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House Bills

HB 1527-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Armstrong, Kenney, Moeller, Ormsby, and Seaquist; by request of Secretary of State)

Modifying absentee ballot and related election provisions.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises absentee ballot and related election provisions.

Provides that if a registered voter who was issued an absentee or mail ballot requests to vote at a polling place, the precinct election officer shall attempt to confirm whether the voter has already returned a ballot. Confirmation may be achieved by accessing the county voter registration system by electronic, telephone, or other means.

Provides that if a service voter or overseas voter returned an absentee ballot by electronic transmission, the original documents need not be received on or before the date on which the primary or election is certified in order to be included in a canvass report.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1741-S2 by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Skinner, and Conway)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 20 Executive session in committee.

Mar 22 Public hearing in committee.

Mar 26 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 SGTA - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 28 Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review.

HB 2216-S2 by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Sells, Simpson, Takko, Wallace, Ormsby, Conway, and Strow)

Requiring the appointment of nonvoting labor members to public transportation governing bodies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that any county performing the public transportation function as authorized by RCW 36.57.100 and 36.57.110 or any public transportation system that is not governed: (1) By a metropolitan municipal corporation as authorized by RCW 35.58.270;

(2) By a county performing the public transportation function as authorized by RCW 36.57.100 and 36.57.110;

(3) By a county transportation authority under chapter 36.57 RCW; or

(4) By any public transportation benefit area established under chapter 36.57A RCW, must appoint a nonvoting member to its public transportation governing body, if applicable.

Provides that the nonvoting member shall be recommended by the labor organization representing the majority of the public transportation employees within the local public transportation system. The chair of the governing body may exclude the nonvoting member from attending any portion of a meeting of the governing body or of any committee held for the purpose of discussing negotiations with labor organizations, or from attending any executive committee meeting.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 26 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 LG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2427-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Hankins, Dickerson, Conway, Ormsby, Pettigrew, Santos, Fromhold, Haler, Sullivan, Schual-Berke, Moeller, McCoy, Quall, Darneille, Morris, Williams, Skinner, Flannigan, Bailey, Kelley, Hunt, Campbell, Grant, Morrell, Chase, Barlow, and Green)

Modifying provisions for the cosmetology apprenticeship program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions for the cosmetology apprenticeship program.

Provides that an apprentice actively enrolled in an apprenticeship program for cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, or manicuring may engage in the commercial practice as required for the apprenticeship program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2433-S by House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Ross, Goodman, Warnick, Hankins, Clibborn, Hinkle, Eddy, McCoy, Roberts, Takko, Flannigan, Eickmeyer, Ericks, Sullivan, Sells, Linville, VanDeWege, Blake, Hurst, Morrell, Campbell, Kessler, Roach, Rolfes, Dunn, Simpson, Barlow, Kelley, and McDonald)

Suspending general assistance benefits of incarcerated persons.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Suspends general assistance benefits of incarcerated persons.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2496-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Williams, Condotta, Moeller, Chandler, Green, Hurst, Wood, McIntire, Kenney, and Chase)

Enhancing the mobility of certified public accountants.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to eliminate the requirement for out-of-state certified public accountants to notify the Washington state board of accountancy of intent to practice and pay a fee, unless these individuals or firms are providing audit or opinion-type services.

Modifies the requirements for entities that must hold a license to practice as a CPA firm.

Provides that an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state is presumed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to this state's requirements and shall have all the privileges of licensees of this state without the need to obtain a license if the individual holds a valid license as a certified public accountant from any state that requires, as a condition of licensure, that an individual meets certain requirements or holds a valid license as a certified public accountant from any state that does not meet these requirements but the individual's CPA qualifications are substantially equivalent to those requirements.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2536-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, VanDeWege, Hasegawa, Ormsby, Seaquist, Morrell, Schual-Berke, Upthegrove, and Green)

Establishing a citizens' work group on health care.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a citizens' work group on health care reform. The work group shall present information and seek public input about, direct the economic analysis of, and review various health care proposals.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Minority; do not pass.

HB 2537-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Hasegawa, Kenney, Morrell, Green, and Loomis)

Modifications to the health insurance partnership act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the health insurance partnership shall begin to offer coverage no later than March 1, 2009.

States that neither the employer nor the partnership shall limit an employee's choice of coverage from among the health benefit plans offered through the partnership, unless expressly authorized.

