilitation program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates an ongoing water system acquisition and rehabilitation program.

Requires the department to provide financial assistance through the water system acquisition and rehabilitation program. The program shall be jointly administered with the public works board and the department of community, trade, and economic development.

Requires the department of health, in consultation with the public works board, to prepare a report on the water system acquisition and rehabilitation program and make recommendations regarding strengthening the program and increasing the financial assistance provided through the program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 21 WET - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6687 by Senators Regala, Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Carrell, Keiser, and Hobbs

Addressing postretirement employment.

Modifies alternate early retirement provisions related to public employees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6688 by Senators Kilmer, Sheldon, Rockefeller, and McDermott

Addressing the desirability of reasonable fares for frequent ferry users.

Requires that the department of transportation shall develop fare and pricing policy proposals and the transportation commission shall adopt fares and pricing policies that must consider the desirability of reasonable fares for persons using the ferry system to commute daily to work and other frequent users who live in ferry-dependent communities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6689 by Senators Kilmer, Rockefeller, Sheldon, and Haugen

Addressing the use of Washington state ferries' fare media by multiple drivers for multiple discounted trips.

Provides the use of fare media allowing for multiple discounted trips aboard Washington state ferries vessels may not be restricted to a particular driver or drivers.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6690 by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Hobbs, Sheldon, Rockefeller, and Shin

Regarding the office of regulatory assistance.

Finds that to best promote accountability, timeliness, and predictability for citizens, business, and state and local permitting agencies, it is necessary to provide information and assistance on the regulatory process through the creation of the office of regulatory assistance in the governor's office.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 6691 by Senator Sheldon

Establishing a marine habitat mitigation bank pilot program.

Finds that the establishment of marine habitat mitigation banks in select areas will help document the benefits to the state of marine habitat mitigation banks.

Provides that the department of ecology shall establish a pilot program to establish a marine habitat mitigation bank in the service area.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6692 by Senators Murray and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Concerning licensing fees under the explosives act. Increases licensing fees under the explosives act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6693 by Senators Weinstein, Hargrove, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Making changes to the factory assembled structures laws administered and enforced by the department of labor and industries.

Modifies provisions related to mobile, manufactured, and recreational units or vehicles.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6694 by Senators Murray and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Adjusting the fee for approval of statements of intent to pay prevailing wages and certification of affidavits of wages paid to forty dollars.

Increases the fee for approval of statements of intent to pay prevailing wages and certification of affidavits of wages paid to forty dollars.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6695 by Senators Weinstein and Kline

Concerning distressed home transactions.

Declares foreclosure surplus transactions unlawful and contrary to public policy.

Provides that a distressed home consulting transaction must adhere to certain requirements.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6696 by Senators Fairley, Prentice, Kohl-Welles, Tom, Weinstein, Kline, McDermott, and Murray

Changing the requirements for, and recoveries under, a wrongful death cause of action, or a survival action.

Modifies provisions related to the requirements for, and recoveries under, a wrongful death cause of action, or a survival action.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6697 by Senators Berkey and Benton

Addressing facilitators of refund anticipation loans.

Requires a person registered as a facilitator to establish policies and procedures to ensure a retailer who is acting as a distributor and collector of information or materials: (1) Appropriately safeguards and protects an applicant's personal private financial information; and

(2) Acts solely in a clerical role and does not provide any counseling regarding refund anticipation loan products.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6698 by Senators Shin, Delvin, Murray, and Kohl-Welles

Regarding voter registration and informational activities at institutions of higher education.

Requires institutions of higher education to: (1) Put in place a prompt and link to the secretary of state's voter registration web site;

(2) Make voter registration forms available in places of prominence within the premises of each campus;

(3) In consultation with the secretary of state and the student government association, or its equivalent, develop and implement policies regarding distribution of voter registration forms to students at the beginning of each term and in campus housing facilities; and

(4) Collaborate with the student government association, or its equivalent, to conduct nonpartisan voter information activities, which may include voter registration, candidate debates, and issue forums.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6699 by Senators Shin, Delvin, Murray, Berkey, Weinstein, and Tom

Establishing a student position on the Bellevue Community College board of trustees.

