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House Bills

HB 1017-S by House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives McCaslin, Barkis, Blake, Holy, Pettigrew, Haler, Taylor, Shea, Harris, Chandler, Smith, Muri, Stokesbary, Nealey, Stambaugh, Griffey, Vick, Buys, Dye, Short, Pike, Wilcox, Van Werven, Hargrove, Young, Klippert, Kilduff, and Sawyer)

Addressing the siting of schools and school facilities. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Provides that the growth management act does not prohibit: (1) A county, planning under RCW 36.70A.040, from authorizing the extension of public facilities and utilities to serve a school sited in a rural area as long as certain conditions are met; or

(2) The expansion of an existing school in the rural area or the placement of portable classrooms at an existing school in the rural area.

Allows a county to authorize the siting, in a rural area, of a school that serves students from an urban area under certain circumstances.

Requires a school district within a county that chooses to site schools, as mentioned above, to participate in the county's periodic updates required by RCW 36.70A.

Includes schools serving primarily rural students in the definition of "rural governmental services" for purposes of the growth management act.

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Jan 12 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.

Feb 16 ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 24 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Floor amendment(s) adopted. Mar 7 Rules suspended. Placed on Third

Third reading, passed; yeas, 82; nays, 15; absent, 0; excused, 1.

by House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs HB 1097-S (originally sponsored by Representatives Sawyer, Hansen, Fitzgibbon, Stanford, Jinkins, Frame, Gregerson, Santos, Tarleton, and Pollet)

Concerning tribal consultation regarding hunting rights and activities.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Authorizes the governing body of a federally recognized tribe to request a consultation with the governor and the fish and wildlife commission regarding a specific fish and wildlife department policy, rule, or action that affects tribal hunting activities.

Requires the governor to convene a meeting within thirty days of receiving the request.

Requires the fish and wildlife commission to attend the meeting, or delegate the responsibility to the director of the department of fish and wildlife, when agreed upon by the requesting tribe.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 8:00 AM.

Jan 26 CDHT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 24 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third
Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 64; nays, 33;

absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1105-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Stanford, Orcutt, Clibborn, Stambaugh, Hayes, Stonier, Koster, Holy, Ryu, Ormsby, Fey, Wylie, Dolan, Sells, Muri, Haler, Goodman, Doglio, Hudgins, Gregerson, Barkis, Kilduff, Santos, Tarleton, Pollet, Farrell, and Riccelli)

Concerning passenger-carrying vehicles for railroad employees.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Requires the utilities and transportation commission to: (1) Regulate persons providing contract railroad crew transportation and contract crew hauling vehicles with respect to the safety of equipment, driver qualifications, permitting, insurance, and safety of operations;

- (2) Adopt rules, require reports, and establish mandatory reporting of compliance regarding contract crew hauling vehicles;
- (3) Conduct at least one unannounced inspection of contract crew hauling vehicles in use by a person contracting with the railroad company every two years by inspecting at least a sampling of vehicles as part of each inspection conducted;
- (4) Investigate safety complaints related to contract crew hauling transportation;
- (5) Compile data regarding reported safety complaints, accidents, regulatory violations and fines, and corrective actions taken by the commission involving passenger-carrying vehicles; and
- (6) Develop an inspection program for contract crew hauling vehicles.

Authorizes the chief of the state patrol, upon request, to assist the commission in the inspections.

Requires the department of licensing to: (1) Issue a course completion certificate upon successful completion of a sixteen-hour safety course; and

(2) Charge a reasonable fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars for issuance of the completion certificate.