Establishes a mechanism to apply a surcharge to each health benefit plan purchased through the partnership, which shall be used only to pay for administrative and operational expenses of the partnership. The surcharge must be applied uniformly to all health benefit plans purchased through the partnership.

Designates health benefit plans that are currently offered in the small group market that will be offered to participating small employers through the health insurance partnership and those plans that will qualify for premium subsidy payments.

Develops policies related to partnership participant enrollment in health benefit plans. The board may focus its initial efforts on access to coverage and affordability of coverage for participating small employers and their employees.

Determines whether the partnership should be designated as the sponsor or administrator of a participating small employer health benefit plan and undertake the obligations required of a plan administrator under federal law in order to minimize administrative burdens on participating small employers.

Provides that for health benefit plans purchased through the health insurance partnership established in chapter 70.47A RCW: (1) Any surcharge established pursuant to RCW 70.47A.030(2)(e) shall be applied only to health benefit plans purchased through the health insurance partnership; and

(2) Risk adjustment or reinsurance mechanisms may be used by the health insurance partnership program to redistribute funds to carriers participating in the health insurance partnership based on differences in risk attributable to individual choice of health plans or other factors unique to health insurance partnership participation. Use of such mechanisms shall be limited to the partnership program and will not affect small group health plans offered outside the partnership.

Declares that minimum participation requirements and employer premium contribution requirements adopted by the health insurance partnership board under RCW 70.47A.110 shall apply only to the employers and employees who purchase health benefit plans through the health insurance partnership.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Minority; do not pass.

Jan 28 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2549-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Lantz, Morrell, Liias, Barlow, and Green)

Establishing patient-centered primary care pilots.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a pilot project program to provide funding and technical assistance to primary care providers, in practices with six or fewer providers, willing and able to adopt and maintain medical home models.

Requires a report to the health care committees of legislature on the progress and outcome of the pilot project program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Minority; do not pass.

Jan 28 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2551-S by House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Appleton, McCoy, Roberts, Kenney, and Kagi)

Expanding the types of treatment programs provided under the suspended disposition alternative for juveniles.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Expands the types of treatment programs provided under the suspended disposition alternative for juveniles.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2563-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Uptegrove and Lantz)

Regarding service of process in domestic violence cases.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies service of process provisions in domestic violence cases.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3255 by Representatives Wood, Conway, and Ormsby; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Regarding workers' compensation coverage for work performed outside Washington.

Requires Washington employers who are not self-insured under chapter 51.14 RCW to obtain workers' compensation coverage from the state fund for temporary and incidental work performed on jobs or at jobsites in another state by their Washington workers. The department is authorized to adopt rules governing premium liability and reporting requirements for hours of work in excess of temporary and incidental as defined in this act.

Requires, by December 1, 2011, the department to report to the workers' compensation advisory committee on the effect of this act and the rules developed under this act have on the revenue and costs to the state fund.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3256 by Representative Morris

Removing the expiration dates of sales and use tax exemptions for machinery and equipment used in generating electricity.

Removes the expiration dates of sales and use tax exemptions for machinery and equipment used in generating electricity.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3257 by Representatives Chase and Hasegawa

Providing additional choice between plans 2 and 3 for members of the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system.

Provides within ninety days of the date that a member either changes employers or resumes employment after a separation from service from an employer of no fewer than one and one-half months, he or she has the option to irrevocably choose membership in PERS, TRS, or SERS plan 2 or plan 3 for the duration of the member's continuous employment with an employer. For members of plan 3 this ninety-day period runs simultaneously with the ninety-day period provided for choosing a contribution rate provided in RCW 41.34.040(3)(d). At the end of ninety days, if the member has not made a choice to change plans, the member remains a member of plan 2 or plan 3, as established in his or her most recent period of employment with an employer.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3258 by Representatives Chase and Hasegawa

Providing an annual distribution to retired and terminated vested members of the public employees' retirement system plan 3, the school employees' retirement system plan 3, and the teachers' retirement system plan 3.

Provides, on January 1, 2009, and on January 1st of each year thereafter, the member account of a retired or terminated vested member meeting the requirements of this act shall be credited by an amount equal to ten dollars, which shall be increased by three percent per year rounded to the nearest cent, multiplied by the member's service credit total on August 31st of the previous year.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3259 by Representatives Hunter, Hudgins, Schual-Berke, Upthegrove, and McIntire

Addressing the financing and operation of port districts.

