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## **House Bills**

## **HB 2370** by Representative Veloria

Regulating condominiums created on or before July 1, 1990.

Provides that the declaration shall provide for the collection of all sums assessed by the association of apartment owners for the share of the common expenses chargeable to any apartment, and state the formulas or methods used in establishing the allocation of these expenses among the apartment owners. The formulas or methods required under this provision must result in an allocation of the common expenses among the apartment owners that is reasonable and equitable.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2371 by Representatives Cooper, Upthegrove, Hunt, G. Simpson, Chase, Hudgins, Wood, McIntire, Moeller and Kagi

Allowing for wildlife management through the limited use of body-gripping traps.

Authorizes the director to issue a special trapping permit during the livestock birthing season to a person who applies for such a permit in writing, and establishes that there exists on his or her property an individual coyote, or an identified group of coyotes, that is either causing injury, or is a threat to cause injury, to commercial livestock during the birthing season of that species of livestock.

Authorizes the owner or operator of commercial timber, as those terms are defined in RCW 76.09.020, to use a number 110 Conibear trap to trap mountain beaver if nonlethal control tools, including but not limited to fencing, electrical fencing, or tree-wrapping, cannot be reasonably applied.

Requires any individual mountain beavers trapped under this act, and the approximate location of the trapping, to be reported to the department on an annual basis.

Directs the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a series of statewide public outreach and education efforts during the 2004 calendar year that explain the availability and function of the special permits allowed under RCW 77.15.194 and this act.

Creates the legislative furbearer study group to meet during the interim between the 2004 and 2005 legislative sessions.

Provides that the study group shall limit its activities to investigating the issues and options associated with the proper treatment and ultimate disposition of animal pelts and carcasses lawfully captured and killed by a body-gripping trap.

Requires the study group to report to the legislature by December 31, 2004, with its recommendations, if any, in the form of suggested legislation.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Fisheries, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2372 by Representatives McCoy, Veloria, Conway, Morrell, G. Simpson, Chase, Upthegrove, Kenney, Hudgins, Wood and Moeller Requiring a competitive bid process on certain state construction projects.

Finds that the development of the state's economy depends on the nurturing and growth of the state's small businesses.

Provides that the department shall require the competitive bidding of all subcontracts on public construction projects of at least ten million dollars that are awarded to general contractors based on a competitive bid process.

Directs the department to work with general contractors on advertising subcontract bid opportunities to Washington businesses, including providing access to the state contractor prequalification list and the office of minority and women's business enterprises certified minority and women's businesses list.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to State Government.

## **HB 2373** by Representatives Nixon and Ruderman

Prohibiting local governments from limiting citizens' ability to protect their homes from fires by removing or trimming potentially dangerous trees or vegetation near their homes.

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#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Local Government.

#### **HB 2374** by Representative Nixon

Regarding the duty of sheriffs to develop best practice standards for law enforcement agencies.

Directs the sheriffs to review the operations and efficiencies of all law enforcement agencies within the county, including municipal police departments, and develop best practice standards for such agencies.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

## **HB 2375** by Representative Nixon

Regarding the duty of sheriffs to investigate allegations against public officials.

Directs the sheriffs to investigate, upon formal request by a county executive, county prosecutor, or county legislative body, or by a municipal executive, municipal attorney, or municipal legislative body, allegations of bribery, corruption, fraud, or other forms of crimes, malfeasance, or misconduct on the part of any elected or appointed official or officer of the county or municipality.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

## **HB 2376** by Representatives Nixon and Kirby

Allowing intermediate drivers to carry unrelated underage passengers.

Finds that, since the enactment of the intermediate driver license law in 2000, the restriction on carrying passengers under the age of 20 has prevented many young drivers from carpooling to and from school, sporting events, and other extracurricular activities. This wastes fuel and contributes to congestion on our roadways, defeating many important transportation goals of the state.