Exempts the following from disclosure under the public records act: Personally identifying information included in safety complaints.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 20 TR Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third
Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0;
absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1333-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Stambaugh, Springer, Harris, Tarleton, Haler, Muri, Jinkins, and Bergquist)

Requiring establishment of a systemwide policy for granting credit for AP exams.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Requires institutions of higher education to establish a coordinated, evidence-based policy for granting as many undergraduate college credits, as possible and appropriate, to students who have earned minimum scores of three on AP exams.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 17 HE Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
 Executive action taken in the House
 Committee on Higher Education at 10:00 AM.
- Mar 2 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third
 Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 56; nays, 41;
 absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1339-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Harris, Jinkins, Johnson, Kagi, Lovick, Ormsby, and Slatter)

Concerning restrictions on prescriptions for opioid drugs.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Requires a practitioner, before prescribing an opioid drug, to complete, on a one-time basis, continuing education regarding best practices in the prescribing of opioid drugs.

Requires each disciplining authority to adopt rules establishing requirements for prescribing opioid drugs.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 17 HCW Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.

Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third
Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 91; nays, 6;

absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1371-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Farrell, Lovick, Haler, Harris, Clibborn, Orwall, Kagi, Robinson, Appleton, Ryu, Goodman, Tarleton, Gregerson, Sells, Ormsby, and Cody)

Modifying the infraction of and penalties for distracted driving.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Addresses traffic infractions for the crimes of distracted driving and driving dangerously distracted.

Revises distracted driving provisions with regard to portable electronic devices which are defined as a device that is capable of wireless communication or electronic data retrieval and is not manufactured primarily for handsfree use in a motor vehicle.

Creates the distracted driving prevention account.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 15 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the House
Committee on Transportation at 3:30
PM.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 24 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 52; nays, 45;

Third reading, passed; yeas, 52; nays, 45 absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1465-S by House Committee on State Govt, Elections & IT (originally sponsored by Representatives Short, Lytton, Kretz, Koster, Schmick, and Fitzgibbon)

Exempting from public disclosure certain information regarding reports on wolf depredations.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Exempts the following from public disclosure under the public records act: (1) Damage prevention cooperative agreements and nonlethal preventative measures deployed to minimize wolf interactions with pets and livestock; and

(2) A reported depredation by wolves on pets or livestock.

Requires the public records exemptions accountability committee to prepare and submit a report to the legislature that includes recommendations on whether the exemptions mentioned above should be continued or allowed to expire.

Expires June 30, 2022.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 1:30 PM.

Feb 17 SEIT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at

Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

10:00 AM.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 2;

absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1481-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Hayes and Bergquist)

Creating uniformity in driver training education provided by school districts and commercial driver training schools. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Requires driver training education curriculum to be developed and maintained jointly by the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the department of licensing.

Provides the department of licensing with resources and authority to audit driver training education courses, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction for driver training education courses offered by school districts.

Requires the department of licensing and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to work together on the transfer and coordination of responsibilities to comply with this act.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Feb 20 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third
Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1;
absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1482-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives

Sawyer, Kagi, Stambaugh, Caldier, Robinson, Springer, Hargrove, Tarleton, Ormsby, Doglio, and Stanford)

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

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

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.

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

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 10:00 AM.

Feb 7 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 8:00 AM.

Feb 21 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.

Feb 24 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Mar 2 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading

Mar 7 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third
Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 67; nays, 30; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1504-S by House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Pike, Blake, Wylie, Peterson, Harris, Vick, Manweller, Tarleton, Orcutt, Farrell, Haler, Dent, Fey, Sells, Kraft, Johnson, MacEwen, Chandler, Stambaugh, Van Werven, Dye, Doglio, and Springer)

Concerning rail dependent uses for purposes of the growth management act and related development regulations.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Authorizes the following counties and each of the cities in the counties to adopt development regulations to assure that agriculture, forest, and mineral resource lands adjacent to short line railroads may be developed for freight rail dependent uses: (1) Counties located to the east of the crest of the Cascade mountains that have a population of at least two hundred forty thousand; and

(2) Counties located to the west of the crest of the Cascade mountains that have a population of at least two hundred forty thousand and a border that touches another state.

