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House Bills

HB 1272-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee and White; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that, for the purpose of providing funds to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the capital and operating appropriations acts for the 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 fiscal biennia, and all costs incidental thereto, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of one billion nine hundred twenty-five million dollars, or as much thereof as may be required, to finance these projects and all costs incidental thereto.

Requires the state finance committee to, on or before June 30th of each year, certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet the bond retirement and interest requirements on the bonds.

Authorizes the legislature to provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds.

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- Apr 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 1:30 PM.
- Apr 3 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Executive session in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 8:00 AM.
- Apr 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2323-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Grant-Herriot, Kretz, Blake, McCune, Warnick, Jacks, Van De Wege,

Ericks, Schmick, Takko, Kelley, Short, Ormsby, Kenney, and Santos)

Concerning a sales and use tax exemption of the nonhighway use of propane by farmers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a tax exemption on the sale or use of propane fuel for a farm fuel user for nonhighway use.

Expires July 1, 2015.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Apr 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 9:00 AM.
- Apr 3 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Executive session in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Apr 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2326-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn and Williams)

Authorizing bonds for the financing of eligible toll facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires, upon the request of the state toll agency, a total of one billion nine hundred fifty million dollars of general obligation bonds of the state of Washington to be issued and sold in order to provide funds necessary for the location, design, right-of-way, and construction of the state route number 520 corridor projects.

Requires the state finance committee, upon request of the state toll agency, to supervise and provide for the issuance, sale, and retirement of the bonds authorized by the act in accordance with chapter 39.42 RCW.

Creates the toll facility bond retirement account for the purpose of payment of the principal of and interest and premium on bonds.

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- Mar 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Mar 31 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House
Committee on Transportation at 3:30
PM.
Apr 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second
reading.

HB 2334 by Representatives Dunshee, Williams, Hunt,
Ormsby, White, Conway, Hudgins, and Chase

Creating jobs by funding construction of safety, health, and energy-saving improvements to public facilities.

Declares an intent to create jobs and increase the quality of life of all Washington citizens by issuing bonds for the investment in safety, health, and energy efficient improvements to public facilities in all public K-12 school districts, community and technical colleges, state universities, regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and other public facilities.

Authorizes the state finance committee, for the purpose of creating jobs by constructing needed capital improvements for the safety, health, and energy efficiency of public facilities, to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of three billion dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, for this purpose and all costs incidental thereto.

Requires the state finance committee, on or before June 30th of each year, to certify to the state treasurer the amount needed in the ensuing twelve months to meet the bond retirement and interest requirements on the bonds authorized in the act.

Authorizes the legislature to provide additional means for raising moneys for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized in the act.

Creates the stabilization debt payment account and the Washington works account.

Makes appropriations.

Provides that the act is contingent upon approval by the voters of certain parts of the act. If certain parts of the act are not approved by the voters by December 1, 2009, the act is null and void.

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Apr 6 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2335 by Representatives White, Roberts, Nelson, and Kenney

Addressing the authorization, administration, collection, and enforcement of tolls on the Lake Washington transportation corridor.

Imposes tolls simultaneously on the state route number 520 floating bridge and the Interstate 90 floating bridge to:

- (1) Help finance construction of critical safety projects, including increasing capacity in the east-west corridor across Lake Washington with the replacement of the state route number 520 floating bridge;

- (2) Generate additional funds to help finance associated projects in the state route number 520 corridor program; and

- (3) Guarantee travel time, speed, and reliability for individuals crossing Lake Washington by way of either state route number 520 or Interstate 90.

Provides that, unless otherwise delegated, the department of transportation is the state toll agency with the authority to administer tolling programs on eligible toll facilities, including the state route number 520 corridor and the Interstate 90 floating bridge.

Creates a special account to be known as the Lake Washington transportation corridor account.

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Apr 7 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Bills

SB 6150 by Senator Keiser

Concerning the health technology assessment program.

Modifies the composition and duties of the health technology clinical committee established in RCW 70.14.090.

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Apr 6 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6151 by Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles

Concerning the taxation of moist snuff.

Establishes weight, rather than wholesale price, as the measure of tobacco products tax on moist snuff.

Imposes the tax at a rate that is equivalent to cigarette tax, with a specified minimum of tax on each consumer-sized package.

Dedicates any new revenue attributable to the act to the health services account, to the extent possible, while keeping other accounts whole.

Declares that the legislature recognizes the role that tax policy plays in the levels of consumption of moist snuff by youth due to impacts on price. Discouraging youth access to moist snuff and youth consumption is an important state policy. The legislature directs the department of health, with the assistance of the department of revenue and the office of financial management, to study this issue.

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Apr 6 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6152 by Senator Prentice

Clarifying the definition of gambling for the purpose of assisting in the regulation and control of gambling.

Declares that the fines and forfeitures related to enforcement of activities proscribed in chapter 9.46 RCW (1973 gambling act) provide resources to law enforcement and the court system to assist in the regulation and control of gambling.

Modifies the definition of "gambling" in chapter 9.46 RCW.

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Apr 7 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.