Declares an intent to correct this situation by allowing holders of intermediate licenses to once again carry unrelated underage passengers.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Transportation.

## **HB 2377** by Representatives Lovick and Dickerson

Reorganizing provisions concerning mental health services for minors.

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#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2378 by Representatives Armstrong, Anderson, Schoesler, Nixon and Woods

Limiting the rule-making authority of certain entities to those instances where there is a specific grant of legislative authority.

Finds that the people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them, that one of the most fundamental principles of a free people is that citizens are presumed innocent of wrongdoing until proven guilty, and that due process requires that government bear the burden of establishing a person's guilt, not that the citizen bears the burden of proving his or her innocence.

Finds that citizens generally lack the resources that state agencies have at their disposal to defend administrative rules that may have been adopted unlawfully and are therefore invalid because of agency noncompliance with proper administrative procedures, that may violate constitutional provisions, that may exceed the agency's statutory authority, or that may be arbitrary and capricious.

Finds that in order to enhance the faith, credibility, and trust of the people in government, it is necessary and proper to place the burden upon state agencies, not individual citizens, to demonstrate that the administrative rules they adopt are lawful and valid.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to State Government.

**HB 2379** by Representatives Armstrong, Nixon and Hunter

Providing for training peace officers to reduce deaths.

Provides peace officers essential training in firearm retention and survival techniques.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, from the general fund to the criminal justice training commission for the sole purpose of providing Washington peace officers comprehensive training in

weapon retention and survival techniques, including techniques for defending against assailants trying to disarm an officer's drawn gun and for regaining control if disarmed.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2380 by Representatives Grant, Armstrong, Upthegrove, Schoesler, Linville, Nixon, Ruderman, Hunter, Woods and Orcutt

Requiring the governor's signature on significant legislative rules.

Requires the governor's signature on significant legislative rules.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to State Government.

HB 2381 by Representatives Kenney, Cox, Fromhold, Chase, Miloscia, Morrell and

Moeller

Ensuring the quality of degree-granting institutions of higher education.

Requires that an institution be accredited or be making progress toward accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education.

Directs the board to develop and disseminate information to the public about entities that sell or award degrees without requiring appropriate academic achievement at the postsecondary level, including but not limited to, a description of the substandard and potentially fraudulent practices of these entities, and advice about how the public can recognize and avoid the entities.

Declares that no exemption granted under chapter 28B.85 RCW is permanent.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2382 by Representatives Kenney, Cox, Fromhold, Nixon, Anderson, Ruderman, Chase, Schual-Berke, Miloscia, Hudgins, Wood, Morrell, Santos, Moeller and Kagi

Improving articulation and transfer between institutions of higher education.

Finds that current policies and procedures do not provide for efficient transfer of courses, credits, or prerequisites for academic majors. Furthermore, the state's public higher education system must expand its capacity to enroll transfer students in baccalaureate education. The higher education coordinating board must take a leadership role in working with the community and technical colleges and four-year institutions to ensure efficient and seamless transfer across the state.

Declares an intent to build clearer pathways to baccalaureate degrees, improve statewide coordination of transfer and articulation, and ensure long-term capacity in the state's higher education system for transfer students.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to conduct a gap analysis of upper division capacity in the public higher education system to accommodate transfer students. The analysis must address the total number of enrollment slots, specific academic majors, and geographic location of demand and supply of upper division capacity.

Directs the board to make a progress report by January 10, 2005, and a final report by December 10, 2005, with recommendations to the higher education committees of the senate and house of representatives for how the state should expand upper division capacity in various locations across the state.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2383 by Representatives Kenney, Cox, Fromhold, Chase, Hudgins, Wood, Morrell, Santos and Kagi

Providing for paying part-time faculty at institutions of higher education.