Provides that Bellevue Community College shall create a pilot program to establish a student position on the Bellevue Community College board of trustees for a period of two years beginning July 1, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6700 by Senators Tom, Hatfield, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Fraser, Regala, Carrell, Haugen, and Rasmussen

Providing a limited property tax exemption for the use of facilities by artistic, scientific, and historical organizations.

Provides a limited property tax exemption for the use of facilities by artistic, scientific, and historical organizations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6701 by Senators McDermott, Weinstein, Tom, and Kline

Expanding the types of property subject to seizure and forfeiture in money laundering provisions.

Expands the types of property subject to seizure and forfeiture in money laundering provisions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6702 by Senators McDermott, Weinstein, Kline, Regala, Tom, and Kohl-Welles

Providing treatment programs as an alternative to total confinement for offenders convicted of nonviolent and nonsex offenses.

Provides for nonviolent and nonsex offenders the option to complete a state-certified inpatient or intensive outpatient treatment program. Upon completion, each day of participation in such program may be substituted for one day of total confinement.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6703 by Senators Regala, Weinstein, Oemig, McDermott, and Tom

Allowing a certificate of discharge to be issued when an existing order excludes or prohibits an offender from having contact with a specified person or business, or coming within a set distance of any specified location.

Provides issuance of a certificate of discharge under RCW 9.94A.637 shall not affect, nor be prevented by, an order that excludes or prohibits the offender from having contact with a specified person or business, or coming within a set distance of any specified location, that was contained in the judgment and sentence.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6704 by Senator Fairley; by request of Attorney General

Modifying the notice requirement for special meetings.

Allows a special meeting to be called at any time by the presiding officer of the governing body of a public agency or by a majority of the members of the governing body by delivering written notice personally, by mail, by fax, or by electronic mail to each member of the governing body; by posting a notice on the agency's web site, if any, and in an area open to the public at the agency's main administrative office; by delivering written notice to each local newspaper of general circulation; and by delivering notice to each local radio or television station which has on file with the governing body a written request to be notified of such special meeting or of all special meetings.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6705 by Senator Morton; by request of Attorney General

Adopting model rules for public agencies under the open public meetings act.

Requires that the attorney general shall adopt by rule an advisory model rule for public agencies addressing open public meetings.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6706 by Senators Oemig, Parlette, Fraser, Tom, Delvin, Schoesler, Fairley, Haugen, Rasmussen, and Kilmer

Requiring annual revaluations of property for property tax purposes.

Provides that by January 1, 2012, all taxable real property within a county must be revalued annually and all taxable real property within a county must be physically inspected at least once each six years.

Requires the department of revenue to administer a grant program to assist counties with: (a) Converting to an annual revaluation system for property tax valuation; (b) replacing computer software used for revaluations in counties where the software was purchased from commercial vendors and will not be supported by the vendor or others after January 1, 2010; or (c) the acquisition of software and integral hardware in counties currently administering an annual revaluation program where the assessor's property records are not stored in an electronic format or where the current software does not have the capacity to store, manage, and process property record components used in the valuation process.

Makes various appropriations for the purposes of this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6707 by Senators Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Murray, Keiser, Fraser, and McDermott

Addressing the practice of interior design. Regulates the practice of interior design.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development. SB 6708 by Senators Morton, Honeyford, and Parlette

Eliminating the partial relinquishment of water rights. Eliminates the partial relinquishment of water rights.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6709 by Senator Morton

Appropriating money to the department of fish and wildlife to control predators.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the department of fish and wildlife for federal match funding for the control of predators that damage livestock, crops, and property.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6710 by Senators Keiser and Marr; by request of Washington State Patrol

Modifying the fire protection standards for hospitals.

Modifies provisions related to fire protection inspections for hospitals.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6711 by Senators Kauffman, Kilmer, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, and Kline

Creating the smart homeownership choices program.

Establishes the smart homeownership choices program in the department of financial institutions to assist low-income and moderate-income households facing foreclosure.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund solely for deposit in the smart homeownership choices program account.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6712 by Senators Kauffman, Kilmer, Kohl-Welles, and Keiser

Creating the affordable housing and community facilities rapid response loan program.

