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### House Bills

**HB 2872-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey, Hayes, Clibborn, Moscoso, Rodne, Tarleton, Kilduff, Muri, Fitzgibbon, Appleton, Stokesbary, Stanford, Griffey, Senn, Bergquist, S. Hunt, Ortiz-Self, Gregerson, and Ormsby)

Concerning the recruitment and retention of Washington state patrol commissioned officers.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/02/16)

Requires the office of financial management to perform an organization study through a third-party independent consultant to implement the changes in the joint transportation committee recruitment and retention study, dated January 7, 2016, affecting each organization in the study.

Requires the minimum monthly salary paid to Washington state patrol troopers and sergeants to be competitive with law enforcement agencies within the boundaries of the state effective July 1, 2016.

Requires the salary levels on July 1, 2016, to be the average of compensation paid to the corresponding rank from the Seattle police department, King county sheriff's office, Tacoma police department, Snohomish county sheriff's office, Spokane police department, and Vancouver police department.

Requires Washington state patrol management to work actively with the independent consultant to implement the recommended changes.

Requires the select committee on pension policy to review the pension-related items in the study and make recommendations to the governor's office and the legislature.

Requires the legislature to provide different funding options to start implementing the study recommendations.

Requires the collective bargaining units of the Washington state patrol and the office of financial management to open up collective bargaining and agree upon an addendum to the existing contract to implement this act with funds provided by the legislature.

Requires the Washington state patrol, in order to ensure that it is adequately and thoroughly reaching potential recruits, to develop a comprehensive outreach and marketing strategic plan that expands on the success of current strategies and looks for ways to tap into groups or individuals that do not currently show an interest in the Washington state patrol or law enforcement as a career.

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- Feb 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.
  - Feb 8 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
  - Feb 9 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 9:00 AM.
  - Feb 18 Public hearing and executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
  - Feb 29 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
  - Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
  - Mar 2 2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 85; nays, 12; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 4 Held at the Desk.

**HB 3004** by Representatives Orcutt, Blake, and DeBolt

Concerning abandoned cemeteries.

Revises the definition of "abandoned cemetery" for purposes of chapter 68.60 RCW (abandoned and historic cemeteries and historic graves).

Requires the funeral and cemetery board to consult with the department of archaeology and historic preservation to adopt rules that allow burials in abandoned cemeteries.

Requires records, maps, or other documents associated with an abandoned cemetery to be transferred to the state archives.

Requires endowment care funds held by the cemetery authority at the time a cemetery becomes an abandoned cemetery to be transferred to the department of archaeology and historic preservation.

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- Mar 3 First reading, referred to State Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

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### Senate Bills

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**SB 5928-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Dammeier)

Authorizing Bellevue college to offer bachelor of science degrees in computer science.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes Bellevue College to offer bachelor of science degrees in computer science subject to approval by the state board for community and technical colleges.

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- Mar 3 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.
- Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6055-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Hill)

Allowing critical access hospitals participating in the Washington rural health access preservation pilot to resume critical access hospital payment and licensure.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Offers small critical access hospitals the opportunity to pilot different delivery and payment models than may be currently allowed under the critical access hospital program.

Allows these participating hospitals to return to the critical access hospital program if they so choose.

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- Mar 3 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.
- Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6247-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Angel, Takko, and Bailey)

Exempting from state and local taxes on-site sewage system fees required by a local government to be paid by an on-site sewage system owner to an on-site sewage system contractor or inspector.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a sales and use tax exemption and a business and occupation tax exemption for reporting fees paid by an on-site sewage system owner to a certified on-site sewage system service provider if the fees are paid by the contractor or inspector to the local government imposing the fee.