Provides that a bargained contract at an institution of higher education may include a provision requiring that part-time academic employees be compensated on a pay schedule that coincides with the paydays used for full-time academic employees, except that the first paycheck for a part-time academic employee in any academic term shall be issued not later than ten days after the commencement of employment.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2384 by Representatives Schindler, Romero, Cooper, Sump, Kristiansen, Linville, Pearson, G. Simpson, Cox, O'Brien, Chase, Roach, Miloscia, Mielke, Boldt and Ormsby

Requiring voter approval of certain city assumptions of water-sewer districts.

Provides that a city may not assume, under chapter 35.13A RCW, the jurisdiction of all or part of a water-sewer district serving a population greater than five thousand residents and containing, within its boundaries, the territory of two or more cities, or one city and unincorporated territory, unless voters of the entire water-sewer district approve a ballot proposition authorizing the assumption under general election law.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Local Government.

**HB 2385** by Representatives Talcott and Pearson

Providing for education during teacher strikes.

Declares an intent to ensure that during a teacher strike, a basic education is provided to all students without significant interruption.

Provides that during a strike, the superintendent of public instruction must ensure that schools are opened in a timely fashion to mitigate the impact of a teacher strike on students and families.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the state board of education to provide oversight and support to school districts in identifying available and economical resources to develop strike curriculum.

Provides that, not later than August 31, 2004, each school district board of directors must adopt or amend as

necessary a strike curriculum for each grade in which the district offers instruction.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the state board of education to develop a voluntary prescreening process to maintain a confidential list of persons qualified and willing to serve as substitute teachers during a strike.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2386 by Representatives Anderson, Talcott and Nixon

Making contract negotiation sessions between school districts and certificated educational employees open to the public.

Provides for contract negotiation sessions between school districts and certificated educational employees to be open to the public.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2387 by Representatives Carrell, Talcott, Bush, Lantz, Cox, Pearson, McMahan, Kristiansen, Mielke, Boldt, Morrell, Orcutt and Ahern

Authorizing the release of patient records for the purpose of restoring state mental health hospital cemeteries.

Finds that social stigmas surrounding mental illness have prevented patients buried in the state mental health hospital cemeteries from being properly memorialized. From 1887 to 1953, the state buried many of the patients who died while in residence at the three state mental health hospitals on hospital grounds. In order to honor these patients, the legislature intends that the state be allowed to release records necessary to appropriately mark their resting place.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2388 by Representatives Carrell, McMahan, Ahern, Cox, Hinkle, Boldt, Mielke, Talcott, Pearson, Orcutt, Anderson, Campbell, Nixon and Clements

Ensuring persons who vote are United States citizens.

Establishes procedures to ensure that persons who vote are United States citizens.

Repeals RCW 29A.08.230.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to State Government.

HB 2389 by Representatives Carrell, Boldt, Ahern, Mielke, Pearson, Bush, Kristiansen, Talcott, McMahan, Cox, Orcutt and Campbell

Concerning aggravated multiple murder cases.

Revises provisions concerning aggravated multiple murder cases.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

**HB 2390** by Representatives Carrell, McMahan, Cox, Bush, Mielke, Boldt and Pearson

Limiting collateral attack in criminal cases.

Declares that a person who has been convicted of a crime has no constitutional right to challenge a facially valid judgment that was not appealed or that was upheld on direct appeal. The right to challenge such a judgment arises only from statute.

Finds that collateral challenges to convictions impose trauma on victims of crime, interfere with rehabilitation, and place a continuing burden on courts and public officials. It is therefore the intent to allow these challenges only when the conviction constitutes a clear miscarriage of justice.

Finds that multiple petitions challenging the same conviction are both especially burdensome and unlikely to raise valid issues. It is the intent that these petitions will be allowed only under rare and carefully defined circumstances.

Declares an intent that the only basis for challenging a facially valid judgment entered in a criminal proceeding are those contained in this act. To the extent that State v. Sampson, 82 Wn.2d 663, 513 P.2d 60 (1973), provides that RCW 4.72.010 is applicable to judgments entered in criminal cases and that RAP 16.4, CrR 7.8, and CrRLJ 7.8, provide different grounds for relief they are disapproved.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2391 by Representatives Carrell, Bush and Talcott

Establishing an incentive policy for schools to increase attendance.

