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House Bills

HB 1571 by Representatives Reeves, Muri, Ryu, Kilduff, Sawyer, Steele, Macri, and Orwall

Creating a community care and supportive services program for veterans.

Requires the department of veterans affairs to select one county veterans' assistance program or community partner to pilot a community care and supportive services program that assists veterans and their families in rural or remote areas that do not have adequate access to federal veterans' benefits, reintegration services, and other public services.

Expires July 1, 2020.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1572 by Representatives Dolan, Doglio, McCaslin, Muri, Volz, Pettigrew, Riccelli, and Lovick

Authorizing nationally recognized college assessments for high school assessment purposes.

Authorizes nationally recognized college readiness assessments to be used by local school districts in place of the statewide administered high school assessments for high school graduation and federal accountability purposes beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. -- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1573 by Representatives Harris, Lytton, Kirby, Cody, Dent, DeBolt, McCaslin, Riccelli, Short, and Jinkins

Permitting the possession and application of topical sunscreen products at schools.

Establishes the student sun safety education act.

Allows the possession and application of topical sunscreen products to help prevent sunburn while on school property or at a school-related event or activity.

Encourages schools to educate students about sun safety guidelines.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1574 by Representatives Rodne and Kilduff

Concerning construction contracts.

Addresses certain clauses in construction contracts that purport to waive, release, or extinguish the claim rights of a contractor, subcontractor, or supplier.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report). HB 1575 by Representatives Pettigrew, Manweller, and Springer

Providing an exemption from unemployment compensation for certain providers of commercial transportation services.

Exempts services performed by a driver providing commercial transportation services from the definition of "employment" for purposes of Title 50 RCW (unemployment compensation).

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1576 by Representative Schmick

Concerning legislative oversight over the activities of the office of the insurance commissioner.

Requires the insurance commissioner to: (1) Review each significant legislative rule, adopted on or after the effective date of this act, relating to health carriers or health plans;

(2) Upon completion, transmit all reviews to the legislative health care committees; and

(3) Include in the report of his or her official transactions during the preceding fiscal year, certain performance data on his or her regulatory activities in the health insurance market.

Requires the joint administrative rules review committee, within sixty days of a written request by the chair or ranking minority member of one of the legislative health care committees, to conduct a hearing on a review completed by the insurance commissioner.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1577 by Representatives Fey, Jinkins, Kirby, Stambaugh, Springer, Orcutt, Sawyer, Muri, Barkis, Wilcox, McDonald, Stokesbary, Caldier, Irwin,

and Young

Extending the sales and use tax deferral for historic automobile museums.

Extends the time in which a nonprofit organization, corporation, or association must begin paying the deferred sales and use taxes for historic automobile museums.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 1578 by Representatives Dent, Ortiz-Self, McBride, Lovick, Dye, Harris, and Griffey

Concerning irrigation district authority.

Modifies provisions relating to the authority of an irrigation district.

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Local Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1579 by Representative Kilduff

Including school district information on disclosure statements by sellers of real property.

Revises the real estate seller's disclosure statement to include information on the school district.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1580 by Representative Young

Establishing community service standards for individuals receiving unemployment benefits.

Specifies that an unemployed individual is eligible to receive waiting period credits or benefits with respect to any week in his or her eligibility period only if the commissioner of the employment security department finds that, with respect to claims that have an effective date on or after August 28, 2017, the individual performs, for every four weeks of unemployment benefits received, at least: (1) Twenty hours of community service; or

(2) Fifteen hours of community service as a volunteer firefighter.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1581 by Representative Young

Requiring that drivers pay only one toll on the Tacoma Narrows bridge for multiple crossings in one calendar day.

Authorizes the department of transportation to charge a customer only one toll for multiple crossings of the Tacoma Narrows bridge while traveling in the same vehicle in a single calendar day.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Transportation (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1582 by Representative Young

Providing for a sufficient minimum balance to cover Tacoma Narrows bridge operating expenses.