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- Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Mar 3 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.
- Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6316-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Parlette)

Concerning designated disaster area financing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a local government to finance public improvements using designated disaster area financing subject to certain conditions.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 4 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security at 5:45 PM.
- Mar 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.
- Mar 3 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.
- Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6656-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hill, Hargrove, Ranker, Darneille, Parlette, Becker, Braun, Fain, and Bailey)

Concerning state hospital practices.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Evaluate the current staffing structure and assignment of work at the state hospitals to increase its use of psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners;

(2) Hire psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners for vacant positions or to perform work and tasks that may be performed by other job classifications and professions at the state hospitals;

(3) Identify and discharge at least thirty patients at western state hospital to alternative settings by January 1, 2017;

(4) In order to address safety at the state hospitals, examine staffing patterns, best practices, and discrepancies in staffing practices between the state hospitals and prevailing business practices in other hospitals, and adjust staffing practices where appropriate; and

(5) Develop a transition plan in collaboration with its actuarial consultant, behavioral health organizations, and equivalent entities in full integration regions detailing the requirements for implementation of certain policy changes in section 1(2) of this act within a reasonable but proximate period of time.

Requires a behavioral health organization to manage the utilization of long-term civil commitment beds purchased at a state hospital or other facility by patients within the catchment area of the behavioral health organization who receive civil commitments and ensure that the patients efficiently transition into the community.

Develops placement for geriatric and long-term care patients at western state hospital and reduces current demands on state hospital staff.

Requires the legislature to convene a work group to review the development of the transition plan and provide input into the progress.

Requires a state hospital, when discharging a patient, to discharge the patient to the patient's regional support area of origin or provide written notice and an explanation to the law and justice council of the county in which the patient is expected to reside.

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Feb 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 3 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6657-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Hargrove, and Hobbs)

Concerning wildfire management.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the wildfire management act.

Initiates aggressive action to reduce wildfire fuel and restore forest health conditions.

Employs all available fire prevention techniques, including mechanical thinning and prescribed fire, to restore forest land health, ensure public health and safety, and support local communities most affected by wildfire.

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

Mar 3 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6662-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Braun)

Creating a flexible voluntary program to allow family members to provide personal care services to persons with developmental disabilities or long-term care needs under a consumer-directed medicaid service program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to develop and implement a consumer-directed medicaid program which is intended to be a voluntary alternative option for individuals with long-term care needs or developmental disabilities who choose to receive personal care services from a family member.

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

Mar 3 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6669-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Brown and Braun)

Consolidating business assistance programs and services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the office for regulatory innovation and assistance in the department of commerce.

Abolishes the office of regulatory assistance and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the office for regulatory innovation and assistance.

Requires the department of commerce to operate the office to continually improve the function of environmental and business regulatory processes by identifying conflicts and overlap in the state's rules, statutes, and operational practices and to ensure ongoing coordination among regulatory agencies to reduce costs for both government and business.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Mar 3 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6671-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hill, Miloscia, Braun, and Roach)

Concerning the review of state and local homelessness prevention, assistance, and housing efforts.

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

Improves the development of cost-effective programs and identification of best practices to expand housing security across the state by reviewing state and local homelessness prevention, assistance, and housing efforts on a more frequent basis.

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

Mar 3 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6674** by Senators McAuliffe, McCoy, Fraser, Chase, and Litzow

Creating support public schools special license plates.

Creates support public schools special license plates.

Creates the safety corps account and requires all receipts from the sale of the support public schools special license plates to be deposited into the account.

Requires expenditures from the account to be used only by educational service districts for: (1) School safety training for administrators and security officers;

(2) Monitoring and mapping of school facilities; and

(3) Training certificated staff and security officers in emergency preparation.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**SB 6675** by Senators McAuliffe and Litzow

Requiring a joint transportation committee study on the Interstate 405 express toll lanes.

Requires the joint transportation committee to: (1) Conduct a study on the implementation of the Interstate 405 express toll lanes and identify potential improvements; and

(2) Convene a stakeholder group to provide input on the study and conduct a review of the findings of the study.

Expires November 1, 2016.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.