Finds that there is a correlation between the dropout rates of youth and the rate of truancy within the educational system. The state must have as a priority the reduction in the rates of truancy and dropouts in the state educational system. The state must encourage the districts to adopt policies which reduce the rates of truancy and dropouts within the schools in their districts.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2392 by Representatives Lantz, Darneille, Carrell, O'Brien, Romero, Lovick, Kenney, Flannigan, Upthegrove, Kagi, Hunt, Rockefeller, McCoy, Dickerson, Haigh, McMahan, Morrell, Bush, Clibborn, Delvin, Campbell, G. Simpson, Ruderman, Jarrett, Chase, Schual-Berke, Hudgins, Kessler, Woods, Moeller, Talcott and McDonald

Requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt policies concerning domestic violence by sworn employees.

Finds it is appropriate to help reduce the incident rate of domestic violence by addressing the need for improved coordination and accountability among general authority Washington law enforcement agencies and general authority Washington peace officers when reports of domestic violence are made and the alleged perpetrator is a general authority Washington peace officer.

Finds that coordination and accountability will be improved if general authority Washington law enforcement agencies adopt policies that meet statewide minimum requirements for training, reporting, interagency cooperation, investigation, and collaboration with groups serving victims of domestic violence.

Declares an intent to provide maximum flexibility to general authority Washington law enforcement agencies, consistent with the purposes of this act, in their efforts to improve coordination and accountability when incidents of domestic violence committed or allegedly committed by general authority Washington peace officers are reported.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2393 by Representatives Hunt, McDermott, Rockefeller, Cooper, G. Simpson, Upthegrove, Dickerson, Lantz, Romero, Chase, Miloscia, Dunshee, Wood, McIntire, Moeller and Wallace

Providing for the protection of the health of watersheds.

Finds that the waters of the state are among the most valuable and fragile of the public's natural resources and that there is great concern throughout the state relating to their utilization, protection, restoration, and preservation.

Finds that ever increasing pressures of additional consumptive uses are being placed on the rivers, streams, and ground waters, necessitating increased coordination in the management of the waters of the state.

Declares that the common interest of all of the people, as the owners of the waters of the state, shall be paramount in the management of water; and that the department's role as steward of the state's water resources require it to have the ability to exercise sound planning and oversight powers that will enable it to protect the interests of today's and tomorrow's citizens.

Declares that, in the implementation of this policy the public's opportunity to enjoy the physical and aesthetic qualities of the waters of the state shall be preserved to the greatest extent feasible consistent with the overall best interest of the state and the people generally. To this end, uses shall be preferred that are consistent with water resource sustainability, control of pollution, and prevention of damage to the natural environment.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2394 by Representatives Newhouse, Linville, Clements, Schoesler, McMorris, Orcutt, Holmquist, Delvin, Hinkle and Grant

Extending a wildlife crop damage reimbursement program. Extends a wildlife crop damage reimbursement program to June 30, 2008.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2395 by Representatives Kirby, Dickerson, Lantz, O'Brien and Kenney

Modifying the statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse civil cases.

Revises the statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse civil cases.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2396 by Representatives Linville, Kirby, Rockefeller, Lantz, Clibborn, Hunt, Quall, Wallace, Haigh, Miloscia, Wood and Moeller; by request of Governor Locke

Concerning instream flows.

Declares an intent to direct state agencies to work with watershed planning units and other local groups to develop action programs that implement responsibilities for achieving and protecting instream flows.