Prohibits toll charges, other revenue, and interest deposited into the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account from being reserved or used as an emergency contingency reserve.

Creates a special account to be known as the toll facility capital reserve account in the motor vehicle fund.

Requires deposits to the account to only include transfers to the account made in any biennial omnibus

transportation appropriations act adopted by the legislature, and those transfers may come from any account other than the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Transportation (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1583 by Representative Young

Improving constituent access and representative engagement.

Establishes the improving constituent access and representative engagement act.

Authorizes local governments to lease office space to legislative members and establishes that local governments that do so are not thereby obligated to lease real property of the local government to other parties, including the state or private parties.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to State Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1584 by Representatives Young, Shea, and Taylor

Concerning the sale of software used in the unauthorized interference of ticket sales over the internet.

Addresses the unauthorized sale of software that is used to circumvent, thwart, interfere with, or evade a security measure, access control system, or other control or measure on a ticket seller's internet web site.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1585 by Representative Young

Dedicating revenue from civil penalties associated with tolls for crossing the Tacoma Narrows bridge to repaying debt issued to construct the bridge.

Repays the debt issued to construct the Tacoma Narrows bridge by dedicating revenue from civil penalties associated with tolls for crossing the bridge.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Transportation (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1586 by Representatives Macri and Cody; by request of Department of Health

Concerning dental professions.

Authorizes the dental quality assurance commission to adopt rules for renewal requirements for a credential, including continuing education requirements for expanded function dental auxiliary licenses.

Changes the composition of the commission.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 1587 by Representatives Shea, Taylor, McCaslin, Young, and Griffey

Concerning public information concerning agency rulemaking activities.

Requires the code reviser to establish a statewide rulemaking information web site by December 31, 2018.

Requires the web site to include a searchable collection of all currently proposed agency rules indexed by topic, keyword, and agency name.

Requires an agency, upon receipt of a public comment received through the state rule-making web site, to respond by e-mail or letter to the person making the comment if he or she provided an e-mail or mailing address.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to State Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1588 by Representatives Shea, Short, Kretz, McCaslin, Taylor, and Griffey

Ensuring that development regulations do not impede the protection of structures from wildfires.

Requires, for the purpose of defending structures from wildfire, city or county regulations that protect critical areas using best available science to also allow for the removal of vegetation located in a critical area.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Environment (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1589 by Representatives Shea, McCaslin, and Taylor

Specifying that certain types of changes to the allowable uses of a right-of-way are not subject to the requirements of the state environmental policy act.

Exempts the following from the requirements of the state environmental policy act: An action by a lead agency that results in the amendment of the allowable uses of an existing right-of-way if certain conditions are met.

Declares that the classes of vehicles that an action, exempt under the state environmental policy act, may newly authorize is the use of golf carts.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Environment (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report). HB 1590 by Representatives Blake, Buys, Springer, Pettigrew, Dent, Lytton, Stanford, Chandler, Fitzgibbon, Schmick, and Smith

Concerning the protection of composting from nuisance lawsuits.

Confirms that composting activities are recognized as agricultural activities and protected from nuisance lawsuits.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1591 by Representative Klippert

Increasing the punishment for vehicular assault.

Increases the length of a sentence for vehicular assault while driving under the influence when there has been a prior conviction for vehicular assault while driving under the influence.

- -- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 First reading, referred to Public Safety (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1592 by Representative Klippert

Concerning dealer deliveries to active law enforcement officers.

Authorizes a firearms dealer to deliver a pistol to a purchaser if: (1) The purchaser produces a valid commission card issued by a state law enforcement agency that shows the purchaser is a full-time, commissioned law enforcement officer of the agency; and

(2) The firearms dealer has recorded certain information about the purchaser.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 1593 by Representatives Vick and Kirby

Simplifying small securities offerings.

Revises the securities act of Washington to simplify small securities offerings.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4009 by Representatives Shea, Senn, Taylor, Farrell, Harmsworth, Goodman, McCaslin,

Pollet, Volz, Macri, Springer, McBride, Rodne, Kagi, Slatter, Clibborn, Graves, Haler, and Hargrove

Condemning the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement.

