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Initiatives Introduced in the House

HI 297 by Representative People of the State of Washington

Hazardous waste sites.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to prohibit sites at which mixed radioactive and hazardous wastes have contaminated or threaten to contaminate the environment, such as at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, from adding more waste that is not generated from the cleanup of the site until such waste on-site has been cleaned up and is stored, treated, or disposed of in compliance with all state and federal environment laws.

Declares it is state policy to protect Washington's current and future residents, particularly children and other sensitive individuals, from the cumulative risks of cancer caused by all cancer-causing hazardous substances, including radionuclides, by ensuring that hazardous substance release and disposal sites meet the standards established pursuant to chapter 70.105D RCW.

Declares that the transport of mixed radioactive and hazardous wastes, is inherently dangerous, and should be minimized. Decisions involving transportation of these wastes must be made with full involvement of the potentially affected public through whose communities these wastes will pass.

Directs the department of ecology to regulate mixed wastes to the fullest extent it is not preempted by federal law, pursuant to chapter 70.105 RCW and the further provisions of this act.

Provides that the department shall not issue a permit, or modify any existing permit, allowing for the treatment, storage, or disposal of any additional mixed wastes not generated at the site or facility as part of a remedial or corrective action, until: (1) The site or facility is in full compliance with the requirements of chapter 70.105 RCW, this chapter, and RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6901 et seq., as amended, for obtaining and maintaining a closure permit for any facility or unit from which a release of hazardous substances has occurred or is threatened to occur, after characterization and corrective action; or

(2) The department has issued a formal determination that no further remedial action is necessary to remedy such a release pursuant to chapter 70.105D RCW.

Provides that the department shall consider releases, or potential releases, of radioactive substances or radionuclides as hazardous substances if the radioactive substance poses a risk of a carcinogenic, toxic, or any other adverse health or environmental effect. The department shall require corrective action for, or remediation of, such releases to meet the same health risk based minimum clean-up standards as adopted for other carcinogenic, toxic, or other hazardous substances posing similar health risks pursuant to RCW 70.105D.030.

Declares that nothing in this act shall affect existing permits for, or in any manner prohibit, the storage or disposal of sealed nuclear reactor vessels or compartments from retired United States Navy submarines or surface ships at the existing disposal facility at Hanford, or affect existing permits for the operation of any facility by the federal government at which United States Navy reactors are decommissioned or refueled.

Declares that obligations of the state pursuant to the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management and agreements made by the compact shall not be interfered with or affected by any provision of

this act. If hazardous or mixed wastes have been disposed or released at any facility operated pursuant to the Compact, the relevant provisions of this act apply.

Provides that, at any site or facility at which there has been a release of mixed wastes, permits issued under chapter 70.105 RCW for mixed waste facilities shall provide for the operation and funding of a broadly representative advisory board.

Declares that any violation of this act shall be considered a violation of chapter 70.105 RCW, and subject to all enforcement actions by the department or attorney general for violations of that chapter, including imposition of civil or criminal penalties.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Technology, Telecommunications & Energy.

House Bills

HB 2481 by Representatives Dickerson, Lovick, Kessler, McIntire, Lantz, Upthegrove, G. Simpson, Darneille, Tom, Moeller, Chase and Santos

Increasing marriage license fees to fund domestic violence programs.

Increases marriage license fees to fund domestic violence programs.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2482 by Representatives Anderson, Nixon and Moeller

Creating a data base of school district contracts.

Requires that, within seven days of its adoption, each board of school directors shall provide to the superintendent of public instruction an electronic copy of any collective bargaining agreement approved by the district and the district's certificated employees.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to collect and store these agreements in an electronic data base and make the agreements available on its web site.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2483 by Representatives Murray and McIntire

Modifying the disposition of title fees.

Revises the disposition of title fees.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2484 by Representatives Conway, McMorris and Wood; by request of State Board of Accountancy

Modifying the public accountancy act.

Modifies the public accountancy act but only with respect to: Expanding board member term limits, extending the experience look-back period for certificate holders, allowing out-of-state CPAs to qualify for a license with three years of public practice experience during the immediate past five years, expanding sanctioning authority over imposters and exam cheaters, and establishing a penalty for imposters whose license or certificate has been suspended or revoked.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2485 by Representatives Lantz, Carrell, Newhouse, Alexander, Jarrett, Moeller, Sommers, Kagi, Upthegrove, Schual-Berke and Darneille

Revising the rate of interest on certain tort judgments.

Revises the rate of interest on certain tort judgments.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2486 by Representatives Lantz, Jarrett, Lovick, Newhouse, Flannigan, Moeller, Carrell, Rockefeller, Upthegrove, Schual-Berke and Tom

Revising negligence standards regarding the failure to wear safety belts.

Revises negligence standards regarding the failure to wear safety belts.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2487 by Representatives Cooper, Campbell, Hunt, Romero, O'Brien, Chase, Sullivan, Ruderman, Dunshee, Wood, Dickerson, Moeller and Morrell

Prohibiting hazardous electronic material from being disposed of in a solid waste landfill.

Provides that, effective January 1, 2006, no person may knowingly dispose of covered electronic products except by delivery to a person collecting covered electronic products subject to the provisions of chapter 70.95 RCW and chapter 70.105 RCW.

Provides that, effective January 1, 2006, no owner or operator of a solid waste landfill, energy recovery facility, or incinerator may knowingly accept hazardous electronic material for disposal in the landfill, energy recovery facility, or incinerator.

Declares that all covered electronic products are assumed hazardous electronic material unless they are proven not to contain concentrations of toxic materials exceeding the regulatory levels established in Title 40 C.F.R. Part 261.24 by use of the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure test.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Fisheries, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2488 by Representatives Cooper, Campbell, Hunt, Romero, O'Brien, Chase, Sullivan, Ruderman, Dunshee, Wood and Dickerson

Requiring electronic product management.

Declares that, except as provided in this act, by June 30, 2006, every manufacturer must develop, submit to the department, implement, and finance the implementation of a plan for the collection and recycling or reuse of twenty percent, by weight, of the covered electronic products sold by the manufacturer in Washington.

Requires that, by June 30, 2007, every manufacturer must increase the recycling and reuse of all covered electronic products ten percent, by weight, per year for five years.

Requires all manufacturers to submit an initial report to the department by May 1, 2007, and each May 1st thereafter. The reports must contain, at a minimum: (1) The quantities of covered electronic products sold by that manufacturer in the state during the previous year;

(2) The weight of the electronic waste recovered in the previous year;

(3) The weight of recovered electronic waste that is reused;

(4) The weight of recovered electronic waste that is recycled;

(5) Progress reports towards making more environmentally friendly products;

(6) The results of any performance measures included in the plan;

(7) Identification of the end markets for collected electronic waste;

(8) Educational and promotional efforts that will be undertaken; and

(9) Any other information deemed necessary by the department.

Requires the department to review all reports and provide a notice of adequate compliance or deficiency to manufacturers by November 1st of each year.

Requires all reports submitted to the department to be available to the general public through the internet. However, the manufacturer submitting the report may indicate which portions, if any, it considers proprietary and, if the department concurs that the information meets state legal requirements for confidentiality, those sections of the report shall not be made public.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Fisheries, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2489 by Representatives Cooper, Condotta, Anderson, Nixon, Upthegrove, Priest, Dunshee, Moeller and Armstrong

Concerning nonhighway and off-road vehicles.

Revises provisions relating to nonhighway and off-road vehicles.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Fisheries, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2490 by Representatives Haigh and Armstrong

Providing for representation on governing body for public hospital district that joins with another entity.

Amends RCW 70.44.240 relating to representation on governing body of entity created by public hospital district.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2491 by Representatives Lantz, Carrell and Holmquist

Modifying dishonored check provisions.
Revises dishonored check provisions.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2492 by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Recalculating sentences for felony drug offenders.