Declares an intent to: (1) Commit the state to achieving and protecting instream flows statewide;

- (2) Identify stream flows that are needed to ensure a healthy watershed and that can be achieved, and establish these as instream flows;
- (3) Require the development of instream flow programs that identify and schedule the actions needed to achieve and protect instream flows;
- (4) Build on the implementation of watershed plans and similar programs, and make the state agencies accountable to work jointly with governments and water users to achieve and protect instream flows; and
- (5) Evaluate funding for state water management programs, including for the public share of instream flow programs.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2397 by Representatives Upthegrove, Dickerson, Lantz, Clibborn, Delvin, Chase, Schual-Berke, Miloscia, Hudgins, Kessler and Morrell

Imposing penalties against convicted domestic violence offenders to pay for domestic violence programs.

Declares an intent to establish a penalty in law that will hold convicted domestic violence offenders accountable while requiring them to pay penalties to offset the costs of domestic violence advocacy and prevention programs. It is the intent that the penalties imposed against convicted domestic violence offenders under this act be used for established domestic violence prevention and prosecution programs.

Provides that all superior courts, and courts organized under Title 3 or 35 RCW, may impose a penalty assessment not to exceed one hundred dollars on any person convicted of a crime involving domestic violence. The assessment shall be in addition to, and shall not supersede, any other penalty, restitution, fines, or costs provided by law.

Provides that revenue from the assessment shall be used solely for the purposes of establishing and funding domestic violence advocacy and domestic violence prevention and prosecution programs in the city or county of the court imposing the assessment.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2398 by Representatives Upthegrove, Delvin, Dickerson, Chase, Schual-Berke, Hudgins, Kessler and Morrell

Revising provisions relating to providing notice of a modification or termination of a protection order.

Declares that, except as provided in RCW 26.50.085 and 26.50.123, personal service shall be made upon the respondent not less than five court days prior to the hearing to modify. If timely personal service cannot be made, the court shall set a new hearing date and shall either require additional attempts at obtaining personal service or permit service by publication as provided in RCW 26.50.085 or service by mail as provided in RCW 26.50.123.

Provides that, if the court permits service by publication or by mail, the court shall set the hearing date not later than twenty-four days from the date of the order permitting service by publication or by mail.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2399 by Representatives Dickerson, Conway, Kagi, Kenney, Kirby, Hudgins, Sullivan, Moeller, D. Simpson, Hunt, Schual-Berke, Rockefeller, McCoy, McDermott, Romero, Chase, Wood, Morrell and Santos

Establishing family leave insurance.

Declares it to be in the public interest to establish a program that: (1) Provides additional options for individuals to use in balancing work and family responsibilities;

- (2) Is in addition to those programs offered by employers;
- (3) Provides limited income support for a reasonable period while an individual is away from work on family leave; and
- (4) Reduces the impact on state income support programs by increasing an individual's ability to provide caregiving services for family members while maintaining an employment relationship.

Requires the department to establish and administer a family leave insurance program and pay family leave insurance benefits as specified in this act.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2400 by Representatives McMahan, Carrell, Mielke, Talcott, Crouse, Bush, Ahern, Newhouse, G. Simpson, Woods and Orcutt

Providing enhanced penalties for sex crimes against children.

Provides that: (1) An additional ten years shall be added to the standard sentence range for a violation of RCW 9A.44.073, 9A.44.076, or 9A.44.083.

- (2) An additional five years shall be added to the standard sentence range for a violation of RCW 9A.44.086.
- (3) An additional three years shall be added to the standard sentence range for a violation of RCW 9A.44.079, 9A.44.089, or 9A.44.093.
- (4) The minimum mandatory sentence for a violation of RCW 9A.44.096 is one year.

Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, all enhancements under this act are mandatory, shall be served in total confinement, and shall run consecutively to all other sentencing provisions for all offenses sentenced under chapter 9.94A RCW.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2401 by Representatives McMahan, Lantz, Mielke, Crouse, Bush, Newhouse, Carrell and Moeller

Allowing courts to order volunteer fire fighter service for persons discarding burning tobacco products.

