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SENATE SB 6160-S SB 6188

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House Bills

HB 2344-S by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representative Haigh)

Regarding resident undergraduate tuition.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 4/22/2009)

Authorizes the legislature to increase tuition above the statutory seven percent cap for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Requires institutions of higher education to include information on their billing statements notifying students of tax credits available through the American opportunity tax credit provided in the American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009.

Requires the higher education coordinating board, in coordination with higher education stakeholders, to review options and make recommendations on a tuition policy that allows flexibility, accessibility, and differentiation among Washington's various public baccalaureate tuition rates.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, within existing resources, to complete a systemic performance audit of the state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College to create a transparent link between revenues, expenditures, and performance outcomes as outlined in the performance agreements developed under RCW 28B.10.920 and the strategic master plan for higher education as adopted by the legislature.

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- Apr 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.
- Apr 18 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
- Apr 20 Placed on second reading.
- Apr 22 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 50; nays, 47; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Apr 23 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2383 by Representatives Simpson and Van De Wege
Adopting the international wildland urban interface code.
Adopts the international wildland urban interface code.

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Apr 23 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2384 by Representative Quall
Providing salary bonuses for nationally certified educational staff associates.

Provides annual salary bonuses for nationally certified educational staff associates beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.

Provides additional bonuses if the nationally certified educational staff associate is in an assignment in a school where at least seventy percent of the students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 23 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2385 by Representatives Williams, Green, Appleton, Ormsby, Nelson, Sells, Chase, Dunshee, and Simpson

Improving unemployment benefits.

Improves unemployment benefits by: (1) Modifying provisions relating to disqualification for leaving work voluntarily without good cause and the calculation of unemployment benefits;

(2) Removing a provision regarding part-time workers in reference to suitable work; and

(3) Revising the definition of "part-time work."

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 23 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

Senate Bills

SB 6160-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

Concerning criminal justice sentencing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises criminal justice sentencing provisions by: (1)
Amending the sentencing grid to allow judges greater
discretion; and

(2) Addressing mitigating and aggravating
circumstances that may allow the imposition of a sentence
above or below the standard sentence range.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 23 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second
reading.

SB 6188 by Senator Carrell

Imposing a minimum bail bond premium fee of ten percent.

Requires a bail bond agent to charge and collect for his
or her premium, commission, or fee an amount of ten
percent of the amount of the corporate surety bail bond
posted by him or her.

Authorizes the director of the department of licensing to
impose a civil penalty for a violation of chapter 18.185
RCW (bail bond agents).

Authorizes the attorney general, at the request of the
director of the department of licensing, to bring an action in
the name of the state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 23 First reading, referred to Judiciary.