Condemns the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 5407 by Senators Frockt, Miloscia, Walsh, Mullet, Billig, and Kuderer

Concerning the preservation of housing options for tenants.

Prohibits a landlord from refusing to lease or rent real property to an applicant or expelling a tenant from real property based on the source of income of an otherwise eligible applicant or tenant.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 5408 by Senators Cleveland, Miloscia, Kuderer, and Saldaña

Increasing the notice of termination for tenancies under the residential landlord-tenant act.

Revises the residential landlord-tenant act with regard to the length of time in which a tenant must give notice for termination of a rental agreement.

- -- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.
- SB 5409 by Senators Conway, O'Ban, Angel, Zeiger, and Becker

Extending the sales and use tax deferral for historic automobile museums.

Extends the time in which a nonprofit organization, corporation, or association must begin paying the deferred sales and use taxes for historic automobile museums.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development.
- SB 5410 by Senators Rivers, Cleveland, Bailey, and Conway

Addressing contracts between insurance carriers and vision care providers.

Prohibits a contract between a vision care provider and an entity that offers vision care insurance or a vision care discount care plan from: (1) Limiting or specifying the fee that a vision care provider may charge for vision care services or materials that are not reimbursed by the vision care insurance or discount care plan;

(2) Requiring a vision care provider to participate in one vision care insurance plan or discount care program as a condition for participating in another insurance plan;

(3) Changing terms, contractual discounts, or reimbursement rates, under vision care insurance or a discount card, without a signed acknowledgment that the provider agrees to the changes; and

(4) Restricting or limiting a provider's choice of suppliers of materials.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 5411 by Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Warnick, and Conway

Concerning eye care.

Establishes the consumer protection in eye care act.

Protects consumers from improper or unsupervised use of technology for purposes of obtaining a prescription for corrective lenses or obtaining any other diagnosis or assistance.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 5412 by Senators Takko, Zeiger, Warnick, and Miloscia

Concerning the state building code council.

Requires the state building code council to: (1) Adopt a revised process for the review of proposed statewide amendments and proposed or enacted local amendments to the codes enumerated in RCW 19.27.031;

(2) Create a procedure for the approval of any material, product, equipment, method of construction, design, or system that has been certified pursuant to the international organization for standardization/international electrotechnical commission standard number 17065; and

(3) In consultation with the office of the chief information officer, assess the costs and benefits of the potential acquisition and implementation of open public access information technologies to enhance the council's code adoption process.

Changes the composition of the state building code council.

Requires the department of enterprise services to employ permanent and temporary staff and contract for services for the state building code council.

Creates the legislative task force on the state building code council's administration and operations.

Requires the task force to review and provide recommendations on certain issues with regard to the state building code council, the state building code, and the department of enterprise services.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --Jan 24 First reading, referred to Local Government.

SB 5413 by Senators Cleveland and Bailey; by request of Washington State Medical Commission

Concerning physician limited licenses.

Addresses the medical quality assurance commission's issuance of limited licenses for physicians.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 5414 by Senators Fortunato, Rivers, Miloscia, and Zeiger

Concerning public transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

Requires certain counties, cities, and transportation authorities to provide transportation services, such as paratransit or dial-a-ride, throughout its entire service area to a person: (1) Who is over seventy years old;

(2) With disabilities; or

(3) With a developmental disability.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5415 by Senator Chase

Creating a tax on plastic shopping bags.

Imposes a two-cent tax on each plastic bag supplied by a seller to a buyer at retail sale.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.

SB 5416 by Senator Chase

Repealing the tax exemption on intangible property to provide funding for essential government services.

Provides funding for essential government services by repealing the tax exemption on intangible property.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5417 by Senator Chase

Requiring the state to compensate associated student body program food or beverage sales revenue losses.

Requires the state to compensate the associated student body program fund for revenue losses from a student body program's food or beverage sales in schools.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5418 by Senator Chase

Enacting recommendations of the sunshine committee.