Provides that, if the violation involves a tobacco product that was lit or burning and was not fully extinguished before it was discarded, the court may, in addition to any other penalties assessed, order the person to perform from eighty to four hundred eighty hours of community service in volunteer fire fighter service.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Fisheries, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2402 by Representatives McMahan, Mielke, Talcott, Crouse, Bush, Newhouse and

Lantz

Requiring the deposit of proceeds from the sale of unneeded toll facility real property into the proper toll facility trust fund.

Requires that any money received from the sale of real property originally acquired for toll facility purposes shall be deposited into the separate and proper trust fund with the state treasurer established for the toll facility. For the purposes of this act, the term "real property" includes any improvements to the land.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Transportation.

#### **Senate Bills**

SB 6145 by Senators Swecker, Fraser, Winsley and Haugen

Exempting lake management districts from business and occupation tax.

Exempts lake management districts from business and occupation tax.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6146 by Senators Fraser, Morton, Esser, Eide, Winsley, Kohl-Welles, Keiser and Kline

Encouraging renewable energy and energy efficiency businesses in Washington.

Declares it to be the policy of the state that its public agencies and institutions of higher learning maximize their efforts collectively and cooperatively with the private sector to establish the state as a leader in clean energy research, development, manufacturing, and marketing. To this end, all state agencies are directed to employ their existing authorities and responsibilities to: (1) Work with local organizations and energy companies to facilitate the development and implementation of workable renewable energy projects;

(2) Actively promote policies that support renewable

energy development;

(3) Encourage utilities and customer groups to invest in new renewables; and

(4) Assist in the development of stronger markets for renewables.

Directs the Washington technology center and the department of community, trade, and economic development to jointly create the renewable energy business council for the purposes set forth in this act and to further the policies of state leadership in renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Provides that, for the period between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2009, the Washington technology center shall allocate no less than twenty-five percent of the funds available under its research and technology development grants program to applicants developing technologies in renewable energy or energy efficiency.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

## SB 6147 by Senator Jacobsen

Providing for transferring federally granted higher education trust lands to other public uses.

Provides that, by June 30, 2005, the department of natural resources shall transfer from trust status: (1) Certain agricultural college trust lands and scientific school trust lands, as determined on June 30, 2004, by Washington State University, with a value of not less than sixty percent of the appropriation in this act;

- (2) Certain university trust lands, as determined on June 30, 2004, by the University of Washington, with a value of not less than twenty percent of the appropriation in this act; and
- (3) Certain normal school trust lands, as determined on June 30, 2004, by Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen State College, with a value of not less than twenty percent of the appropriation in this act.

Provides that land purchased, transferred, or otherwise acquired by gift or exchange under this act shall be managed in perpetuity and in the same manner as state lands for sustainable commercial forestry and multiple use of lands consistent with RCW 79.10.120.

Provides that the land is reserved from sale, except that the timber and other products on the land may be sold, or the land may be leased in the same manner and for the same purposes as authorized for state granted lands if the department finds the sale or lease to be in the best interest of the state and approves the terms and conditions of the sale or lease.

Provides that the land exchange and acquisition powers provided in RCW 79.17.020 may be used by the department to reposition land.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the

Gardner-Evans higher education construction account to the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, solely for the purposes of this act.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6148 by Senators Haugen, Horn, Brandland, Esser, Oke, Eide, Winsley and Hewitt

Authorizing special license plates to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Directs the department to issue a special license plate displaying a symbol, approved by the special license plate review board, honoring law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty. The special license plate may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license plates or for motorcycles, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon the terms and conditions established by the department.

Creates the law enforcement memorial account in the custody of the state treasurer. Upon the department's determination that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license plate, all receipts, except as provided in RCW 46.16.313 (7) and (8), from law enforcement memorial license plates must be deposited into the account.

Provides that funds in the account must be disbursed subject to the following conditions and limitations: (1) Pursuant to the requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765 the department must contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to provide support and assistance to survivors and families of law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize, and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to honor those fallen officers.