Provides, until July 1, 2010, a port district may not use levy proceeds derived from banked levy capacity under this act to pay, secure, or guarantee the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued after the effective date of this act. This act only applies to a port district in a county with a population of one million or more.

Establishes the government accountability and review committee on port district finance, governance, and management.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3260 by Representatives Grant, Santos, Eddy, Springer, Goodman, Warnick, Hinkle,

Armstrong, Orcutt, Kelley, McIntire, and Ross; by request of Governor Gregoire

Providing partial sales and use tax exemptions for certain computer server equipment.

Provides partial state sales and use tax exemptions in respect to the purchase or use of server equipment comprising only the server chassis and all computer hardware and software contained within the server chassis, where the server equipment replaces existing server equipment in certain buildings constructed or refurbished to house servers and located in a rural county as defined in RCW 82.14.370(5).

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3261 by Representatives Flannigan, Wallace, Jarrett, Schindler, Simpson, Clibborn, Appleton, and Wood

Excluding public transit communications systems from the definition of a wireless communications device.

Excludes any device that is a part of a radio-based system used by a vehicle that is used for public transportation purposes, including such vehicles operated by nonprofit organizations, from the ban on operating a motor vehicle while holding a wireless communications device.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 3262 by Representative Takko

Expanding the list of persons and entities that may acquire driving record abstracts for certain purposes.

Allows state colleges, universities, or agencies for employment and risk management purposes; or units of local government authorized to self-insure under RCW 48.62.031 to obtain abstracts of driving records.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 3263 by Representatives Wallace, Kenney, Kagi, and Ormsby

Requiring dual credit strategic planning.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to convene a work group that includes representatives from the state board for community and technical colleges, the public four-year institutions of higher education, the workforce training and education coordinating board, the higher education coordinating board, and the council of presidents to develop a strategic plan for statewide coordination of dual credit programs.

Requires the work group to recommend a strategic plan for coordinating the administration of dual credit programs based on the findings of the examination in this act. The strategic plan shall identify goals for increased student enrollments, strategies to increase access and efficiency, options for addressing costs to the state, schools, and institutions of higher education, and strategies to contain costs for students and their families.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 3264 by Representatives Loomis, Ormsby, Liias, and Wood

Regarding public works projects.

Provides money in the public works assistance account shall be used to make loans to local governments for public works projects, within categories and according to state policy priorities specified in the capital budget appropriations act. In specifying the infrastructure categories and state policy priorities, the legislature may not specify funding for individual projects to individual jurisdictions.

Provides the board may not authorize loans in excess of the projected balance in the account taking into consideration the expected pace of draws against authorized loans and the anticipated amount of loan repayments.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 3265 by Representatives Ormsby, Kenney, Liias, Santos, and Wood

Regarding assistance to nonprofit organizations.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to establish a competitive process to solicit proposals for and prioritize projects that assist nonprofit organizations in acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating facilities used for the delivery of nonresidential community services including social service centers and multipurpose community and cultural centers.

Requires the department and the citizen advisory committee to prioritize projects located in distressed communities defined in this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 3266 by Representatives Liias, Ormsby, and Wood

Regarding state economic development programs.

Provides the community economic revitalization board shall provide financial assistance for projects that are consistent with goals and objectives adopted under RCW 43.162.020 by the Washington state economic development commission, when they are adopted and for projects that are consistent with the Washington state workforce training and education coordinating board strategic plan for workforce development.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 3267 by Representative Condotta

Changing the corporate officer provisions of the employment security act.

Modifies the corporate officer provisions of the employment security act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3268 by Representatives Kelley, Green, Kenney, and Santos

Regulating residential mortgage loans.

Provides any person that is making a residential mortgage loan that has an office located in this state for the purpose of making a residential mortgage loan must be licensed under chapter 19.146 RCW unless they are exempt from licensing under RCW 19.146.020.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection.

HB 3269 by Representatives Roach, Haler, Williams, Campbell, Rodne, and Ross

Creating a roving early intervention specialist pilot program.

Requires, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this specific purpose, the department of early learning to administer the roving early intervention specialist pilot program conducted in Pierce county, beginning July 1, 2008, to provide assistance to licensed child care providers and families with children ages birth to five with special needs. The pilot shall be conducted in Pierce county.

Provides for one roving early intervention specialist to be housed at a local child care resource and referral organization in Pierce county.

