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House Bills

HB 3191-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Conway, and Hasegawa)

Modifying Washington state excise tax laws to create jobs and to preserve funding for education, public safety, health care, and safety net services for elderly, disabled, and vulnerable people.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

- Revises the state excise tax laws related to: (1) Minimum nexus standards;
- (2) Tax avoidance transactions;
 - (3) Modifying and placing a cap on the first mortgage deduction;
 - (4) Direct seller business and occupation tax exemption;
 - (5) Business and occupation tax preferences for manufacturers of products derived from certain agricultural products;
 - (6) Suspending the sales and use tax exemption for livestock nutrient equipment and facilities;
 - (7) Ending the preferential business and occupation tax treatment received by directors of corporations;
 - (8) Airplane excise tax;
 - (9) Use tax on motor vehicles and trailers used in interstate commerce;
 - (10) Foreclosure exemption;
 - (11) Tax debts;
 - (12) Imposing sales and use tax on cosmetic surgery, custom software, and janitorial services;
 - (13) Increasing tobacco taxes;
 - (14) Rural county tax incentive programs;
 - (15) Sales and use tax exemptions for data centers;
 - (16) Public utility district privilege tax clarification;
 - (17) Business and occupation surtax on certain services;
 - (18) Limiting business and occupation exemption on investment earnings for nonfinancial firms;
 - (19) Sales and use tax exemptions for machinery and equipment used in renewable energy generation; and
 - (20) Repealing the nonresident sales tax exemption; the business and occupation tax credit for new employment for

international service activities; and the sales and use tax exemptions for candy and bottled water.

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Mar 2 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 9:00 AM.

Mar 3 Placed on second reading.

HB 3209-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Rolfes, Seaquist, and Morris)

Managing costs of the ferry system.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses increasing costs of operating the ferry system in a manner that balances the interests of the ferry system, ferry labor unions, and the fare payers.

Modifies collective bargaining between representatives of ferry workers and the state.

Allows the department of transportation to perform maintenance and preservation work on ferry vessels and terminals if the cost of the work is less than one hundred twenty thousand dollars rather than the current limit of sixty thousand dollars.

Requires the department of transportation to develop a methodology for giving public visibility to the cost service tradeoffs among sailing schedules, crew schedules, crew costs, and operating costs.

Requires the governor to consult with the affected unions to conduct a comprehensive review of the current array of bargaining units and contracts associated with the Washington ferry service.

Makes an appropriation.

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Mar 4 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Placed on second reading.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 8:00 AM.
 Mar 5 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 90; nays, 8; absent, 0; excused, 0.

(originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Zarelli, Morton, Delvin, and Marr)

Clarifying the applicability of business and occupation tax to conservation programs with the Bonneville power administration.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts from business and occupation taxes, credits or funds provided by the Bonneville power administration for implementing certain programs.

Expires June 30, 2015.

Senate Bills

SB 6339-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs and Pridemore)

Concerning a sales and use tax exemption for wax and ceramic materials used to create molds for ferrous and nonferrous investment castings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for wax and ceramic materials used to create molds for ferrous and nonferrous investment castings.

Expires June 30, 2015.

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Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 5 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6609-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Delvin, Hobbs, Kilmer, Gordon, Kauffman, and Shin)

Concerning infrastructure financing for local governments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions regarding the local infrastructure financing tool program and local revitalization financing.

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Jan 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.

Jan 27 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.

Mar 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.

Mar 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 5 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6614-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means

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Mar 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.

Mar 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 5 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6846-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland, Regala, and Fraser)

Concerning enhanced 911 emergency communications services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Imposes a state enhanced 911 excise tax on all interconnected voice over internet protocol service lines in the state.

Increases the state and county enhanced 911 excise tax. Revises the duties of the state enhanced 911 coordination office.

Removes the expiration of the enhanced 911 advisory committee.

Creates the county enhanced 911 excise tax account.

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Feb 5 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 5 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6849-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore and Zarelli)

Consolidating forecast functions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Consolidates the economic and revenue forecast council and the caseload forecast council into one agency known as the forecast council and changes the composition and duties of the forecast council.

Eliminates the sentencing guidelines commission as a state agency and transfers certain duties of the commission to the forecast council.

Removes responsibility from the sentencing guidelines commission related to existing disposition standards; confinement of minor offenders and first-time offenders; and current sentencing standards for adverse impacts on the sentencing outcomes of certain minority youth.

Requires the caseload forecast work group to provide technical support to the forecast council.

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Feb 8 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Mar 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 4 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6869-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Suspending the child support pass-through payment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to pass through child support that does not exceed: (1) Fifty dollars per month collected on behalf of a family until June 30, 2013; and

(2) One hundred dollars per month collected on behalf of a family after June 30, 2013.

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Mar 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.

Mar 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 4 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6871-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove and Regala)

Supporting judicial branch and criminal justice funding.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Levies a surcharge on all auto insurance policies to combat auto theft and ultimately lower insurance costs.

Authorizes the insurance commissioner to retain and deposit to the insurance commissioner's regulatory account up to two percent of the funds collected to administer collection and requires the remaining funds to be deposited into the Washington auto theft prevention authority account.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.

Mar 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 4 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6878-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Kline)

Concerning fees for criminal background checks.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Eliminates the record check fee exemption for nonprofit organizations.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Mar 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 4 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.