(2) For the purposes of this act, a "qualified nonprofit organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and operating exclusively in Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code. The organization must have been established for the express purposes of providing support and assistance to the survivors and families of law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize, and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to honor those fallen officers.

(3) The qualified nonprofit must meet all requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

#### **SB 6149** by Senators Doumit and Morton

Concerning small scale prospecting and mining.

Directs the departments of fish and wildlife, natural resources, and ecology to work cooperatively with the small scale mining community to support educational meetings and demonstrations to encourage mining activities.

Directs the departments to work with the small scale mining community to study and simplify or completely deregulate gold panning and shall report on this process to the 2005 legislature with legislative recommendations, if needed. The departments shall survey other states' regulation of gold panning as part of the study.

Provides that any person may engage in small scale prospecting and mining, as that term is defined in RCW 77.55.270, on aquatic lands where both the surface and mineral rights are owned by the state without that person first obtaining a permit, lease, license, or other form of permission from the department, and without being charged a rent or fee.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

SB 6150 by Senators Doumit, Morton, Fraser and Winsley

Setting the maximum term for collective bargaining representative agreements.

Declares that any agreement which contains a provision for automatic renewal or extension of the agreement shall not be a valid agreement; nor shall any agreement be valid if it provides for a term of existence for more than six years.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Commerce & Trade.

SB 6151 by Senators Jacobsen, Haugen, Kastama and Kohl-Welles

Requiring headlights when wipers are used. Requires headlights when wipers are used.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

SB 6152 by Senators Eide, McAuliffe, Winsley and Schmidt; by request of Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Clarifying intermediate drivers' license law. Revises intermediate drivers' license law.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

SB 6153 by Senators Prentice, Eide, Haugen, Winsley, Kohl-Welles and Kline

Notifying home buyers of where information regarding registered sex offenders may be obtained.

Declares that the notice regarding sex offenders under RCW 64.06.020 does not create any legal duty on the part of the seller, or on the part of any real estate licensee, to investigate or to provide the buyer with information regarding the actual presence, or lack thereof, of registered sex offenders in the area of any property, including but not limited to any property that is the subject of a disclosure or waiver of disclosure under this chapter, or that is exempt from disclosure under RCW 64.06.010.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Financial Services, Insurance & Housing.

#### **SB 6154** by Senator Parlette

Exempting vehicles in inaccessible national recreation areas from license renewal fees.

Provides that, after initial vehicle registration, motor vehicles operated solely within a national recreation area that is not accessible by a state highway are exempt from the annual registration renewal fee under RCW 46.16.0621.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

## SB 6155 by Senators Parlette, Hewitt and Mulliken

Clarifying the meaning of ongoing agricultural activities.

Amends RCW 70.94.743 to provide that "ongoing agricultural activities" includes, but is not limited to, the burning of cultivated trees whether or not the owner or operator of the land intends to replant trees or other agricultural crops on the land, and the burning of agricultural crops to prevent and control pest and disease infestations.

#### -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture.

## SB 6156 by Senators Pflug and Mulliken

Providing for education during teacher strikes.

Declares an intent to ensure that during a teacher strike, a basic education is provided to all students without significant interruption.

Provides that during a strike, the superintendent of public instruction must ensure that schools are opened in a timely fashion to mitigate the impact of a teacher strike on students and families.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the state board of education to provide oversight and support to school districts in identifying available and economical resources to develop strike curriculum.

Provides that, not later than August 31, 2004, each school district board of directors must adopt or amend as necessary a strike curriculum for each grade in which the district offers instruction.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the state board of education to develop a voluntary prescreening process to maintain a confidential list of persons qualified and willing to serve as substitute teachers during a strike.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 13 First reading, referred to Commerce & Trade.

SB 6157 by Senators T. Sheldon, Hale, Regala, Mulliken and Winsley

Exempting from the state public utility tax the sales of electricity to an electrolytic processing business.

Exempts from the state public utility tax the sales of electricity to an electrolytic processing business.

## -- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

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