Establishes the affordable housing and community facilities rapid response loan program in the department of community, trade, and economic development to assist eligible organizations to purchase land or real property for affordable housing and community facilities preservation or development in rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods or communities with a significant low-income population that is threatened with displacement by such gentrification.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6713 by Senators Kauffman, Brandland, McAuliffe, Tom, Keiser, Rasmussen, Hargrove, Kastama, McDermott, Kilmer, Kline, Oemig, Regala, Fairley, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Roach, Pridemore, Hewitt, Rockefeller, King, Shin, Fraser, Parlette, and Haugen

Requiring the department of social and health services to contract with counties to provide early intervention services for children with developmental disabilities.

Requires, in coordination with other funding sources for early intervention services, the department to contract with each county through the employment and day program to provide funding for early intervention services to all eligible children with disabilities from birth to three years of age who have been identified as needing services.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6714 by Senators Kohl-Welles and Delvin; by request of Washington State Patrol

Concerning the national crime prevention and privacy compact.

Împlements the national crime prevention and privacy compact in order to facilitate the authorized interstate exchange of criminal history record information for noncriminal justice purposes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6715 by Senators Tom and McAuliffe

Specifying authority of the executive director of the state board of education.

Allows the board to delegate to the executive director by resolution such duties as deemed necessary to efficiently carry on the business of the board including, but not limited to, the authority to employ necessary personnel and the authority to enter into, amend, and terminate contracts on behalf of the board.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6716 by Senators Murray, Fairley, McDermott, Rockefeller, Regala, Prentice, Marr, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Kauffman, Tom, Fraser, Kline, Hobbs, Brown, Pridemore, McAuliffe, Oemig, Shin, Spanel, Berkey, Franklin, Jacobsen, Weinstein, Eide, and Kilmer

Expanding rights and responsibilities for domestic partnerships.

Expands the rights and responsibilities for domestic partnerships, including provisions that address notice, public officials, public assistance, judicial process, veterans, community property, taxes, guardianship, probate and trusts, dissolution, and reciprocity.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6717 by Senators Hatfield, Pridemore, Sheldon, Hobbs, Berkey, Fairley, McDermott, and Delvin

Increasing public utility district commissioner salaries.

Increases public utility district commissioner salaries.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6718 by Senators Rockefeller and Parlette

Repealing chapter 385, Laws of 2005.

Provides that the intent of this act is to repeal the citizen advisory board and related statutes enacted in the 2005 legislative session in order to remove these redundancies and conflicts, and to clarify the state auditor's role and authority for conducting performance audits.

Repeals RCW 43.09.430, 43.09.435, 43.09.440, 43.09.445, 43.88.162, 43.09.450, 43.09.455, 2.56.200, and 43.09.460.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6719 by Senators Keiser, Morton, Sheldon, Swecker, Hobbs, and Pridemore

Increasing public utility district bid limits.

Increases public utility district bid limits to address inflation and increased material costs.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6720 by Senators Eide, Zarelli, Rockefeller, Kohl-Welles, Shin, and Rasmussen

Creating the school safety advisory committee.

Establishes the school safety advisory committee to evaluate school safety proposals and advise the legislature and the superintendent of public instruction on the implementation of best practices for school safety in the state of Washington.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6721 by Senators Regala, Kohl-Welles, and Rasmussen

Creating a guardian ad litem task force.

Establishes a task force to review and make recommendations regarding guardians ad litem appointed to represent the best interests of a child under Titles 13 and 26 RCW.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6722 by Senators Regala, Delvin, Schoesler, Pridemore, and Shin; by request of Department of Ecology

Creating the cleanup settlement account.

Creates the cleanup settlement account.

Provides that expenditures from the account may only be used to conduct remedial actions at specific facilities or to assess or address the injury to natural resources caused by the release of hazardous substances from those facilities for which moneys were deposited in the account.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6723 by Senators Rasmussen and Swecker

Authorizing fees to fund inspections for the protection of animal health.

Authorizes the director of agriculture to adopt rules establishing fees to fund inspections for the protection of animal health.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6724 by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Kauffman, Roach, and Delvin

Creating a condominium liability insurance task force.

Declares it to be in the public interest to convene a task force to review condominium insurance liability products to help determine how these products can be more competitively priced, allowing more affordable housing units to be developed throughout the state.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6725 by Senator Morton

Authorizing the director of fish and wildlife to carry out predatory animal control functions.

