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#### House Bills

**HB 1689-S** by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Schoesler, Cooper, Chandler, Holmquist and Hatfield)

Implementing the federal permit requirements for municipal separate storm sewer system permits.

# (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/19/03)

Declares an intent to: (1) Provide direction to the department and to municipalities regarding the development and implementation of phase two of the federal clean water act's national pollutant discharge elimination system permit program in Washington;

(2) Recognize the eastern Washington stakeholder process for developing a storm water manual and direct the department to work within that process when implementing the phase two program in eastern Washington; and

(3) Establish a stakeholder process to assist the department in identifying and addressing issues related to developing and implementing the federal national pollutant discharge elimination system permit programs in western Washington and to advise and assist the department as it drafts these permits.

Encourages local governments to cooperate with each other, share resources and coordinate actions to develop and implement programs and activities to satisfy the requirements of permits issued to them according to this act. This provision shall not be interpreted as a requirement for local governments. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to alter or create exemptions to the requirements of chapter 39.04 RCW.

Directs the department to establish a permit development advisory group for western Washington to advise and assist the department regarding permits for municipal separate storm sewer systems.

Directs the department to develop a municipal separate storm sewer system permit or permits that addresses the issues and needs of municipalities operating these systems in eastern Washington. The department shall use the advisory group it has established in eastern Washington to develop a storm water management manual to advise and assist the department regarding permits for municipal separate storm sewer systems to be issued in eastern Washington.

Provides that, during the development of permits according to this chapter, the permit development advisory group for western Washington established in this act and the eastern Washington advisory group identified in this act shall advise and assist the department to develop a menu of best management practices as required under the federal clean water act (33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq.). These groups also shall review and provide advice and assistance on the draft permits as they are developed.

Provides that, no later than December 1, 2003, the department shall submit a progress report regarding the work of the western Washington permit development advisory group and the eastern Washington advisory group to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

# -- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 4 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

- Mar 5 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 19 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed: yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0.

#### - IN THE SENATE -

Mar 21 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

**HB 1960-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Jarrett, Cooper, Dickerson and Hudgins)

Governing regional transportation. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Studying regional transportation governance.)

#### (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/19/03)

Provides that, subject to legislative funding, the legislative transportation committee shall conduct a study to determine whether the creation of a Puget Sound regional transportation district governed by an elected board would lead to better use of transportation resources and whether this district would improve transportation planning and governance in the region. The study shall: (1) Review current local and regional transportation planning and governance structures located in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties;

(2) Review the interaction between state transportation planning and governance and the local and regional structures in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties;

(3) Examine whether an elected board assuming the functions of the current metropolitan planning organization and the current regional transportation planning organization would improve transportation planning;

(4) Examine whether the state should consider delegating state transportation planning for the region to an elected board;

(5) Examine whether an elected board would provide more efficient and accountable governance than the current board of the regional transportation investment district;

(6) Examine how the size of the board, and whether the board was elected by council districts, would influence transportation governance;

(7) Examine the elected board assuming the governance of local transit districts in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties would provide more efficient transportation governance; and

(8) Examine whether lesser steps than transferral of governing authority over local transit districts or the regional transportation investment district, such as coordination of existing transportation planning, operations, and services, might enhance transportation efficiency.

Requires the legislative transportation committee to report the results of its study to the transportation committees of the house of representatives and senate by December 10, 2003.

# -- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 10 TR Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 13 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 19 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed: yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0.

- IN THE SENATE -

Mar 21 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

HB 2030 by Representatives Kessler, Cairnes, Talcott, McDonald, Schindler, Shabro, Pearson and Holmquist; by request of Governor Locke

Changing requirements regarding state and local tax to provide for municipal business and occupation tax uniformity and fairness.

## (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/19/03)

Finds that businesses in Washington are concerned about the potential for multiple taxation that arises due to the various city business and occupation taxes and are concerned about the lack of uniformity among city jurisdictions. The current system has a negative impact on Washington's business climate.

Finds, also, that local business and occupation tax revenue provides a sizable portion of city revenue that is used for essential services.

Recognizes that local government services contribute to a healthy business climate.

Declares an intent to provide for a more uniform system of city business and occupation taxes that eliminates multiple taxation, while allowing for some continued local control and flexibility to cities.

