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**HB 1438-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Sullivan, Jarrett, Upthegrove, Nixon, Schoesler, Crouse, Wood, Gombosky, Ruderman, Cooper, Linville, Rockefeller, Hudgins, McDermott and Wallace)

Providing incentives to reduce air pollution through the use of neighborhood electric vehicles.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/03)

Declares that a "neighborhood electric vehicle" means a self-propelled, electrically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle whose speed attainable in one mile is more than twenty miles per hour and not more than twenty-five miles per hour and conforms to federal regulations under Title 49 C.F.R. Part 571.500.

Declares that the provisions of chapter 46.37 RCW with respect to equipment required on vehicles shall not apply to neighborhood electric vehicles, motorcycles, or motor-driven cycles except as herein made applicable.

Provides that, absent prohibition by local authorities authorized under this act and except as prohibited elsewhere in this act, a person may operate a neighborhood electric vehicle upon a highway of this state having a speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour or less under designated conditions.

Declares that this act does not prevent local authorities, with respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction and within the reasonable exercise of their police power, from regulating the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles on streets and highways under their jurisdiction, including the prohibition of neighborhood electric vehicles on certain streets and highways, by resolution or ordinance of the governing body.

**-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --**

Feb 28 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Mar 4 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Mar 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
 Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed: yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 2.

**- IN THE SENATE -**

Mar 16 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

**HB 1852-S** by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Conway, Cox, Cody, Kenney, Pflug, Clements, O'Brien, Chase, Morrell, Veloria and Skinner)

Facilitating collaboration among health care work force stakeholders to address the health care personnel shortage.

Provides that the board shall: (1) Facilitate ongoing collaboration among stakeholders in order to address the health care personnel shortage;

(2) In collaboration with stakeholders, establish and maintain a state strategic plan for ensuring an adequate supply of health care personnel that safeguards the ability of the health care delivery system in Washington state to provide quality, accessible health care to residents of Washington; and

(3) Report to the governor and legislature by December 31, 2003, and annually thereafter, on progress on the state plan and make additional recommendations as necessary.

Repeals RCW 28B.125.005, 28B.125.010, 28B.125.020, and 28B.125.030.

**-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --**

Mar 4 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed: yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 2.

**- IN THE SENATE -**

Mar 16 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

**HB 1853-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Rockefeller, Woods, Haigh, Morris, Quall and Lantz)

Providing passenger ferry service.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that passenger-only ferry service is a key element to the state's transportation system and that it is in the interest of the state to make provision for such services.

Finds that diminished state transportation resources require that local authorities be authorized to develop, operate, and fund needed services.

Declares an intent that the state provide for a transition from state-provided to local service and that the department of transportation provide resources to assist in this effort.

Declares an intent to encourage interlocal agreements to ensure passenger-only ferry service is maintained on routes that the Washington state ferry system eliminates.

Provides that a public transportation benefit area may, as part of a passenger ferry investment plan, recommend some or all of the following revenue sources as provided in this chapter: (1) A motor vehicle excise tax;

(2) A sales and use tax;

(3) Tolls for passengers and packages and, where applicable, parking; and

(4) Charges or licensing fees for advertising, leasing space for services to ferry passengers, and other revenue-generating activities.

Provides that taxes may not be imposed without an affirmative vote of the majority of the voters within the boundaries of the area voting on a single ballot proposition to both approve a passenger ferry investment plan and to approve taxes to implement the plan. Revenues from these

taxes and fees may be used only to implement the plan. A district may contract with the state department of revenue or other appropriate entities for administration and collection of any of the taxes or charges authorized in this act.

**-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --**

Mar 14 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2021-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Boldt, Moeller, Upthegrove and Kenney)

Requiring disclosure of air bag status of a vehicle in private sales.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/03)

Requires that, when a vehicle is sold by a private party transaction between the registered owner and a private buyer, the registered owner must disclose if the vehicle being sold was or was not originally equipped with air bags, to the best of his or her knowledge. Effective January 1, 2004, the report of sale form, as provided for in this act, must contain the following statements which the registered owner must complete, in order for the report of sale to be deemed properly filed: "The vehicle described in this report of sale, to the best of my knowledge, does or does not (circle one) currently contain the same number and type of operational air bags with which it was originally equipped."

Declares that, for purposes of this act, "private party transaction" means a transaction in which a vehicle is being sold by the registered owner to a private buyer, and does not include any vehicle sale transactions executed by a licensed business.

**-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --**

Mar 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Mar 10 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Mar 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed: yeas, 88; nays, 8; absent, 2.

**- IN THE SENATE -**

Mar 16 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

**HB 2067** by Representatives Schoesler and Cox

Permitting withdrawals of public ground waters.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/03)

Amends RCW 90.44.050 relating to withdrawals of public ground waters for domestic use of clustered residential developments.

Provides that, on a pilot project basis, the use of water for domestic use in clustered residential developments is exempt as described in this act from the permit requirements of RCW 90.44.050 in Whitman county. The department must review the use of water under this section and its impact on water resources in the county and report to the legislature by December 31st of each even-numbered year through 2016 regarding its review.

Provides that, for the pilot project, the domestic use of water for a clustered residential development is exempt from the permit requirements of RCW 90.44.050 for an amount of water that is not more than one thousand two hundred gallons a day per residence for a residential development that has an overall density equal to or less than one residence per ten acres.

Declares that no new right to use water may be established for a clustered development under this act where the first residential use of water for the development begins after December 31, 2015.

**-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --**

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.  
Mar 5 AGNR - Executive action taken by committee.  
AGNR - Majority; do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Mar 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
Mar 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Mar 13 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed: yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 2.

**- IN THE SENATE -**

Mar 16 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

**HB 2222** by Representative Ericksen

Studying the Washington commerce corridor.

Declares that the Washington commerce corridor may be an alternative route to Interstate 5 that facilitates the movement of freight, goods, people, and utilities.

Provides that, to aid the legislature in its determination of whether a commerce corridor should be advanced for further study and consideration, the department shall retain outside experts to conduct an initial study to assess the key issues. This study information is intended to be used by the legislature to consider whether further investments for corridor development should be pursued by either the public or private sectors. The department shall submit to the 2005 legislature a study that identifies the key issues involved with the corridor proposal.

Provides that, by December 1, 2004, the department shall submit the study findings on the conceptual corridor proposal to the legislative transportation committee. The legislative transportation committee shall recommend to the legislature whether the department shall seek proposals from private companies to develop the corridor. The recommendation must include proposed legislation that sets

forth the framework for the agreements that the department may enter into for the project. If the legislature does not enact legislation authorizing a solicitation of proposals, the department shall not pursue further investigation of the commerce corridor.

**-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --**

Mar 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**HB 2223** by Representatives Hunt, Alexander,  
Romero and Santos

Allowing The Evergreen State College capital projects account to retain its interest income.

Authorizes The Evergreen State College capital projects account to retain its interest income.

**-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --**

Mar 15 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.