Requires development regulations related to the development of agriculture, forest, and mineral resource lands adjacent to short line railroads for freight rail dependent uses to require buffers sufficient to prevent encroachment on or impacts to the adjacent resource lands.

Authorizes the transportation element, for the following counties and each of the cities in the counties, to include development of freight rail dependent uses on land adjacent to a short line railroad: (1) Counties located to the east of the crest of the Cascade mountains that have a population of at least two hundred forty thousand; and

(2) Counties located to the west of the crest of the Cascade mountains that have a population of at least two hundred forty thousand and a border that touches another state

Authorizes development regulations to be modified to include development of freight rail dependent uses that do not require urban government services in rural lands.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.

Feb 16 ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third
Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 83; nays, 14;
absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1562-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Stonier, Orwall, Senn, Slatter, Peterson, Lovick, Farrell, Santos, Ryu, McBride, Ortiz-Self, Hudgins, Pollet, Riccelli, Macri, Pike, Stanford, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Bergquist, Tharinger, Sawyer, Ormsby, Dolan, Cody, and Fey)

Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Establishes the Washington food policy forum, as a public-private partnership, and requires the forum to: (1) Increase the direct marketing sales of local farm products;

(2) Reduce food insecurity in the state;

- (3) Identify opportunities to improve coordination between local food policy councils and state and federal agencies; and
- (4) Identify rules and regulations impeding the viability of small acreage agriculture.

Gives responsibility to the directors of the state conservation commission and the department of agriculture for appointing participating members of the forum. Expires July 1, 2019.

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

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 9 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 24 APP Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
 Executive action taken in the House
 Committee on Appropriations at 10:00
- Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 7 2nd substitute bill substituted.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third
 Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 63; nays, 34;
 absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1714-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Doglio, Ryu, Pollet, Peterson, McBride, Wylie, Stonier, Goodman, Sawyer, Bergquist, Gregerson, Sullivan, Lytton, Tharinger, Chapman, Lovick, Senn, Hansen, Sells, Frame, Fitzgibbon, Riccelli, Macri, Jinkins, Dolan, Stanford, Orwall, Ortiz-Self, Farrell, Slatter, Tarleton, Clibborn, Fey, Kilduff, Reeves, Pettigrew, Appleton, Robinson, Blake, Ormsby, Pellicciotti, Kloba, Hudgins, and Santos)

Concerning nursing staffing practices at hospitals.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Establishes the Washington state patient safety act.

Requires the department of health to: (1) Upon receipt of a complaint, investigate the complaint and, if it determines that there has been a violation, require the hospital to submit a corrective plan of action; and

(2) Maintain, for public inspection, records of civil penalties, administrative actions, or license suspensions or revocations imposed on hospitals.

Requires a hospital to submit a staffing plan to the department of health, implement the staffing plan, and assign nursing personnel to each patient care unit in accordance with the plan.

Requires a nurse staffing committee, in the development of an annual patient care unit and shift-based nurse staffing plan, to include: (1) The availability of other personnel supporting nursing services on the unit; and

(2) Strategies to enable nurses to take meal and rest breaks.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 17 HCW Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Referred to Appropriations.
 Executive action taken in the House
 Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 24 APP Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Health Care & Wellness.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
 Executive action taken in the House
 Committee on Appropriations at 10:00
- Mar 2 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third
 Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 61; nays, 36;
 absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1831-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Macri, Santos, Ortiz-Self, Frame, Kagi, Fitzgibbon, Stanford, Ormsby, and Pollet)

Revising resource limitations for public assistance. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Revises the definition of "resource" for purposes of eligibility requirements for an exemption of a resource in order to qualify for public assistance.