Declares that this act applies to offenders who, on or after the effective date of this act, are serving terms of confinement within the standard range under RCW 9.94A.510, or longer than terms within the standard range due to enhancements under RCW 9.94A.533 (3), (4), (5), or (6), or under RCW 9.94A.660, for offenses listed in RCW 9.94A.518.

Declares an intent that such offenders shall be released from confinement as promptly as practicable through the procedure established by this act.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2493 by Representatives Delvin, Blake, Buck and Hatfield

Clarifying the effective date of renewed concealed pistol permits.

Provides that a licensee may renew a license if the licensee applies for renewal within ninety days before or after the expiration date of the license.

Provides that a license so renewed is effective from the time the licensee submits his or her renewal application and renewal fee and remains effective until the time the renewal application is either approved or rejected, whichever is sooner. If approved, the renewed license takes the expiration date of the prior license as its effective date.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2494 by Representatives Delvin, Campbell, Blake, Schoesler, Buck, Nixon, Condotta, Orcutt, McMorris, Bush and Armstrong

Limiting actions against the firearms industry.

Provides that the firearms industry may not be sued by a public or private entity or individual for damages, abatement, or injunctive relief resulting or arising from the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, sale, or use of firearms, firearm-related components, or ammunition.

Does not prohibit a public or private entity or individual from bringing an action against the firearms industry for breach of contract or warranty in connection with firearms,

firearm-related components, or ammunition when purchased by a public or private entity or individual.

Does not prohibit civil actions by individuals for injuries resulting from a firearm, firearm-related component, or ammunition malfunction due to defects in design or manufacture of the firearm, firearm-related component, or ammunition.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2495 by Representatives Delvin, Lantz, Chase and Bush

Providing for adequate means to identify a person requesting a copy of a birth certificate.

Requires any rules to include adequate means for determining the proper identity of the person making the request for the release of the record, including a statement of the person's relationship to the person on the record and the presentation of either any photo identification issued to the person by any federal, state, or local government or two forms of nonphotographic identification issued to the person both of which must include the person's signature, adequate assurances the proper record is identified, adequate standards for maintaining the security and confidentiality of the records, and adequate safeguards for preventing fraudulent use of the record.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2496 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Bailey, Cody and Darneille

Regarding the admission of residents to nursing facilities.

Provides that a nursing facility that has under common ownership, in whole or in part, a boarding home licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW, or independent housing, is not required to place the names of its boarding home or independent retirement housing residents on the list of names of persons seeking admission to the nursing facility.

Declares it is not an act of discrimination to refuse to admit a patient if admitting that patient would prevent the admission of an individual who has resided within the boarding home or independent retirement housing that is commonly owned, in whole or in part, by the nursing facility.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2497 by Representatives Linville, McCoy, Cairnes, Hunt, Rockefeller, Jarrett, Pettigrew, Edwards, Ericksen, Upthegrove, Moeller, Chase, Morrell and Santos

Notifying tribes of significant natural resource-related action by certain state entities.

Requires that notification of any significant natural resource-related action undertaken by any state entity must be provided to the legislative authority of any federally recognized Indian tribe that is, or could be, affected by the action.

Applies only to the following state entities: (1) The board of natural resources and the department of natural resources;

- (2) The forest practices board;
- (3) The department of fish and wildlife and the fish and wildlife commission;
- (4) The department of agriculture;
- (5) The department of ecology;
- (6) The state conservation commission;
- (7) The department of transportation; and
- (8) The state board of health and the department of health.

Provides that, in adopting rules under this act, the affected agencies are expected to invite the involvement of the appropriate tribal interests in order to determine, at a minimum, how notification may be provided in the most economical and time efficient manner, how the agencies determine which actions are important enough to the tribes to justify notification, and which actions will be viewed as unimportant or administrative by the tribes.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2498 by Representative Boldt

Revising funding constraints affecting the Washington WorkFirst program.

Revises funding constraints affecting the Washington WorkFirst program.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2499 by Representatives Morris, McIntire, Nixon, Chase and Orcutt; by request of Department of Revenue and Department of General Administration

Exempting fuel cells from sales and use taxes.
Exempts fuel cells from sales and use taxes.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2500 by Representative McIntire; by request of Department of Revenue

Conforming Washington's tax structure to portions of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement not implemented by chapter 168, Laws of 2003.

Conforms Washington's tax structure to portions of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement not implemented by chapter 168, Laws of 2003.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2501 by Representatives Hunter, Cairnes and McIntire; by request of Department of Revenue

Correcting errors in and omissions from chapter 168, Laws of 2003, which implemented portions of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

Corrects errors in and omissions from chapter 168, Laws of 2003, which implemented portions of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2502 by Representatives Eickmeyer, Haigh and Hatfield

Providing a rural county information technology tax credit.

Declares that, subject to the limits and provisions of this act, a credit is authorized against the tax otherwise due under chapter 82.04 RCW for persons engaged in a rural county in the business of providing information technology help desk services to third parties.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2503 by Representatives O'Brien, Pearson, Darneille and Hinkle

Limiting the imposition of booking fees.

Provides that a county, city, or regional jail may not charge a booking fee to a contracting entity if it has collected or intends to collect a booking fee from a defendant who has been booked in its jail.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2504 by Representatives Schoesler, Grant, Holmquist, Cox, Newhouse, Hinkle, Chandler, Sump and McMorris

Concerning water policy in regions with regulated reductions in aquifer levels.

Declares an intent that the department of ecology enter into agreements with the United States and Columbia basin project irrigation districts regarding the allocation of water conserved from within areas currently served by project waters to deep well irrigated lands within the federal Columbia basin project and for other authorized project beneficial uses. The department may provide the irrigation districts data identifying areas with the most serious ground water depletions.

Provides that the irrigation districts shall consider and may rely on the department's data and recommendations in making allocation decisions to offset groundwater withdrawals consistent with the operational constraints of the distribution system.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2505 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Nixon and Chase; by request of Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Revising the fee for birth certificates suitable for display.

Provides that the fee shall be set by the council established pursuant to RCW 43.121.020, at a level likely to maximize revenues for the children's trust fund.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2506 by Representatives Hinkle, Armstrong, Blake, Shabro, Buck, Hatfield, Upthegrove, Condotta, Moeller, McMorris and Bush

Allowing access roads to private property surrounded by certain public lands.

Provides that any owner or any person entitled to the beneficial use of private land that is completely surrounded by state-owned land may obtain a permit to use, improve, or construct an access road or roads across state-owned land when: (1) The state-owned land surrounding the private land is administered, managed, or operated by the department, the department of fish and wildlife, or the state parks and recreation commission;

(2) No right of way on, across, over, or through the private land or the land of another exists for means of ingress to and egress from the private land; and

(3) Use, improvement, or construction of an access road across the state-owned land administered, managed, or operated by the department, the department of fish and wildlife, or the state parks and recreation commission is necessary to provide ingress to and egress from the private land.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2507 by Representatives Conway, Bush, Morrell, Campbell, Chase and Moeller

Providing for the recoupment of county and city employee salary and wage overpayments.

Provides for the recoupment of county and city employee salary and wage overpayments.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2508 by Representatives Conway, Bush, Campbell and Kirby

Modifying lodging taxes.

Declares that, except as expressly provided in chapter 67.28 RCW, all of the provisions contained in RCW 82.08.050 and 82.08.060 and chapter 82.32 RCW shall have full force and application with respect to taxes imposed under the provisions of this chapter.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2509 by Representatives McCoy, Condotta, Conway, McMorris, Moeller and Chase; by request of Employment Security Department

Correcting certain references dealing with unemployment compensation.