Addresses the recommendations of the sunshine committee with regard to the public records act.

Jan 24 First reading, referred to State Government.

SB 5419 by Senator Chase

Concerning paint stewardship.

Creates an architectural paint recovery program that will be enforced by the department of ecology.

Requires all producers of architectural paint selling in or into the state to participate in an approved state paint stewardship plan.

Prohibits a producer or paint retailer from selling architectural paint in the state unless the producer or brand of architectural paint is participating in an approved stewardship plan.

Exempts from disclosure under the public records act, records filed with the department of ecology under this act that a court has determined are confidential valuable commercial information.

Creates the paint product stewardship account.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.

SB 5420 by Senator Chase

Encouraging educating students on the content and importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Encourages school districts to implement a program at least once a year that educates students on the content and importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --Jan 24 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5421 by Senators Chase and Hasegawa

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Requires the state to limit emissions of greenhouse gases to reduce, by 2025, overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to twenty percent below 1990 levels.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --Jan 24 First reading, referred to Energy,

Environment & Telecommunications.

SB 5422 by Senator Chase

Protecting salmon and steelhead spawning beds.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Prohibit activities that harm or disturb spawning beds of salmon, steelhead, and other fish on rivers and streams where spawning activities occur; and

(2) Work cooperatively with tribal comanagers for fish resources to implement and enforce the requirements above.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --Jan 24 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5423 by Senator Chase

Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.

Revises the state civil rights act to provide: (1) Legal recourse for employees who have been harmed by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and

(2) Legal incentives for employees to prevent and respond to mistreatment of employees at work.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Commerce, Labor & Sports.

SB 5424 by Senator Chase

Creating the unlawful dog tethering act.

Establishes the unlawful dog tethering act of 2017.

Prohibits, unless certain conditions are met, restraining a domestic dog for more than ten hours in a twelve-hour period, or more than fourteen hours in a twenty-four hour period, using a tether, chain, tie, trolley, or pulley system.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5425 by Senators Carlyle, Rolfes, McCoy, and Chase; by request of Department of Ecology

Strengthening funding for oil spill programs in Washington by increasing revenue to the oil spill prevention account.

Increases revenue to the oil spill prevention account to strengthen funding for oil spill programs in the state.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.

SB 5426 by Senator Warnick

Increasing the number of tasting rooms allowed under a domestic winery license.

Changes the number of tasting rooms allowed, from two to four, for a domestic winery license.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Commerce, Labor & Sports.

SB 5427 by Senator Warnick

Providing small winery tax relief.

Provides a tax exemption on a domestic winery's sales of the first twenty thousand gallons of wine in a calendar year, except any amount of the tax that may be designated for disbursement to the Washington wine commission.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --Jan 24 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development.

SB 5428 by Senators Padden and Rossi

Addressing the costs of litigation for condominium associations.

Revises the condominium act regarding costs of litigation for condominium associations.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5429 by Senator Pearson

Reducing the number of violent interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the public.

Requires the criminal justice training commission to: (1) Review, update, and provide basic and in-service training for peace officers and corrections officers; (2) Incorporate a training component that requires cadets to meet with local minority advisory boards in each jurisdiction; and

(3) Pair cadets with seasoned veteran officers to patrol minority communities in order to observe how that officer interacts with members of the community.

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to establish minority advisory boards comprised of communities of color in each jurisdiction whose officers are trained by the criminal justice training commission.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5430 by Senator Pearson

Concerning notice to a victim when a registered out-ofstate sex offender moves to Washington.

Requires the agency to notify a victim of a sex offender or a kidnapping offender if the offender is a new resident of this state, a temporary resident of this state, or a returning resident of this state.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5431 by Senators Warnick, Chase, Takko, Brown, Hawkins, Liias, Schoesler, and Honeyford

Concerning the protection of composting from nuisance lawsuits.

Confirms that composting activities are recognized as agricultural activities and protected from nuisance lawsuits.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development.