Provides that the director of fish and wildlife may control predatory animals that the director determines to be injurious to livestock, crops, and property.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the department of fish and wildlife.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6726 by Senators Tom, McAuliffe, and Rasmussen

Granting the professional educator standards board ongoing authority to establish professional-level certification assessments and performance standards.

Declares that the Washington professional educator standards board shall set performance standards and develop, pilot, and implement a uniform and externally administered professional-level certification assessment based on demonstrated teaching skill.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6727 by Senators Tom, Delvin, Kline, and Kilmer

Planning to ensure sufficient land and densities available to accommodate growth.

Clarifies provisions related to the land use and housing elements of a comprehensive plan.

Provides that certain municipalities may adopt countywide planning policies or multicounty planning policies establishing subregions in order to address housing and employment markets that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Provides requirements for certain counties related to designation of urban growth areas.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6728 by Senators Berkey, Kohl-Welles, Franklin, Regala, and Keiser

Enacting the governor's homeownership security task force recommendations regarding responsible mortgage lending and homeownership.

Finds that this act is necessary to encourage responsible lending, protect borrowers, and preserve access to credit in the residential real estate lending market.

Requires that a residential mortgage loan may not be made unless a disclosure summary of all material terms is placed on a separate sheet of paper and has been provided by a financial institution to the borrower within three business days following receipt of a loan application.

Requires that the department of financial institutions shall apply the interagency guidance on nontraditional mortgage product risks and the statement on subprime mortgage lending to financial institutions.

Declares that a financial institution may not make or facilitate a residential mortgage loan that includes certain provisions.

Prescribes penalties for unlawful activities related to making, brokering, or obtaining a residential mortgage loan.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6729 by Senators Murray, Holmquist, Kohl-Welles, and Honeyford

Allowing for reasonable self-storage facility late fees.

Provides that any late fee charged by the owner of a self-service storage facility shall be provided for in the rental agreement. An owner may impose a reasonable late fee for each month an occupant does not pay rent when due if it is written in the agreement.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6730 by Senators Kilmer, Delvin, Shin, and Kohl-Welles

Regarding child care at institutions of higher education.

Declares the intent to adopt policies that leverage existing resources and maximize educational outcomes by supporting affordable, accessible, and quality child care programs.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6731 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hobbs, Murray, Keiser, Marr, Fairley, Regala, Tom, and Kline

Consolidating, aligning, and clarifying exception tests for determination of independent contractor status under unemployment compensation and workers' compensation laws.

Consolidates, aligns, and clarifies exception tests for the determination of independent contractor status under unemployment compensation and workers' compensation laws

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6732 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Kline, Keiser, Marr, Murray, Hobbs, Regala, Tom, Oemig, and

Fairley

Implementing the recommendations of the joint legislative task force on the underground economy in the construction industry.

Requires the department of labor and industries to deny an application for registration for contractors and suspend an active registration if the department determines that the applicant has falsified information on the application, unless the error was inadvertent, or the applicant does not have an active and valid certificate of registration with the department of revenue.

Provides that a contractor shall not be allowed to bid on any public works contract for one year from the date of a final determination that the contractor has committed certain violations or infractions within a five-year period.

Requires three staff members, one being a working supervisor, to be added to the department of labor and industries' fraud audit infraction and revenue contractor fraud team.

Requires the department of labor and industries to create an expanded social marketing campaign using currently available materials and newly created materials as needed for consumers and warn them of the risks and potential consequences of hiring unregistered contractors or otherwise assisting in the furtherance of the underground economy.

Declares that a pilot project must be established between the department of labor and industries and certain local jurisdictions to explore ways to improve the collection and sharing of building permit information.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development. SB 6733 by Senators Regala, Delvin, Prentice, Brandland, Pridemore, Rasmussen, and Kilmer

Extending the sales and use tax exemptions to machinery and equipment used to produce electricity using certain organic materials and byproducts of pulping or wood manufacturing processes.

Extends the sales and use tax exemptions related to machinery and equipment used in generating electricity to machinery and equipment used to produce electricity using certain organic materials and byproducts of pulping or wood manufacturing processes.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6734 by Senators Franklin, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles

Establishing a process to identify best practices related to patient safety.