Corrects certain references dealing with unemployment compensation.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2510 by Representatives Conway, McCoy, Condotta, McMorris and Chase; by request of Employment Security Department

Modifying provisions concerning unemployment compensation.

Revises provisions concerning unemployment compensation.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2511 by Representatives Flannigan, Jarrett, Lovick, Schual-Berke and Moeller; by request of Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Clarifying seat belt requirements.

Clarifies motor vehicle safety belt requirements by replacing references to the federal code.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2512 by Representatives Hunter and McIntire; by request of Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Revenue

Transferring responsibility for collecting certain telephone program excise taxes from the department of social and health services to the department of revenue.

Transfers responsibility for collecting certain telephone program excise taxes from the department of social and health services to the department of revenue.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2513 by Representatives Hudgins, Holmquist and Pettigrew

Regulating interior designers.

Provides that an applicant may qualify for registration as an interior designer if the applicant pays any applicable fee established by the department and shows to the satisfaction of the department that the applicant: (1)(a) Has a current certificate number issued by the national council for interior design qualification; and (b) Has six years combined work experience and formal education in interior design. At a minimum, there must be two years of formal education in interior design; or

(2) Provides the department, by July 1, 2006, with proof of ten years of work experience as an interior designer and two years of formal education in interior design prior to the effective date of this act.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2514 by Representatives Upthegrove, Jarrett and Chase

Clarifying critical areas.

Declares an intent to assist local governments, state agencies, and citizens in planning under the growth management act.

Does not intend to change the best available science requirement or the state procedural criteria adopted to implement that requirement.

Provides that local governments may employ experimental approaches to protect critical areas. However, if a local government bases a management decision regarding a critical area on information that does not satisfy all of the characteristics of science, or on conflicting scientific information, the local government must minimize risk and employ monitoring and adaptive management to learn whether the approach used is adequately protecting the functions and values of that critical area, and adjust the approach as necessary to ensure protection of critical area functions and values.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2515 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Benson, Santos, Cody, Carrell, Darneille, Boldt, Chase and

Regarding fairness and accuracy in the distribution of risk in boarding homes and nursing homes.

Finds that the inspection, reinspection, and complaint investigation procedures for licensed boarding homes must be strong, consistent, efficient, and fair.

Finds that the inspection, reinspection, and complaint investigation process should facilitate open and candid communication between licensors and providers and assure that violations are accurate and based on verified facts so unsubstantiated violations are eliminated.

Declares that those modifications will promote compliance with regulations by providers and achieve the goal of providing high quality of care to citizens residing in licensed boarding homes.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2516 by Representatives Carrell, Bush, Cox, Kristiansen and Talcott

Providing immunity for persons rendering assistance to residents at certain facilities.

Provides that a nursing home facility under chapter 18.51 RCW, a boarding home providing assisted living services under chapter 18.20 RCW, an adult family home under chapter 70.128 RCW, or a continuing care retirement community under RCW 70.38.025, and its employees or volunteers, shall not be liable for civil damages as a result of any act or omission in providing assistance to a resident of the facility when the facility, employee, or volunteer, without gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, provides assistance to a resident of the facility who has fallen and the resident requests assistance in rising or indicates he or she will accept assistance in rising.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2517 by Representatives Kagi, Bailey, Sehlin, Alexander, Darneille, Cody and Schual-Berke

Revising nursing home provisions.

Directs the department to identify factors to be considered in selecting the appropriate remedy to apply to a nursing home that has not complied with the licensing requirements under chapter 18.51 RCW or chapter 74.42 RCW. In identifying the factors to be used in selecting an appropriate remedy, the department shall use a scope and severity method and assign the cited deficiencies to the appropriate category based on the scope and severity of a deficiency.

Provides that, based on the determination of the scope and severity of the deficiency citation, the department shall apply penalties to the nursing home, as specified in RCW 18.51.060. The remedies applied by the department shall not exceed the federal requirements for selecting remedies under 1919(h) and 1819(h) of the federal social security act and 42 C.F.R. 488.408, as existing on January 1, 2004, except that the department may use stop placement of new admissions as a remedy.

Declares that nursing homes may implement a paid feeding assistant program to the full degree permitted by federal regulation, 42 C.F.R. 483, as it exists on the effective date of this act, and the department shall approve training requirements for feeding assistants consistent with what is required under federal regulation.

Provides that feeding assistants shall work under the supervision of licensed nurses, with their competency to be determined by those nurses without testing.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2518 by Representatives Kirby, Conway, Morris, Holmquist and Hinkle

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 --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Technology, Telecommunications & Energy.

HB 2519 by Representatives Hatfield, Blake, Crouse and Kagi

Authorizing voter approved property tax levies for criminal justice purposes.

Authorizes voter approved property tax levies for criminal justice purposes.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2520 by Representative Cody

Concerning the disclosure of information by persons licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW.

Revises provisions concerning the disclosure of information by persons licensed under chapter 18.225 RCW.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2521 by Representatives Haigh, Armstrong, Miloscia, Nixon, Hunt, Shabro, McDermott, Moeller and Chase

Requiring prime contractors to bond the subcontractors portion of retainage upon request.

Provides that, at any time prior to final formal acceptance of the project, a subcontractor may request the contractor to submit a bond to the public owner for that portion of the contractor's retainage pertaining to the subcontractor in a form acceptable to the public body and from a bonding company meeting standards established by the public body.

Requires the contractor to provide and the public body to accept a bond meeting these requirements unless the public body can demonstrate good cause for refusing to accept it or the subcontractor refuses to pay the subcontractor's portion of the bond premium and to provide the contractor with a like bond.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government.

HB 2522 by Representatives Armstrong, Haigh, Miloscia, Nixon, Tom, Hunt, Shabro, McDermott and Chase

Prohibiting rejection of all bids except for good cause.

Declares that the preservation of the integrity of the competitive bid system dictates that after bids for a public work, as defined in RCW 39.04.010, have been opened by the state or municipalities, as defined in RCW 39.04.010, and institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, award must be made to the bidder who submitted the lowest responsive bid, unless there is a cogent and compelling reason to reject all bids and cancel the invitation.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government.

HB 2523 by Representatives Haigh, Armstrong, Miloscia, Nixon, Hunt, Shabro, McDermott, Moeller and Chase

Requiring the subcontractor listing to be read with the bid award.

Provides that bids shall not be publicly opened or read until the names of the subcontractors with whom the prime contract bidder, if awarded the contract, will subcontract for performance of the work have been submitted.

Requires the names of the subcontractors with whom the prime contract bidder, if awarded the contract, will subcontract for performance of the work to be publicly read at the bid opening when bids are opened.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to State Government.

HB 2524 by Representatives Carrell, O'Brien, Cox, Pettigrew, Cairnes, McMahan and Santos

Creating a joint select committee on supervision of offenders in the community.

Creates a joint select committee on supervision of offenders in the community.

Requires the joint select committee to present a report of its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 2004.

Expires March 1, 2005.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2525 by Representatives Linville, Hankins, Ericksen, Delvin, Grant, Blake and Hatfield

Concerning the relocation of harbor lines.

Amends RCW 79.92.030 relating to harbor lines in Blaine, Edmonds, Ilwaco, Kennewick, and Pasco.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2526 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Benson, G. Simpson, McMorris, Moeller, Priest and Chase

Regulating self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangements.

Declares that the purposes of this act are to: (1) Provide for the authorization and registration of self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangements;

(2) Regulate self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangements in order to ensure the financial integrity of the arrangements;

(3) Provide reporting requirements for self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangements; and

(4) Provide for sanctions against self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangements organized, operated, providing benefits, or maintained in this state that do not comply with this act.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2527 by Representatives Wallace, Blake and Hatfield; by request of Department of Transportation

Authorizing toll-free operation of the Puget Island ferry during emergency bridge closures.

