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House Bills

HB 3096-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn and McIntire; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Financing the state route number 520 bridge replacement project.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/29/2008)

Provides that the SR 520 bridge replacement and HOV project shall be designed to provide six total lanes, with two lanes that are for transit and high-occupancy vehicle travel, and four general purpose lanes, and also to accommodate effective connections for transit, including high capacity transit, to the light rail station at the University of Washington.

Establishes requirements for the SR 520 bridge replacement and HOV project finance plan.

Authorizes the department of transportation to seek authorization from the legislature to collect tolls on the existing state route number 520 bridge or on a replacement state route number 520 bridge.

Requires the department of transportation to work with the federal highways administration to determine the necessary actions for receiving federal authorization to toll the interstate 90 floating 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 --

Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 15 Placed on second reading.

Feb 19 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 26 Placed on second reading.

Feb 29 1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third

Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 63; nays, 30; absent, 0; excused, 5.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 3 First reading, referred to Transportation.

TRAN - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second

reading.

Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules

Committee.

HB 3382 by Representative Santos

Relating to funding options for housing, community, and cultural development.

Relates to funding options for housing, community, and cultural development.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 29 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3383 by Representatives Fromhold and McDonald

Regarding state general obligation bonds and related accounts.

Provides that, for the purpose of providing state matching funds for federal flood hazard mitigation projects and other projects throughout the Chehalis river basin, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds to finance the projects and all costs incidental thereto.

Provides that, for the purpose of providing needed capital improvements consisting of the predesign, design, acquisition, construction, modification, renovation, expansion, equipping, and other improvements of skill centers facilities, including capital improvements to

support satellite or branch campus programs for underserved rural areas or high-density areas, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds to finance all or a part of these projects and all costs incidental thereto.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to adopt rules that set as a goal a ten percent minimum local project contribution threshold for major skill center projects, unless there is a compelling rationale not to do so as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 3 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

Senate Bills

SB 6111-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Poulsen, Jacobsen, and Tom)

Creating a wave and tidal energy work group. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning generating electricity from tidal and wave energy.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/29/2008)

Requires the department of ecology to establish a wave and tidal energy work group.

Requires the work group to organize and facilitate a stakeholder review of issues relating to the siting and operation of tidal and wave energy projects.

Requires the work group to provide a report from the stakeholders and agencies, together with any recommendations for environmental analysis and administrative or legislative changes, to the governor and appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives by December 31, 2008.

Provides that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of machinery and equipment used directly in generating tidal or wave energy, or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment until June 30, 2018.

Declares that the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply with respect to machinery and equipment used directly in generating not less than five kilowatts of electricity using tidal or wave energy as the principal source of power, or to the use of labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment.

- -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
 - -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 28 WM Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

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

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 29 2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 45; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

First reading, referred to Finance.

Mar 3 FIN - Executive action taken by committee.

FIN - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).

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

SB 6468-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators King,

Rasmussen, Roach, Hobbs, Honeyford, Hewitt, and Sheldon)

Concerning the taxation of honey beekeepers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of honey bees to, or use of by, an eligible apiarist.

Provides that the business and occupation tax shall not apply to amounts derived from the pollination services or wholesale sale of honey bee products by a person who owns or keeps bee colonies.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 28 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

2nd substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 29 First reading, referred to Finance.

Mar 3 FIN - Executive action taken by committee.

FIN - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.