SB 5432 by Senators Rolfes and Rivers

Concerning the funding allocation for special education programs for students with disabilities.

Revises the formula for the excess cost allocation to school districts for special education programs for students with disabilities.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 5433 by Senators Miloscia, Angel, Sheldon, and Padden

Concerning informed decision making for death with dignity decisions.

Revises the state death with dignity act to require an attending physician to inform the patient of feasible alternatives, including the treatment for the purpose of cure and the treatment for the purpose of extending the patient's life, to ensure that the patient is making an informed decision.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5434 by Senators Rivers and Cleveland

Concerning the addition of services for long-term placement of mental health patients in community hospitals that voluntarily contract and are certified by the department of social and health services.

Revises the community mental health services act with regard to the insufficient capacity at eastern and western state hospitals to meet current and growing demand for services and patients.

Requires the department of social and health services and the entities identified in RCW 71.24.310 and 71.24.380 (sections 2 and 3 of this act) to: (1) Work with willing community hospitals to assess their capacity to become certified to provide long-term mental health placements and to meet the requirements of the community mental health services act; and

(2) Enter into contracts and payment arrangements with the hospitals choosing to provide long-term mental health placements.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

SB 5435 by Senators Rivers and Cleveland

Specifying to whom information and records related to mental health services may be disclosed for the purposes of care coordination and treatment.

Authorizes information and records related to mental health services, other than those obtained through treatment under chapter 71.34 RCW (mental health services for minors), to be disclosed to a person who requires information and records related to mental health services to assure coordinated care and treatment of a patient.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

SB 5436 by Senators Becker and Cleveland

Expanding patient access to health services through telemedicine by further defining where a patient may receive the service.

Provides that an originating site for a telemedicine health care service includes any location determined by the individual receiving the service.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 5437 by Senators Chase and Honeyford; by request of Department of Agriculture

Concerning the weighmaster program.

Revises provisions relating to weighmasters.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development.
- SB 5438 by Senators Braun, Angel, Bailey, Rivers, Becker, O'Ban, Schoesler, Brown, Warnick,

King, Honeyford, Fortunato, Baumgartner, Rossi, and Sheldon

Promoting the completion of environmental impact statements within two years.

Requires a lead agency to aspire to prepare a final environmental impact statement in as expeditious a manner as possible while not compromising the integrity of the analysis.

- -- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.

SB 5439 by Senators Braun, Sheldon, Rivers, Becker, Schoesler, Bailey, Brown, Warnick, Fortunato, and Honeyford

Providing sales and use tax exemptions, in the form of a remittance of tax paid, to encourage coal-fired electric generation plants to convert to natural gas-fired plants or biomass energy facilities.

Retains jobs at existing coal-fired electric generation facilities by providing a sales and use tax exemption to allow these facilities to convert into natural gas-fired generation plants or biomass energy facilities.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5440 by Senators Zeiger, Darneille, O'Ban, Walsh, Miloscia, Hunt, Carlyle, and Warnick

Establishing the legislative-executive WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force.

Creates the legislative-executive WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force to, among other responsibilities: (1) Reduce the overall percentage of people living below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level;

(2) Prevent and address adverse childhood experiences and the trauma of children who are living in poverty; and

(3) Direct the department of social and health services to develop a five-year plan and a ten-year plan to address intergenerational poverty.

Creates the intergenerational poverty advisory committee to assist the task force.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to establish and maintain a system to track intergenerational poverty.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

SB 5441 by Senators Kuderer, Frockt, Carlyle, Keiser, Nelson, Liias, Darneille, Wellman, Saldaña, McCoy, Rolfes, Ranker, and Billig

Concerning certain procedures upon initial detention under the involuntary treatment act.

Revises involuntary treatment act provisions regarding a person who presents a likelihood of serious harm and the possession or control of a firearm.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8006 by Senators Chase and Hasegawa

Urging the United States Congress to adopt the proposed "American Recovery" program.

Urges the United States Congress to adopt the proposed "American Recovery" program.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.