Authorizes toll-free operation of the Puget Island ferry during emergency bridge closures.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2528 by Representatives Darneille and Benson

Concerning boarding home domiciliary services.

Revises provisions concerning boarding home domiciliary services.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2529 by Representatives Morrell, Benson, Chase and Santos

Concerning boarding home funding.

Recognizes the significant financial commitment made by providers to construct new or remodeled housing for the state's elderly who receive medicaid contracted assisted living services in boarding homes. Boarding home providers who had submitted new construction plans, or plans to remodel an existing boarding home to the department of health, construction review, before June 30, 2002, shall, on the effective date of this act, receive a capital rate add-on if the designated conditions are met.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2530 by Representative Anderson

Promoting school district accountability for academic preparation.

Provides that, beginning with the fall 2005 academic term, each institution of higher education shall assess a charge to each Washington school district that granted a diploma to a recent high school graduate enrolled in a state-supported precollege class or laboratory offered at the institution of higher education. The superintendent of public instruction, the governing board of each of the baccalaureate institutions, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall adopt rules to implement this requirement.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2531 by Representatives Murray, Wallace, McIntire, Dickerson, Hatfield, Rockefeller, Schual-Berke, Moeller, Chase, Conway and Wood

Expanding authority for regional transportation investment districts.

Provides that, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in chapter 47.56 RCW, a regional transportation investment district may impose vehicle tolls on either Lake Washington bridge upon approval of a majority of the voters voting on a regional transportation investment plan ballot measure within its boundaries as authorized in chapter 36.120 RCW and RCW 47.56.076.

Authorizes a regional transportation investment district to impose a sales and use tax on motor vehicle fuel and special fuel as defined in RCW 82.36.010 and 82.36.020 in accordance with chapter 82.14 RCW and with RCW 36.120.050. The tax is in addition to other taxes authorized by law upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the county.

Provides that the tax may not be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW.

Provides that the rate of tax may not exceed 7.5 percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax or value of the article used in the case of a use tax and must be in one-tenth percent increments.

Provides that the tax is subject to the approval of a majority of the voters voting on the tax.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2532 by Representative G. Simpson; by request of Department of Licensing

Modifying commercial driver's license provisions.

Revises commercial driver's license provisions.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2533 by Representatives G. Simpson and Chase; by request of Department of Licensing

Allowing transfer of retained license plates to other vehicles. Authorizes transfer of retained license plates to other vehicles.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2534 by Representatives Fromhold, Alexander, Conway, Rockefeller, G. Simpson, Chase and Morrell; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Providing death benefits for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system plan 2.

Provides death benefits for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system plan 2.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2535 by Representatives Alexander, Fromhold, Conway, Rockefeller, G. Simpson, Kessler, Moeller, Chase, Bush and Armstrong; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Permitting members of the public employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 and the school employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 who qualify for early retirement or alternate early retirement to make a one-time purchase of additional service credit.

Permits members of the public employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 and the school employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 who qualify for early retirement or alternate early retirement to make a one-time purchase of additional service credit.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2536 by Representatives Alexander, Fromhold, Conway, Rockefeller, G. Simpson, Moeller, Chase, Bush and Armstrong; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Permitting members of the public employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 and the school employees'

retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 to buy down the early retirement reduction amounts.

Permits members of the public employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 and the school employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 to buy down the early retirement reduction amounts.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2537 by Representatives Alexander, Fromhold, Conway, G. Simpson, Moeller and Chase; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Establishing a public safety employees' retirement system plan 2.

Establishes a public safety employees' retirement system plan 2.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2538 by Representatives Conway, Fromhold, Alexander, Rockefeller, Upthegrove, G. Simpson, Moeller, Chase, Bush and Armstrong; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Establishing a one thousand dollar minimum monthly benefit for public employees' retirement system plan 1 members and teachers' retirement system plan 1 members who have at least twenty-five years of service and who have been retired at least twenty years.

Establishes a one thousand dollar minimum monthly benefit for public employees' retirement system plan 1 members and teachers' retirement system plan 1 members who have at least twenty-five years of service and who have been retired at least twenty years.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2539 by Representatives Fromhold, Conway, Alexander, Upthegrove, G. Simpson, Moeller and Chase; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Providing annual increases in retirement allowances.

Provides annual increases in retirement allowances.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2540 by Representatives Alexander, Conway, Fromhold, Upthegrove, G. Simpson, Moeller, Chase and Bush; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Vesting after five years of service in the defined benefit portion of the public employees' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, and the teachers' retirement system plan 3.

Provides for vesting after five years of service in the defined benefit portion of the public employees' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, and the teachers' retirement system plan 3.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2541 by Representatives Conway, Fromhold and Moeller; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Establishing an asset smoothing corridor for actuarial valuations used in the funding of the state retirement systems.

Establishes an asset smoothing corridor for actuarial valuations used in the funding of the state retirement systems.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2542 by Representatives Fromhold, Alexander, Conway, G. Simpson, Moeller and Chase; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Allowing members of the teachers' retirement system plan 1 who are employed less than full time as psychologists, social workers, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, or speech language pathologists or audiologists to annualize their salaries when calculating their average final compensation.

Authorizes members of the teachers' retirement system plan 1 who are employed less than full time as psychologists, social workers, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, or speech language pathologists or audiologists to annualize their salaries when calculating their average final compensation.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2543 by Representatives Condotta, Lovick, O'Brien, Boldt, Delvin, Pearson, G. Simpson and Moeller

Eliminating gang activities near schools.

Declares that a person is guilty of criminal gang school activity if the person is a gang member and engages in a gang-related activity in or upon the premises or grounds of a public or alternative school, or within five hundred feet of the premises of a public or alternative school.

Provides that criminal gang school activity is a class C felony.

Requires the perimeter of the premises or grounds of any school covered by this act to be posted at reasonable intervals to alert the public as to the existence of this act prohibiting criminal gang school activity on or within five hundred feet of the premises and grounds.

Declares that a person is guilty of criminal gang school trespass if the person is a gang member and knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in or upon the premises or grounds of a public or alternative school.

Provides that criminal gang school trespass is a gross misdemeanor.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2544 by Representatives Condotta, Lovick, O'Brien, Boldt, Delvin, G. Simpson and Chase

Eliminating dangerous weapons in schools.
Prohibits dangerous weapons in schools.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2545 by Representatives Condotta, Chase, Armstrong, Sump, Hunt, Chandler, Newhouse, Hinkle, Kristiansen, Holmquist, Clements, Schoesler and Skinner

Clarifying the meaning of ongoing agricultural activities.
Provides that, for the purposes of this act, the term "ongoing agricultural activities" includes, but is not limited to, the burning of cultivated trees regardless of whether 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 15 First reading, referred to Fisheries, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2546 by Representatives McIntire, Morris, Hunter, Ruderman, Kessler, Lovick, Hunt, Grant, Hatfield, Fromhold and Clibborn; by request of Governor Locke

Modifying high technology and research and development tax incentive provisions.
Revises high technology and research and development tax incentive provisions.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2547 by Representatives D. Simpson, Cairnes, Haigh, Conway, McCoy, G. Simpson, Chase and Orcutt; by request of Department of Revenue and Department of Veterans Affairs

Clarifying the property taxation of vehicles carrying exempt licenses.
Amends RCW 84.36.595 to clarify the property taxation of vehicles carrying exempt licenses.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2548 by Representatives Dickerson, Pettigrew, Darnelle, Boldt, Miloscia, Bailey, Shabro, McIntire, Schual-Berke, Moeller, Chase and Santos

Creating a food bank outreach pilot program.
Declares that the purpose of the food bank outreach program is to improve access to department of social and health services food assistance programs by coordinating with existing food bank sites. The pilot program is designed to locate a department of social and health services intake worker at each pilot site a minimum of one time per week in

order to improve access to department programs and services.