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

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 17 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 24 APP Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
 Executive action taken in the House
 Committee on Appropriations at 10:00
- Mar 3 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third
Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 75; nays, 22;
absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1913 by Representatives Dolan, Van Werven, and Haler; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Creating a leasehold excise tax exemption for certain leasehold interests in facilities owned or used by schools, colleges, or universities.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Provides a leasehold excise tax exemption for leasehold interests in facilities owned or used by a community college or technical college, and the leasehold interest provides: (1) Food services for students, faculty, and staff:

- (2) The operation of a bookstore on campus; or
- (3) Maintenance, operational, or administrative services to the community college or technical college.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Feb 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Mar 3 FIN Majority; do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Executive action taken in the House
 Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Mar 6 Rules suspended.

Placed on second reading.

Mar 7 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 86; nays, 11; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2029-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Santos, Tarleton, Fey, Farrell, McBride, Wylie, Peterson, Kloba, Gregerson, Clibborn, Jinkins, Kagi, Bergquist, Ormsby, Hudgins, Stanford, Tharinger, and Macri)

Providing a referral resource for those seeking information and assistance for immigration and citizenship related matters.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Requires the human rights commission, in consultation with relevant state agencies, and individuals or groups having experience and knowledge of immigration law and the provision of immigration and citizenship related assistance, including those with experience providing culturally appropriate services to populations that have traditionally been underserved or unserved, to establish a toll-free telephone hotline and a web site to refer callers and users to sources of information and assistance for victims of hate crimes or harassment due to their actual or perceived immigration, national origin, or citizenship related status.

Exempts the following personal information from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Information revealing the identity of a person or entity requesting information or assistance via the hotline or web site.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 16 JUDI Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

 Minority; do not pass.

 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:00 PM.
- Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 24 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Senate Bills

SB 5131-S by Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor & Sports (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers and Conway; by request of Liquor and Cannabis Board)

Concerning marijuana with respect to privileges for research licenses, local authority notifications, the retail licensing merit-based application process, processor wholesale events, certain transfers of plants and seeds, residency licensing agreements and contracts, requirements, and jurisdictional requirements. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning marijuana with respect to privileges for research licenses, local authority notifications, the retail licensing merit-based application process, certain transfers of plants and seeds, licensing agreements and contracts, advertising, and jurisdictional requirements.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Modifies marijuana provisions with regard to privileges for research licenses, local authority notifications, the retail licensing merit-based application process, transfers of plants and seeds, licensing agreements and contracts, advertising, and jurisdictional requirements.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 CLS Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

 Minority; without recommendation.

 Executive action taken in the Senate
 Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Feb 7 Committee.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

SB 5465-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Miloscia, Hasegawa, Rolfes, O'Ban, Darneille, Angel, and Frockt)

Creating an office of the corrections ombuds.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Creates the office of the corrections ombuds, which is funded by the office of the state auditor, to: (1) Work for improved conditions and programs; and

(2) Support fair treatment of inmates in the state.

Requires the governor to convene an ombuds advisory council with several purposes in support of the ombuds

Requires the state auditor to designate, by a competitive bidding process, the nonprofit organization that will contract to operate the office of the corrections ombuds.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.

Feb 16 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. And refer to Ways & Means. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00

Feb 17 Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 21 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Law & Justice. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

SB 5620-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Hobbs, Fain, Mullet, and Palumbo)

Concerning transportation network companies.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Provides statewide uniform regulation encourages transportation network companies, technological innovation, and preserves and enhances access to transportation options for residents of and visitors to the state.

Creates the transportation network company account.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Public hearing in the Senate Committee Feb 8 on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 21 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 1:30

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 34; nays, 15;

absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5659-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Hawkins, Schoesler, and Warnick)

Addressing the eligibility of emergency medical technicians employed by public hospital districts for membership in the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Clarifies that only emergency medical technicians who provide emergency medical services qualify as firefighters under chapter 459, Laws of 2005.

Provides that this act is curative and remedial and is effective retroactively to July 24, 2005.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 22 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Mar 1 Committee.

Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 41; nays, 8; absent, 0; excused, 0.