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#### **House Bills**

HB 1129-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative

Morris)

Concerning ferry vessel replacement.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the department of licensing and county auditors or other agents appointed by the director of the department of licensing to collect a service fee of five dollars for each initial vehicle registration and registration renewal and a service fee of twelve dollars for each certificate of title transaction processed by the department or that county auditor's or other agent's office.

Directs the service fees to be deposited into the capital vessel replacement account.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Apr 22 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 9:00

Apr 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1956-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Ryu, Liias, Moscoso, and Fey)

Authorizing bonds for transportation funding. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides funds necessary for the location, design, rightof-way, and construction of selected projects or improvements that are identified as 2013 connecting Washington projects or improvements in the omnibus transportation appropriations act.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Apr 22 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 9:00

Apr 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1975-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller and Wylie)

Authorizing toll revenue bonds for the financing of the Columbia river crossing project.

#### (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides funds necessary for the location, design, rightof-way, and construction of the Columbia river crossing project.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Apr 22 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 9:00

Apr 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2033-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hawkins, Hunter, Alexander, Bergquist, Hunt, and Buys; by request of Secretary of State)

Reducing the costs and inefficiencies in elections by eliminating a requirement to include the full text of ballot measures in the printed version of voters' pamphlets.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Removes the requirement that the complete text of initiatives be published in voters' pamphlets.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.

Apr 23 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00

Apr 24 Placed on second reading.

HB 2038-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlyle, Hunter, Ormsby, Tharinger, Reykdal, and Pollet)

Investing in the education legacy trust account for K-12 basic education and higher education by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences and extending taxes set to expire.

#### (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Invests in the education legacy trust account for K-12 basic education and higher education by: (1) Eliminating the preferential business and occupation tax rate for travel agents;

- (2) Eliminating the sales and use tax exemption for bottled water;
- (3) Repealing the nonresident sales and use tax exemption;
- (4) Modifying tax preferences for high-tech research and development;
- (5) Eliminating the public utility tax deduction on interstate hauls:
- (6) Narrowing business and occupation tax exemptions and sales and use tax exemptions for import commerce;
- (7) Repealing the preferential business and occupation tax rate for sellers of prescription drugs; and
- (8) Narrowing the use tax exemption for extracted fuel to biomass fuel.

Extends, permanently, the business and occupation surtax.

Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Estimate the increase in state general fund revenues from the changes made in certain parts of the act; and

(2) Notify the state treasurer of the increase.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer the aforementioned amount from the general fund to the education legacy trust account.

Excludes the general state revenues transferred to the education legacy trust account from the calculation of general state revenues.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Apr 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Apr 23 FIN Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
  Minority; do not pass.
  Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Apr 24 Placed on second reading. 1st substitute bill substituted.

(originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Moscoso, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Carlyle, Liias, Tarleton, Upthegrove, Pedersen, Orwall, Farrell, and Tharinger)

Repealing the deduction for handling losses of motor vehicle fuel.

#### (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Repeals the tax deduction for handling losses of motor vehicle fuel.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Apr 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
- Apr 22 TR Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

  Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 9:00 AM.

Apr 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

#### HB 2056 by Representatives Hurst and Condotta

Correcting the definition of THC concentration as adopted by Initiative Measure No. 502 to avoid an implication that conversion, by combustion, of tetrahydrocannabinol acid into delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol is not part of the THC content that differentiates marijuana from hemp.

Revises the definition of "THC concentration," for purposes of the uniform controlled substances act, to correct the definition to avoid an implication that conversion, by combustion, of tetrahydrocannabinol acid into delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol is not part of the THC content that differentiates marijuana from hemp.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 24 First reading, referred to Government Accountability & Oversight (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Apr 25 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Government Accountability & Oversight at 9:00 AM. (Subject to change)

### **Senate Bills**

SB 5901-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow and

Tom)

Providing education reforms.

#### (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides education reforms.

Addresses providing greater flexibility to school districts by enabling them to fully realign resources around the evidence-based practices that will lead to better student achievement.

Initiates reforms to compensation policies.

Addresses the celebration of school district, school, and student success through recognition of the achievement with an awards program and a rewards program for innovation.

Develops an inventory of research-based and evidencebased practices to guide school districts as they implement improvements.

Addresses school discipline and school expulsion to provide school districts with a model policy to help standardize disciplinary practices and data collection of suspensions and expulsions.

Creates opportunities for reentry and reengagement in school for long-term suspended or expelled students through an individually tailored plan.

Addresses the need to recognize highly productive public schools and reward innovation and to assist public schools that are struggling by creating a recognition program, a grant program to reward innovation, and a locally administered school reform program.

Creates a joint select committee on educator compensation to provide oversight, monitoring, and direction to revise the current salary allocation schedule.

Creates the strategic innovative grant account.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Apr 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Apr 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Apr 24 WM Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

  Minority; do not pass.

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

SB 5913-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Becker)

Concerning a hospital safety net assessment and quality incentive program for increased hospital payments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses a hospital safety net assessment and quality incentive program for increased hospital payments to improve health care access for the state's citizens.

Delays, until July 1, 2017, the expiration of chapter 74.60 RCW (hospital safety net assessment).

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Apr 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.
- Apr 22 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 4:30 PM.
- 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.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5916-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Baumgartner, Hill, Holmquist Newbry, Ericksen, Schoesler, Hewitt, and Mullet)

Addressing the administration of public retirement plans. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the definition of "excess compensation" with regard to payments used in the calculation of an employee's retirement allowance.

Requires the local government self-insurance program of the department of enterprise services to support employers of law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 1 retirees to develop a voluntary risk pool to share the noninsured retiree medical costs of long-term care and major medical services.

Prohibits a collective bargaining agreement covering certain employees from including a provision that bases employee eligibility for voluntary overtime on seniority or eligibility for retirement.

Requires the department of retirement systems to: (1) Review compensation increases reported for persons who retired from the law enforcement officers and firefighters retirement system plan 1 since July 1, 2010; and

(2) Conduct an on-site audit of certain employer compensation records.

Provides a right to appeal an order or determination to the director of the department of retirement systems for a member or employer feeling aggrieved by an order or determination of a disability board granting or denying coverage for a service or item requested as a medical service.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

- Apr 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Apr 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Apr 24 WM Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
   Minority; do not pass.
   Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

#### SB 5920 by Senators Eide and Conway

Concerning transportation revenue.

Addresses transportation revenue.

- -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --
- Apr 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.
  Apr 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on
  Transportation at 8:00 AM.

#### SB 5921 by Senator Eide

Concerning additive transportation funding. Adopts additive transportation funding.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 22 First reading, referred to Transportation. Apr 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on

Transportation at 8:00 AM.

#### SB 5922 by Senator Eide

Authorizing bonds for transportation funding.

Provides funds for the location, design, right-of-way, and construction of selected projects or improvements that are identified as 2013 connecting Washington projects or improvements in the omnibus transportation appropriations act.

#### -- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Apr 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 8:00 AM.

## SB 5923 by Senators Cleveland and Eide

Authorizing toll revenue bonds for the financing of the Columbia river crossing project.

Provides funds for the location, design, right-of-way, and construction of the Columbia river crossing project.

-- 2013 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 23 First reading, referred to Transportation.