Directs the department to implement the food bank outreach pilot program no later than January 1, 2005.

Directs the department to select six pilot sites with three sites to be located in eastern Washington and three sites to be located in western Washington. To be eligible as a pilot site, the site must consist of an organization that provides food to hungry and low-income individuals.

Expires December 31, 2005.

Requires the department to submit a report to the legislature that summarizes the effectiveness of the program by December 31, 2005.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2549 by Representatives Dickerson, Cooper, Hunt, Rockefeller and Chase

Minimizing the environmental impacts of commercial passenger vessels.

Establishes provisions for minimizing the environmental impacts of commercial passenger vessels.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Fisheries, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2550 by Representative Boldt

Providing a liaison for community-based and faith-based social service organizations that receive no public funds.

Requires the secretary to designate a person within each of the department's administrative regions to serve as a liaison for community-based and faith-based social services organizations that do not receive funding directly from the state. The liaison shall be available to such organizations for the purpose of: (1) Providing information as it relates to opportunities for such organizations to cooperate with the department in providing community services throughout the state;

(2) Identifying areas of need that are not currently being met in the state that community-based and faith-based social services organizations that do not receive funding directly from the state may provide;

(3) Coordinating efforts to promote involvement of community-based and faith-based social service organizations that do not receive funding directly from the state in providing community services.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2551 by Representatives Schoesler, Sump, Cox, Kristiansen, Newhouse, Holmquist, Pearson, Buck, McIntire and Anderson

Providing for legislative members of the state parks and recreation commission.

Provides for legislative members of the state parks and recreation commission.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Fisheries, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2552 by Representatives Schoesler, Lovick, Newhouse, Cox, Bush, Kristiansen, Hatfield, Holmquist, Eickmeyer and Buck

Revising implied consent warnings.
Revises implied consent warnings.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Senate Bills

SB 6227 by Senators Morton, Doumit and Mulliken

Requiring certain local governments to regulate forest practices.

Provides that each county, city, and town assuming regulation of forest practices as provided in RCW 76.09.240 (1) and (2) shall adopt development regulations that: (1) Protect public resources, as defined in RCW 76.09.020, from material damage or the potential for material damage; (2) Require appropriate approvals for all phases of the conversion of forest lands, including clearing and grading; and

(3) Are guided by the planning goals in RCW 36.70A.020 and by the purposes and policies of the forest practices act as set forth in RCW 76.09.010.

Requires that, if necessary, each county, city, or town that assumes regulation of forest practices under RCW 76.09.240 shall amend its comprehensive plan to ensure consistency between its comprehensive plan and development regulations.

Requires that, before a county, city, or town may regulate forest practices under RCW 76.09.240 (1) and (2), it shall update its development regulations as required by RCW 36.70A.130 and, if applicable, RCW 36.70A.215. Forest practices regulations adopted under RCW 76.09.240 (1) and (2) may be adopted as part of the legislative action taken under RCW 36.70A.130 or 36.70A.215.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

SB 6228 by Senators Franklin, Kline, Thibaudeau, Kohl-Welles, Regala and McAuliffe

Implementing tax reform.

Declares an intent in adopting this title to provide the necessary revenues for the support of vital state services on a more stable and equitable basis.

Repeals RCW 6.15.025.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6229 by Senators Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Rasmussen and Shin

Providing for the licensing of private sports coaches or trainers.

Provides that a person shall not represent himself or herself as a private sports coach or trainer unless licensed as provided for in this act.

Declares that an applicant must meet the following minimum requirements to obtain a private sports coach or trainer license: (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;

(2) Be a citizen of the United States or a resident alien;

(3) Not have been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction;

(4) Submit a set of fingerprints;

(5) Pay the required nonrefundable fee for each application; and

(6) Submit a fully completed application on a form prescribed by the director.

Requires the director to investigate the conviction records, pending charges, and disciplinary board final decisions of any applicant seeking a private sports coach or trainer license under this act.

Provides that the investigation may include an examination of state and national criminal identification data. The director shall use the information solely for the purpose of determining the character and suitability of the applicant to receive a license under this act.

Requires the director to immediately suspend any license issued under this act if the holder has been certified pursuant to RCW 74.20A.320 by the department of social and health services as a person who is not in compliance with a support order. If the person has continued to meet all other requirements for reinstatement during the suspension, reissuance of the license shall be automatic upon the director's receipt of a release issued by the department of social and health services stating that the person is in compliance with the order.

Provides that, in addition to the unprofessional conduct described in RCW 18.235.130, the following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct: (1) Knowingly violating any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules adopted under this chapter;

(2) Being convicted of any crime against children;

(3) Finding in any dependency action under RCW 13.34.040 to have sexually assaulted or exploited any child or to have physically assaulted any child;

(4) Finding by a court in a domestic relations proceeding under Title 26 RCW to have sexually abused or exploited any child or to have physically abused any child;

(5) Finding in any disciplinary board final decision to have sexually or physically abused or exploited any child.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Trade.

SB 6230 by Senators Franklin, Winsley, Shin, Kastama, Eide, Thibaudeau, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

Modifying business and occupation taxation of small businesses.

Revises business and occupation taxation of small businesses.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6231 by Senators Franklin and Oke

Prohibiting smoking in public places.

Recognizes the increasing evidence that secondhand tobacco smoke creates a danger to the health of the citizens of this state. In order to protect the health and welfare of those citizens, it is necessary to prohibit smoking in public places.

Provides that a person who violates RCW 70.160.050 is guilty of an infraction punishable by: (1) A warning to the owner or person in charge for the first violation that occurs within a calendar year;

(2) A fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for a second violation that occurs within a calendar year; and

(3) A fine not exceeding five hundred dollars for each additional violation that occurs within a calendar year.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Trade.

SB 6232 by Senators Hewitt and Fairley; by request of Governor Locke

Issuing general obligation bonds.

Provides that, for the purpose of providing funds to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the capital and operating supplemental appropriation acts for the 2003-2005 fiscal biennium, and all costs incidental thereto, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of seventy-one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be required, to finance these projects and all costs incidental thereto.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6233 by Senators Hewitt and Fairley; by request of Governor Locke

Adopting a supplemental capital budget.

Adopts a supplemental capital budget.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6234 by Senators Oke, Fraser, Swecker, Parlette, Fairley, Jacobsen, Esser, Brown and Kline

Concerning nonhighway and off-road vehicles.

Revises provisions relating to nonhighway and off-road vehicles.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Parks, Fish & Wildlife.

SB 6235 by Senators Kline, Winsley, Prentice, Doumit, Regala, Keiser and Kohl-Welles

Underwriting medical malpractice insurance.

Directs each medical malpractice insurer to file its underwriting rules, guidelines, criteria, standards, or other information the insurer uses to underwrite medical malpractice coverage.

Requires every filing of underwriting information to identify and explain: (1) The class, type, and extent of coverage provided by the insurer;

(2) Any changes that have occurred to the underwriting standards; and

(3) How underwriting changes are expected to affect future losses.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Financial Services, Insurance & Housing.

SB 6236 by Senators Honeyford and Hargrove

Clarifying the development powers of cities, towns, and counties.

Clarifies the development powers of cities, towns, and counties.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Economic Development.

SB 6237 by Senators Hewitt, Haugen, Mulliken, Rasmussen and Parlette

Providing nonagricultural commercial and retail uses that support and sustain agricultural operations on designated agricultural lands of long-term significance.

Provides nonagricultural commercial and retail uses that support and sustain agricultural operations on designated agricultural lands of long-term significance.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Land Use & Planning.