Requires, by August 1, 2009, the department of early learning to report on certain findings to the governor and appropriate education and fiscal committees of the legislature and provide recommendations for increasing the number of roving early intervention specialists to serve the statewide child care resource and referral network.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 3270 by Representatives Orcutt, Herrera, Ahern, McCune, Crouse, Haler, Schmick, Condotta, Newhouse, Skinner, Roach, Rodne, and Ross

Requiring property tax statistics and information on banked levy capacity.

Requires each county assessor, before March 1st each year, to prepare and submit to the department of revenue a detailed report on property taxes levied within the county. The report must include assessed valuation, levy rate, and levy amount for each type of levy by each taxing district authorized to levy property taxes within the county. The report must also include information necessary to calculate the property tax limit contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for each taxing district, including the regular property tax lawfully levied in the three most recent years; the amount of new construction, improvements to property, and the increase in assessed value of state-assessed property; the tax rate for the preceding year; the levy amount requested by the taxing district; copies of ordinances adopted under RCW 84.55.0101 and 84.55.120; copies of ballot propositions authorizing increases in the limit under RCW 84.55.050; the amount of levy capacity available under RCW 84.55.092; and other information the department of revenue may request.

Provides, until calendar year 2010, to set a regular property tax levy at an amount authorized under this act a taxing district must submit an authorizing proposition to the voters for approval by a majority of the voters of the taxing district voting on the proposition. Elections for this purpose must be held at a primary or general election.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3271 by Representatives Orcutt, McCune, Pearson, Newhouse, Haler, Ahern, and Ross

Providing taxpayer relief for costs associated with compliance with the sourcing requirements of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

Provides the relief from penalty and interest provided by RCW 82.32.755(1) does not apply with respect to transactions occurring more than four years after December 31, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3272 by Representative Orcutt

Addressing the liability of county and city governments for failure to enforce building codes.

Provides a county or city is liable for damages caused by their negligent failure to enforce the provisions of the state building code. The liability of a county or city is limited to fifty percent of the actual damages proved.

Provides a city must refund building permit fees to the applicant when the inspector who inspects the facility on behalf of the city to which the permit applies fails to require the builder to remedy building code violations documented through the inspection.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3273 by Representatives Orcutt, Herrera, McCune, Schmick, Haler, Roach, Crouse, Newhouse, and Skinner

Allowing valuation increases to be spread over time.

Provides the assessed value of property is equal to the lesser of the current appraised value or a limited value determined under this act. The limited value is equal to the greater of: (1) The improvement increase plus one hundred fifteen percent of the previous assessed value; or

(2) The sum of the previous assessed value; the improvement increase; and twenty-five percent of the market increase.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3274 by Representatives Simpson, Hudgins, Upthegrove, Hunter, Santos, and Kenney

Addressing public contracting by public port districts.

Requires, by January 1, 2010, each port to maintain a database on a public web site of all contracts, including public works and personal services.

Requires all port personal service contracts to be entered into pursuant to competitive solicitation with exceptions.

Requires port emergency contracts and sole source contracts to be filed with the elected port commission and made available for public inspection.

Requires ports to maintain a publicly available list of all personal service contracts it entered into during each fiscal year.

Requires the Washington public ports association to adopt uniform guidelines for the effective and efficient management of personal service contracts by all ports.

Requires the Washington public ports association to provide a training course for port personnel responsible for executing and managing personal service contracts.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 3275 by Representatives Linville, Ericksen, Morris, and McIntire

Revising the taxation of grocery distribution cooperatives.

Expands the definition of "qualified grocery distribution cooperative" for taxation purposes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3276 by Representatives Eddy and Warnick

Allowing a city to own land provided for the state horse park.

Allows a city to own land provided for the state horse park.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

HB 3277 by Representatives Kretz, Williams, and McCune

Addressing shortages of health care specialists in rural areas.

Requires the department of health to address shortages of health care specialists in rural areas and to report on its recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 3278 by Representatives Kretz, Williams, Blake, and McCune

Authorizing the removal of wood debris that threatens or interferes with the operation of a dam.

Authorizes the removal of wood debris that threatens or interferes with the operation of a dam.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3279 by Representatives Kretz and Chandler

Clarifying which entities may be designated Puget Sound partners.