Intends the legislature to establish a mechanism for direct care nurses and hospital management to participate in a joint process to identify and apply best practices related to patient safety and nurse retention, including nurse staffing.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6735 by Senators Fairley, Oemig, and Kohl-Welles

Providing protections for dog purchasers.

Requires that every seller shall post in a conspicuous location a notice stating that purchasers of animals have specific rights under law and that a written statement of the rights is available upon request by any interested party.

Requires that every seller shall, at the time of sale, provide a written notice of rights under this act.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6736 by Senators Rasmussen, Fairley, Oemig, Delvin, Kohl-Welles, Marr, Roach, Parlette, Keiser, Kilmer, and Kline

Establishing a lifelong services program for persons with developmental disabilities.

Provides under the lifelong services program, individuals, to the maximum extent possible, must be given a choice of services and authority to exercise control over the resources available to them.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6737 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Kline, Prentice, Keiser, Shin, Hobbs, Murray, Pridemore, McDermott, and Hatfield

Authorizing collective bargaining for Washington State University employees who are enrolled in academic programs.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6738 by Senators McDermott and Morton

Increasing certain bid limits on purchases of public works materials.

Increases bid limits on purchases of public works materials by cities, counties, and special districts.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6739 by Senators Franklin, Prentice, Marr, and Jacobsen

Granting authority to psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners.

Includes psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners in provisions related to the rights of involuntarily detained persons with mental illnesses.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6740 by Senators Regala, King, McAuliffe, and Rasmussen

Regarding the provision of teacher certification services.

Provides that fees collected for the certification of professional staff may be used for the purpose of provision of certification services by educational service districts.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6741 by Senators Rasmussen, Roach, Regala, and Kastama

Addressing the marketing of controlled substances to minors.

Provides that in a criminal case where: (1) The defendant has been convicted of manufacturing, selling, delivering, or possessing with intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver a controlled substance listed in RCW 69.50.401; and

(2) There has been a special allegation pleaded and proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed the crime that involved a controlled substance listed in RCW 69.50.401 that was flavored, colored, packaged, or otherwise altered in such a way that is designed with the intent to make that controlled substance more appealing to a person under eighteen years of age; the court shall make a finding of fact of the special allegation, or if a jury trial is had, the jury shall, if it finds the defendant guilty, also find a special verdict as to the special allegation.

Provides the following additional times shall be added to the standard sentence range if the offense involves a violation of chapter 69.50 RCW: (1) Twenty-four months

for an offense that is also a violation of RCW 69.50.435 or 9.94A.605;

- (2) Thirty-six months for an offense that is also a violation of this act.
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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6742 by Senators Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Tom, and Kline

Requiring development of programs and guidelines for students with autism.

Requires that the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall develop guidelines for autism-specific individualized education programs that address the unique needs of students with autism.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6743 by Senators Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Tom, and Shin

Regarding training and guidelines for teachers of students with autism.

Provides that the professional educator standards board shall develop autism awareness and training policy guidelines for schools to ensure that teachers responsible for autistic children are well-prepared and up-to-date on the most effective methods of teaching children with autism.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6744 by Senators Fraser and Fairley

Concerning homeowners' associations.

Concerns the appointment and removal of officers and members of the board of directors of homeowners' associations.

Provides that the department of community, trade, and economic development shall conduct a study to determine the efficacy of creating a state agency run homeowners' association ombudsman office, which would provide dispute resolution services and information to homeowners about their rights and duties.

Establishes the homeowners' association declarations task force.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6745 by Senator Fraser

Concerning homeowners' associations.

Modifies and implements provisions related to membership, powers, meetings, and governing documents of homeowners' associations.

Provides that a homeowners' association may levy reasonable fines and incorporate as a nonprofit corporation.

Provides that a seller of a lot that is part of a homeowners' association must furnish certain documents and information to the buyer.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6746 by Senators Brown, Marr, Pridemore, Rasmussen, and Kilmer

Creating a sales and use tax exemption of materials and services used in the weatherization assistance program.

Creates a sales and use tax exemption for materials and services used in the weatherization assistance program.

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Jan 22 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.