SB 6238 by Senators T. Sheldon, Haugen, Mulliken, Hale and Rasmussen

Providing for rural development.

Amends RCW 36.70A.070 relating to rural development.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Economic Development.

SB 6239 by Senators Zarelli, Benton, Carlson, Hale, McAuliffe, Prentice, Rasmussen, Murray, Haugen and Poulsen; by request of Governor Locke

Modifying high technology and research and development tax incentive provisions.

Revises high technology and research and development tax incentive provisions.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6240 by Senators T. Sheldon, Zarelli, Benton, Hale, McAuliffe, Prentice, Rasmussen, Murray and Haugen; by request of Governor Locke

Providing tax incentives in rural counties.

Provides that, subject to the limits and provisions of this act, a credit is authorized against the tax otherwise due under chapter 82.04 RCW for persons engaged in a rural county in the business of manufacturing computer software or programming, as those terms are defined in this act.

Declares that the credit under this act shall equal one thousand dollars for each new qualified employment position created after January 1, 2004, in an eligible area. A credit is earned for the calendar year the person is hired to fill the position. Additionally a credit is earned for each year the position is maintained over the subsequent consecutive years, up to four years.

Declares that subject to the limits and provisions of this act, a credit is authorized against the tax otherwise due under chapter 82.04 RCW for persons engaged in a rural county in the business of providing information technology help desk services to third parties.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6241 by Senators Regala, Deccio, Fraser, Thibaudeau, Kline, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Winsley, Fairley, Eide and Haugen

Requiring use of respectful language in the Revised Code of Washington regarding individuals with disabilities.

Recognizes that language used in reference to individuals with disabilities shapes and reflects society's attitudes towards people with disabilities. Many of the terms currently used diminish the humanity and natural condition of having a disability. Certain terms are demeaning and create an invisible barrier to inclusion as equal community members.

Finds it necessary to clarify preferred language for new and revised laws by requiring the use of terminology that puts the person before the disability.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6242 by Senators Parlette and Berkey

Establishing a statewide strategy for land acquisitions and disposal.

Declares an intent to establish a statewide strategy for acquisition and disposal of lands for recreation and habitat preservation and enhancement, and to clarify authority for centralized, interagency control over implementation of that strategy.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

SB 6243 by Senators Haugen, Honeyford, Jacobsen, Carlson, Roach, Johnson, Eide, Esser, Fraser, Brandland, Parlette, Berkey, Winsley and Rasmussen

Creating the department of archaeology and historic preservation.

Abolishes the office of archaeology and historic preservation and its powers, duties, and functions are hereby transferred to the department of archaeology and historic preservation.

Repeals RCW 27.34.310 and 27.34.320.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6244 by Senators Sheahan, Brown, Johnson, Kline, Kohl-Welles and Murray

Providing funding for certain justice system activities.

Finds that there exists a crisis in the capacity of the justice system to meet the civil legal needs of low-income people, that there is an urgent need to address this crisis, that counties continue to experience significant justice system related needs, that county-based law libraries play an important role in helping members of the public understand and effectively assert important legal rights and that they face significant needs for new revenue, and that action needs to be taken to expand the revenue base available to address these and other important justice system operations.

Finds that in order to secure the needed additional revenue available for these activities, it is necessary and appropriate to increase certain fees and costs for services provided in association with the initiation and conduct of civil actions in the superior courts of this state.

Creates an office of civil legal services as an independent agency of the judicial branch. The office shall not provide direct representation of clients.

Provides that activities of the office of civil legal services shall be carried out by a director of civil legal services.

Requires the director to: (1) Contract with one or more qualified legal aid providers to provide civil indigent representation authorized by RCW 43.08.260 (as recodified by this act);

(2) Monitor and oversee the use of state funding to ensure compliance with this chapter and other applicable conditions;

(3) Report biennially to the administrator for the courts, the supreme court, the access to justice board, and the joint legislative civil legal services oversight committee on the status of access to the civil justice system for low-income people and make recommendations regarding efforts that should be undertaken to enhance access; and

(4) Submit a biennial budget request.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6245 by Senators Zarelli, Regala, Winsley and Rasmussen

Relating to residency teacher certification partnership programs.

Provides that partnership grant programs seeking funds to operate route four programs shall enroll individuals with baccalaureate degrees, who are employed in the district at the time of application, or who hold conditional teaching certificates or emergency substitute certificates. Cohorts of candidates for this route shall attend an intensive summer teaching academy, followed by a full year employed by a district in a mentored internship. In addition, partnership programs shall uphold entry requirements for candidates that include: (1) Five years' experience in the work force;

(2) A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. The individual's grade point average may be considered as a selection factor;

(3) Successful completion of the content test, once the state content test is available;

(4) External validation of qualifications, including demonstrated successful experience with students or children, such as reference letters and letters of support from previous employers;

(5) Meeting the age, good moral character, and personal fitness requirements adopted by rule for teachers; and

(6) Successful passage of statewide basic skills exams, when available.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Education.

SB 6246 by Senators Fraser, Winsley, Regala, McAuliffe, Franklin and Rasmussen; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Establishing a public safety employees' retirement system plan 2.

Establishes a public safety employees' retirement system plan 2.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6247 by Senators Winsley, Fraser, Regala, Carlson, Keiser and McAuliffe; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Vesting after five years of service in the defined benefit portion of the public employees' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, and the teachers' retirement system plan 3.

Provides for vesting after five years of service in the defined benefit portion of the public employees' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, and the teachers' retirement system plan 3.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6248 by Senators Winsley, Fraser, Regala, Carlson and Keiser; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Providing annual increases in retirement allowances.

Provides annual increases in retirement allowances.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6249 by Senators Fraser, Winsley, Pflug, Regala and Carlson; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Establishing an asset smoothing corridor for actuarial valuations used in the funding of the state retirement systems.

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-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6250 by Senators Pflug, Fraser, Winsley, Regala, Carlson, Keiser and Murray; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Allowing members of the teachers' retirement system plan 1 who are employed less than full time as psychologists, social workers, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, or speech language pathologists or audiologists to annualize their salaries when calculating their average final compensation.

Authorizes members of the teachers' retirement system plan 1 who are employed less than full time as psychologists, social workers, nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, or speech language pathologists or audiologists to annualize their salaries when calculating their average final compensation.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6251 by Senators Winsley, Regala and Fraser; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Permitting members of the public employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 and the school employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 who qualify for early retirement or alternate early retirement to make a one-time purchase of additional service credit.

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-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6252 by Senators Winsley, Regala, Fraser, Keiser and Rasmussen; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Permitting members of the public employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 and the school employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3 to buy down the early retirement reduction amounts.

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-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6253 by Senators Winsley, Fraser, Regala, Carlson, Keiser, Roach, Pflug, Spanel, Rasmussen and Eide; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Establishing a one thousand dollar minimum monthly benefit for public employees' retirement system plan 1 members and teachers' retirement system plan 1 members

who have at least twenty-five years of service and who have been retired at least twenty years.

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-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6254 by Senators Regala, Winsley, Fraser, Carlson, Keiser, Roach, Franklin, Rasmussen and Haugen; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Providing death benefits for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system plan 2.

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-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6255 by Senators Brandland, Kline, McCaslin, Regala, Winsley, Roach, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen and Parlette

Studying criminal background check processes.

Provides that, in consultation with the Washington State Patrol, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall conduct a study on criminal background checks. The study shall focus on how Washington state can reduce delays in the criminal background check processing time and how Washington state can make criminal background checks more accessible and efficient.

Requires the findings and recommendations from the study to be presented to the legislature no later than December 31, 2004.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services & Corrections.