Clarifies which entities may be designated Puget Sound partners.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

HB 3280 by Representatives Kessler, Anderson, Darneille, Santos, and Kenney

Creating a uniform interest rate.

Creates a uniform interest rate, meaning an interest rate that is calculated for financial obligations annually each December, at the rate of two percentage points above the equivalent coupon yield, based on the previous six months average auction rate for twenty-six week treasury bills.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3281 by Representatives Seaquist, Rolfes, Lantz, Appleton, and Santos

Requiring public notification of industrial development levies by port districts.

Provides that if a port district intends to levy a tax for industrial development district purposes, the port commission must hold a public hearing within twenty days of publication of notice of the intention.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 3282 by Representative Chase

Requiring Washington State University to research and develop alternatives to petrochemical-based plastic and styrofoam.

Requires Washington State University to research and develop alternatives to petrochemical-based plastic and styrofoam.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4032 by Representative Wallace

Petitioning the government of Turkey to respect the property rights and human rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Petitions the government of Turkey to respect the property rights and human rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4228 by Representatives Orcutt, Herrera, McCune, Schmick, Ahern, Haler, Newhouse, Roach, Crouse, Skinner, and Ross

Providing for value averaging.

Amends the Constitution to allow the legislature to provide for the averaging of assessed valuation increases under such conditions and restrictions as it shall deem proper.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

Senate Bills

SB 6180-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, Fairley, McDermott, and Kline)

Regarding postelection audits.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies postelection ballot auditing process.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6181-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators McDermott, Oemig, Fairley, and Kohl-Welles)

Providing an employee of the county legislative authority may be appointed to the county canvassing board.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, in large counties, an employee of the county legislative authority who reports directly to the chair of the county legislative authority may be appointed to the county canvassing board.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6312-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Pridemore, Oemig, and Benton; by request of Secretary of State)

Preventing rejection of ballots that have voter identifying marks.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that no ballot may contain unique identifying marks associated with an individual voter.

Prevents the rejection of ballots that have voter identifying marks.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6339-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Swecker, Hargrove, Regala, Fraser, Marr, and Kauffman)
Providing for address confidentiality of victims of trafficking.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
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- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 25 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 6371-S** by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt, Hobbs, Shin, Parlette, King, Rockefeller, Swecker, Brandland, McCaslin, Haugen, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen, Kilmer, and Sheldon)
Regarding tuition and fee waivers for veterans' families.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Changes how the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges, may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for veterans and their families.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6478-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, Swecker, Pridemore, Kline, Spanel, and Kohl-Welles)
Prohibiting bar codes or other unique identifying marks on ballots.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides that no paper ballot or ballot card may contain any encrypted or unencrypted bar code or other unique identifying mark associated with an individual voter.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6626-S** by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Rasmussen, Regala, Franklin, Marr, Carrell, and Shin)
Creating a sales and use tax deferral program for eligible investment projects in community empowerment zones.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
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- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 EDTM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
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- SB 6838** by Senators Hargrove, Morton, Hatfield, Schoesler, Shin, McAuliffe, Hobbs, Berkey, and Rasmussen
Modifying the composition of the forest practices board.
Adds a representative from a labor organization representing workers in the timber industry to the forest practices board.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 6839** by Senators Marr and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Labor & Industries
Regarding workers' compensation coverage for work performed outside Washington.
Requires Washington employers who are not self-insured under chapter 51.14 RCW to obtain workers' compensation coverage from the state fund for temporary and incidental work performed on jobs or at jobsites in another state by their Washington workers. The department is authorized to adopt rules governing premium liability and reporting requirements for hours of work in excess of temporary and incidental as defined in this act.
Requires, by December 1, 2011, the department to report to the workers' compensation advisory committee on the effect of this act and the rules developed under this act have on the revenue and costs to the state fund.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
- SB 6840** by Senators Weinstein and Kline
Authorizing county prosecutors and city attorneys to enforce certain provisions of the consumer protection act.
Authorizes county prosecutors and city attorneys to enforce certain provisions of the consumer protection act.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.
- SB 6841** by Senators Murray, Jacobsen, Kline, Shin, and Kohl-Welles
Restricting possession of weapons at institutions of higher education.
Declares that it is unlawful to possess weapons at institutions of higher education.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6842 by Senator Hargrove

Making technical revisions to provisions relating to sentencing and supervision of criminal offenders.

Declares that this act is intended to simplify the provisions of the sentencing reform act relating to supervision of offenders and uniformity of its application.