Directs the department of revenue to conduct a study of the net fiscal impacts of this act, with particular emphasis on the revenue impacts of the apportionment and allocation method contained in section 13 of this act and any revenue impact resulting from the increased uniformity and consistency provided through the model ordinance.

Declares an intent through this study to provide accurate fiscal impact analysis and recommended options to alleviate revenue impacts from this act so as to allow local jurisdictions to anticipate and appropriately address any potential adverse revenue impacts from this act.

Directs the department of revenue to report by December 31, 2004, to the governor and the fiscal committees of the legislature on the definitions used in the proposed model ordinance.

#### -- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance.
- Mar 10 FIN Executive action taken by committee. FIN - Majority; do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

- Mar 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 19 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed: yeas, 73; nays, 25; absent, 0.

#### - IN THE SENATE -

Mar 21 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

#### **House Joint Memorials**

HJM 4025 by Representatives Chandler, Grant, Condotta, Newhouse, Clements, Boldt and Armstrong

Requesting a preference for Washington wines and water. Requests a preference for Washington wines and water. Expresses an aversion to French wines and waters.

-- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 21 First reading, referred to Trade & Economic Development.

#### Senate Bills

**SB 5903-S** by Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Carlson)

Providing additional sentencing alternatives for juvenile offenders.

#### (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/19/03)

Provides additional sentencing alternatives for juvenile offenders.

Declares that, because model adherence and competent delivery of research-based intervention programs is critical for reducing recidivism, the Washington state institute for public policy shall develop adherence and outcome standards for measuring effectiveness of treatment programs referred to in this act. The standards shall be developed and presented to the governor and legislature no later than January 1, 2004. The standards shall include methods for measuring competent delivery of interventions as well as success factors following treatment.

Creates a task force for the purpose of examining the coordination of information, education services, and matters of public safety when juvenile offenders are placed into public schools, following their conviction.

Requires the task force to identify specific policies and statutory, administrative, and practice processes and barriers that may operate to impede: (1) The identification and delivery of appropriate and coordinated services to juvenile offenders who are placed in, or returned to, public schools following conviction of an offense; and

(2) Transmittal of information regarding juvenile offenders who are returned to, or placed in, public schools following conviction of an offense.

Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the legislature, and the agencies represented on the task force not later than December 1, 2003.

#### -- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 5 CFC Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 19 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
  - Third reading, passed: yeas, 36; nays, 11; absent, 2.

#### - IN THE HOUSE -

Mar 21 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

# SB 5949 by Senators Deccio and Thibaudeau

Establishing emergency service requirements for hospitals.

#### (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/19/03)

Requires a hospital to provide emergency services twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week in a designated area of the hospital. A hospital shall meet all the requirements for emergency facilities that are established by the department and shall provide emergency services in a manner that meets the requirements established by federal law for the medical screening and stabilization of patients, including women in active labor, who present to the hospital for emergency services.

Provides that a hospital providing emergency services under this act shall have, at a minimum, the following: (1) A physician who is qualified to provide emergency services immediately available in the hospital;

(2) A roster of on-call medical staff members; and

(3) Procedures to minimize a patient's risk until the patient is transported or transferred to another hospital if emergency services cannot be provided at the hospital to meet the needs of the patient in an emergency.

Requires a specialty hospital providing emergency services under this act to maintain a transfer agreement with a general hospital that establishes the process for patient transfers in a situation in which the specialty hospital cannot provide continuing care for a patient because of the specialty hospital's scope of services.

Does not apply to: (1) A specialty hospital that provides only psychiatric, pediatric, long-term acute care, or rehabilitative services;

(2) A hospital that was licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW prior to January 1, 2003; or

(3) A hospital designated as a critical access hospital under the provisions of Part A Title XVIII of the Social Security Act Section 1820, 42 U.S.C., 1395i-4.

Requires the department of health, in consultation with affected stakeholders such as hospitals, physicians, and nurses, to study the establishment of specialty hospitals, the requirements of this act, and the impact that specialty hospitals have on the delivery of health care.

#### -- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- Mar 3 HEA Majority; do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 7 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 19 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed: yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0.

#### - IN THE HOUSE -

- Mar 21 First reading, referred to Health Care.
- SB 6052 by Senators Johnson and Rossi; by request of Office of Financial Management

Changing alternative route teacher certification provisions. Revises alternative route teacher certification provisions.

#### -- 2003 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 21 First reading, referred to Education.