SB 6256 by Senators Brandland, Kline, McCaslin, Roach, Winsley and Oke

Authorizing collection of offenders' palmprints.

Provides that any incarcerated adult or juvenile that is serving a jail or prison sentence for any criminal offense constituting a felony or gross misdemeanor shall be palmprinted anytime prior to release from incarceration.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services & Corrections.

SB 6257 by Senators Brandland, Kline, McCaslin, Roach, Winsley, Regala, Rasmussen, Shin and Oke

Addressing the protection of personal and identifying information.

Finds that release of personal and identifying information specifically linked to the name and job title of employees in the criminal justice and judicial systems may

increase exposure of those individuals and their families to identity theft, harassment, or physical harm. The legislature finds the public's legitimate right to hold public employees accountable can be achieved without access to and dissemination of personal and identifying information that may subject an employee and that employee's family to an increased danger of physical harm, identity theft, or harassment.

Declares that this act is intended to assist employees of the criminal justice and court systems to limit release of personal and identifying information to the general public.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6258 by Senators Brandland, Kline, McCaslin, Winsley, Regala and Roach

Authorizing the certification of corrections officers.

Provides that, as a condition of continuing employment as corrections officers, all Washington state corrections officers shall: (1) Timely obtain certification as corrections officers, or timely obtain exemption therefrom, by meeting all requirements of RCW 43.101.220, as that section is administered under the rules of the commission, as well as by meeting any additional requirements under this act; and

(2) Maintain the basic certification as corrections officers under this act.

Provides that the commission shall certify corrections officers who have satisfied, or have been exempted by statute or by rule from, the basic training requirements of RCW 43.101.220 on or before January 1, 2005. Thereafter, the commission may revoke certification pursuant to this act.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6259 by Senators Schmidt, Poulsen, Esser, Prentice and Eide

Extending the restriction on local government taxation of internet services.

Extends the restriction on local government taxation of internet services to July 1, 2006.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Technology & Communications.

SB 6260 by Senators Fairley, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles

Establishing licensing requirements for counselors doing vocational evaluations or rehabilitation counseling.

Establishes licensing requirements for counselors doing vocational evaluations or rehabilitation counseling.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6261 by Senators B. Sheldon, Oke and T. Sheldon

Modifying juror payment provisions.

Revises juror payment provisions.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6262 by Senator Swecker

Providing funds to ensure waste tires are disposed of properly.

Provides that there is levied a three dollar per tire fee on the retail sale of new replacement vehicle tires.

Creates the vehicle tire recycling account within the state treasury. Funds collected under RCW 70.95.510 shall be deposited in the vehicle tire recycling account.

Provides that funds in the vehicle tire recycling account shall be expended for the sole purpose of ensuring waste tires, as defined in RCW 70.95.550, are recycled in an environmentally responsible way.

Repeals RCW 70.95.530, 70.95.535, and 70.95.540.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

SB 6263 by Senators Swecker, Oke, Stevens, Pflug, Winsley, Zarelli, Hewitt and Mulliken

Permitting home-based driver training.

Designates requirements for permitting home-based driver training.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Highways & Transportation.

SB 6264 by Senators Swecker, Doumit, Oke, Mulliken, Horn, Jacobsen, Rasmussen and Murray

Allowing for the issuance of general permits for certain projects in state waters and on shorelines of the state.

Provides that the department or local government may issue general permits for any category of activities if the department or local government determines that the activities in such a category are similar in nature, will cause only minimal adverse impacts on fish life when performed separately, and will have only a minimal cumulative impact on fish life. General permits may be issued for a period of up to five years.

Requires that the general permit must include the following: (1) A precise description of the activities covered by the permit;

(2) The conditions and practices an applicant must follow to receive coverage under the permit;

(3) The geographic scope of the permit;

(4) The method to obtain coverage under the permit; and

(5) Any requirements for reporting at project completion.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Parks, Fish & Wildlife.

SB 6265 by Senators Swecker, Doumit, Oke, Mulliken, Horn, Jacobsen, Sheahan, Hale, Rasmussen and Murray

Improving the efficiency of the permitting process when multiple agencies are involved.

Finds that there are numerous efforts ongoing to streamline and improve permitting processes. These include the work of the transportation permit efficiency and accountability committee, chapter 47.06C RCW, and the efforts of the office of regulatory assistance to develop an integrated permit system, chapter 245, Laws of 2003.

Declares that, while these efforts are ongoing and likely to yield procedural improvements in permit processing by 2006, there is an immediate need to coordinate permitting timelines for large, multiagency permit streamlining efforts.

Provides that with the agreement of all involved agencies and the permit applicant, state permitting agencies may make a determination of the timelines that will be used by each participating permit agency to make permit decisions, including the time periods required to determine if the permit applications are complete, to review the application or applications, and to process the component permits.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Land Use & Planning.

SB 6266 by Senators B. Sheldon, McAuliffe, Shin, Berkey, Fairley, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Eide, Keiser, Spanel, Franklin and Jacobsen

Excluding kindergartens from the definition of child care agency.

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-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services & Corrections.

SB 6267 by Senator Prentice

Certifying certain persons as HVAC/refrigeration specialty electrical administrators or electricians without an examination.

Provides that, before December 1, 2004, a person who provides evidence in a form prescribed by the department affirming that he or she has worked in the HVAC/refrigeration specialty for a minimum of eight thousand hours may obtain a HVAC/refrigeration specialty electrical administrator certificate of competency without examination.

Provides that, before December 1, 2004, a person who provides evidence in a form prescribed by the department affirming that he or she has worked in the HVAC/refrigeration specialty for a minimum of four thousand hours may obtain a HVAC/refrigeration specialty electrician certificate of competency without examination.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Trade.

SB 6268 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Carlson, Jacobsen, Schmidt, Shin, Regala, Kline, McAuliffe and Franklin; by request of Governor Locke

Permitting a college or university to maintain a diverse student population by considering race, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the admission and transfer process without using quotas, predetermined points, or set asides.

Provides that RCW 49.60.400 does not prohibit a public college, university, or community college from considering race, color, ethnicity, or national origin in its admission or transfer policies for the purpose of promoting diversity at the campus if the policy meets the following minimum requirements: (1) No admission slots may be set aside on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, or national origin nor shall any person be given separate consideration based solely on race, color, ethnicity, or national origin;

(2) All qualified applicants shall be given individual consideration in which all qualities and experiences that may be valuable contributions to student body diversity are considered;

(3) Race, color, ethnicity, or national origin shall not be given a predetermined numerical value or weight in the admissions process;

(4) The policy shall establish criteria for evaluating whether the consideration of race, color, ethnicity, or national origin is still necessary to promote diversity and shall include provisions for periodic reviews; and

(5) There must be a process established for periodically exploring workable race-neutral alternatives to considering race, color, ethnicity, or national origin to achieve the diversity the college or university is seeking, without compromising academic quality.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 Held on first reading.

SB 6269 by Senators Hale, Doumit, Hewitt and Brandland

Concerning the relocation of harbor lines.

Amends RCW 79.92.030 relating to harbor lines in Blaine, Edmonds, Ilwaco, Kennewick, and Pasco.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

SB 6270 by Senators Esser, Haugen, Sheahan and Kline

Revising provisions relating to attorneys' liens.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to end double taxation of attorneys' fees obtained through judgments and settlements, whether paid by the client from the recovery or by the defendant pursuant to a statute or a contract. Through this legislation, Washington law clearly recognizes that attorneys have a property interest in their clients' cases so that the attorney's fee portion of an award or settlement may be taxed only once and against the attorney who actually receives the fee.