Repeals RCW 9.94A.545, 9.94A.713, 9.94A.715, 9.94A.720, 9.94A.800, 9.94A.830, and 79A.60.070.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6843 by Senators Hargrove and Rasmussen

Addressing eligibility requirements for youth placements in HOPE centers and responsible living skills programs.

Provides eligibility requirements for youth placements in HOPE centers and responsible living skills programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6844 by Senators Spanel, Brandland, and Rasmussen

Revising the taxation of grocery distribution cooperatives.

Expands the definition of "qualified grocery distribution cooperative" for taxation purposes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6845 by Senators Hobbs and Benton

Regulating exchange facilitators.

Provides that the purpose of this act is to create a law that imposes safeguards ensuring that persons or entities acting as qualified escrows, qualified trusts, qualified intermediaries, and exchange accommodation titleholders are regulated while they are acting as exchange facilitators in exchanges under section 1031 of the internal revenue code.

Declares that a person may not engage in the business of an exchange facilitator without first obtaining and maintaining a license.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6846 by Senators Sheldon, Kline, Tom, Swecker, Hatfield, and Rasmussen

Concerning metal property transactions.

Concerns metal property transactions.

Eliminates transactions conducted by vehicle wreckers or hulk haulers from exempted transactions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6847 by Senators Weinstein, Delvin, Haugen, and Shin; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Regulating real estate settlement services.

Regulates real estate settlement services.

Requires title insurance agents and title insurers to report certain information to the insurance commissioner.

Restricts payments and other inducements to refer or place business with title insurers or title insurance agents.

Addresses premium rates for insuring or guaranteeing titles.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6848 by Senators Prentice, Delvin, Kohl-Welles, Brandland, McAuliffe, Murray, Regala, and Shin; by request of University of Washington

Financing for the renovation of university stadium facilities.

Concerns financing for the renovation of university stadium facilities.

Allows deferral of taxes on university stadium renovation projects.

Establishes requirements for cities that have issued bonds to finance a university stadium renovation project.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6849 by Senators Oemig, Weinstein, Tom, Delvin, Shin, Kilmer, Schoesler, and Kohl-Welles

Regarding resident student classification.

Concerns resident student classification at institutions of higher education.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6850 by Senators Prentice, Brandland, Kline, Berkey, and Rasmussen

Creating the financial fraud and identity theft crimes investigation and prosecution program.

Creates the financial fraud and identity theft crimes investigation and prosecution program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6851 by Senators Prentice and Haugen

Concerning the documentation required in order to obtain a real estate excise tax exemption at the time of inheritance.

Concerns the documentation required in order to obtain a real estate excise tax exemption at the time of inheritance.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6852 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Weinstein, Fairley, Franklin, Kline, and Rockefeller

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

Addressing the presence of toxins in households or dwellings.

Requires landlords to provide information to tenants about risks associated with exposure to mold.

Requires the department of health to translate this information into the top five languages spoken in Washington state.

Creates a toxic mold and toxins task force.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6853 by Senators Fraser, Brandland, Franklin, Kilmer, and McAuliffe

Regarding public works projects.

Provides money in the public works assistance account shall be used to make loans to local governments for public works projects, within categories and according to state policy priorities specified in the capital budget appropriations act. In specifying the infrastructure categories and state policy priorities, the legislature may not specify funding for individual projects to individual jurisdictions.

Provides the board may not authorize loans in excess of the projected balance in the account taking into consideration the expected pace of draws against authorized loans and the anticipated amount of loan repayments.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6854 by Senators Brandland, Fraser, Franklin, Kilmer, Kohl-Welles, and Rasmussen

Regarding assistance to nonprofit organizations.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to establish a competitive process to solicit proposals for and prioritize projects that assist nonprofit organizations in acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating facilities used for the delivery of nonresidential community services including social service centers and multipurpose community and cultural centers.

Requires the department and the citizen advisory committee to prioritize projects located in distressed communities defined in this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6855 by Senators Kilmer, Brandland, Hatfield, and McAuliffe

Regarding state economic development programs.

Provides the community economic revitalization board shall provide financial assistance for projects that are consistent with goals and objectives adopted under RCW 43.162.020 by the Washington state economic development commission, when they are adopted and for projects that are consistent with the Washington state workforce training and education coordinating board strategic plan for workforce development.