Declares that this act is curative and remedial, and intended to ensure that Washington residents do not incur double taxation on attorneys' fees received in litigation and owed to their attorneys. Thus, except for RCW 60.40.010(4), the statute is intended to apply retroactively.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6271 by Senators Jacobsen, Prentice, Thibaudeau, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Poulsen, Fraser, McAuliffe, Shin and Eide

Requiring safe drinking water in Washington public schools.

Finds that the best way to ensure that drinking water is safe in a particular school building is to test drinking and cooking water outlets such as taps, bubblers, and fountains, and to promptly correct problems where contaminant concentrations are found to exceed safe levels.

Provides that all the enforcement provisions of RCW 70.119.030, 70.119.040, and 70.119.050 relating to public water systems shall be applicable to the secretary's enforcement of the provisions of this act to achieve the public school water quality standards and requirements established under this act.

Directs the department to examine compliance with adopted standards and rules and provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature biennially, beginning December 1, 2006. The report shall include any recommendations, in bill form, for legislation that would improve compliance with, or facilitate the enforcement or achievement of, public school safe drinking water standards established under this act.

Provides that, if a school receives notice from the department that it is not in compliance with public school drinking water standards, the school may not offer a construction bond issue to the voters until the school obtains a letter of approval from the department indicating the department's satisfaction that either:

(1) The construction bond proposal contains specific remedial provisions and dedicated funding likely to bring the school into compliance with public school drinking water standards;

(2) The school has obtained funding or bona fide commitments of funding from other sources sufficient to bring the school into compliance with public school drinking water standards; or

(3) In accordance with rules established under this act, the school has submitted and received approval for an action plan likely to reduce contamination to acceptable levels within a fixed and reasonable time period.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

SB 6272 by Senators Keiser, Thibaudeau, Prentice, Franklin, Kline, Kohl-Welles and Spanel

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 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Trade.

SB 6273 by Senators Keiser, Winsley, Thibaudeau and Kohl-Welles

Regulating hospitals and health professions.

Requires hospitals to post copies of a notice, specified by and furnished by the department of health, advising of the whistleblower protections afforded in RCW 43.70.075 for reporting concerns about improper quality of care provided by health care professionals, in conspicuous places on its premises where notices to affected employees are usually posted.

Provides that a review of the physical and mental capacity and competence in delivering health care services of all persons with medical staff privileges must be conducted whenever those credentials are terminated, allowed to lapse, or surrendered for any reason. This review must include a specific recommendation to the hospital regarding language to be used in replying to another facility's request for a recommendation.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6274 by Senators Regala, Stevens, Hargrove and Kline

Changing provisions relating to serious offenses in the context of competency restoration.

Finds that the decision in *Sell v. United States*, ___ U.S. ___ (2003), requires a determination whether a particular criminal offense is "serious" in the context of competency restoration and the state's duty to protect the public.

Finds that, in order to adequately protect the public and in order to provide additional opportunities for mental health treatment for persons whose conduct threatens themselves or threatens public safety and has led to contact with the criminal justice system in the state, the determination of those criminal offenses that are "serious" offenses must be made consistently throughout the state.

Provides that, in order to facilitate this consistency, the legislature intends to determine those offenses that are serious in every case as well as the standards by which other offenses may be determined to be serious.

Declares an intent to clarify that a court may, to the extent permitted by federal law and required by the *Sell* decision, inquire into the civil commitment status of a defendant and may be told, if known.

Provides that, for purposes of determining whether a court may authorize involuntary medication for the purpose of competency restoration pursuant to RCW 10.77.090, a pending charge involving any one or more of the following crimes is a serious offense per se in the context of competency restoration: (1) Any violent offense, sex offense, serious traffic offense, and most serious offense, as those terms are defined in RCW 9.94A.030;

(2) Any offense included in crimes against persons in RCW 9.94A.411;

(3) Any offense contained in chapter 9.41 RCW (firearms and dangerous weapons);

(4) Any offense listed as domestic violence in RCW 10.99.020;

(5) Any offense listed as a harassment offense in chapter 9A.46 RCW; or

(6) Any violation of chapter 69.50 RCW that is a class B felony.

Provides that, when the court must make a determination whether to order involuntary medications for the purpose of competency restoration, the court shall inquire, and shall be told, consistent with federal law and to the extent that the prosecutor or defense attorney is aware, whether the defendant is the subject of a pending civil proceeding or has been ordered into involuntary treatment pursuant to a civil commitment proceeding.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services & Corrections.

SB 6275 by Senators Morton, Mulliken, Roach and Stevens

Requiring a finding of necessity for significant legislative rules by state agencies.

Requires that, before proposing a new rule or amending an existing rule that meets the definition of a significant legislative rule under RCW 34.05.328, a state agency shall adopt a finding of necessity demonstrating that the new or amended rule is necessary to implement a new legislative or federal directive, or is required to fully implement the intent of an existing state or federal law.

Provides that a finding by a superior court that the state agency failed to comply with the process for adoption of a finding of necessity under this act renders a finding of necessity and a significant legislative rule adopted under it null and void.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6276 by Senators Keiser and Eide

Requiring reporting of felony-level complaints against a physician.

Requires a criminal justice agency, as defined by RCW 10.97.030, to send a complete report to the commission of any record of arrest, charge, or allegation of criminal conduct possessed by the agency regarding a physician that would constitute a felony offense under chapter 9.94A RCW.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6277 by Senators McAuliffe, Prentice, Eide, Fairley, Doumit, B. Sheldon, Regala, Berkey, Kohl-Welles, Franklin, Keiser, Shin, Poulsen, Kastama, Hargrove, Rasmussen, Brown and Thibaudeau

Funding 2004-05 cost-of-living increases for education employees.

Funds 2004-05 cost-of-living increases for education employees.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Education.

SB 6278 by Senators Parlette, Murray, Carlson, Hale, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

Calculating the retirement allowance of a member of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2 who is killed in the course of employment.

Provides that the retirement allowance of a member who is killed in the course of employment, as determined by the director of the department of labor and industries, is not subject to an actuarial reduction. The member's retirement allowance is computed under RCW 41.26.420.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6279 by Senators Murray, Parlette, Carlson, Roach, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

Providing benefits to certain disabled members of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2.

Provides benefits to certain disabled members of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 2.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6280 by Senators Deccio, Winsley, Murray, Shin, Stevens, Prentice and Rasmussen

Revising nursing home provisions.

Directs the department to identify factors to be considered in selecting the appropriate remedy to apply to a nursing home that has not complied with the licensing requirements under chapter 18.51 RCW or chapter 74.42 RCW. In identifying the factors to be used in selecting an appropriate remedy, the department shall use a scope and severity method and assign the cited deficiencies to the appropriate category based on the scope and severity of a deficiency.

Provides that, based on the determination of the scope and severity of the deficiency citation, the department shall apply penalties to the nursing home, as specified in RCW 18.51.060. The remedies applied by the department shall not exceed the federal requirements for selecting remedies under 1919(h) and 1819(h) of the federal social security act and 42 C.F.R. 488.408, as existing on January 1, 2004, except that the department may use stop placement of new admissions as a remedy.

Declares that nursing homes may implement a paid feeding assistant program to the full degree permitted by federal regulation, 42 C.F.R. 483, as it exists on the effective date of this act, and the department shall approve training requirements for feeding assistants consistent with what is required under federal regulation.

Provides that feeding assistants shall work under the supervision of licensed nurses, with their competency to be determined by those nurses without testing.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8220 by Senators Franklin, Kline, Thibaudeau, Kohl-Welles and Regala

Amending the Constitution to allow an income tax.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to allow an income tax.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 8418 by Senators Berkey, Swecker, Doumit, Schmidt, Mulliken, Parlette, Keiser, Rasmussen and Haugen

Creating a joint select legislative task force to evaluate permitting processes.

Creates a joint select legislative task force to evaluate permitting processes.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Energy & Water.

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