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House Bills

HB 1317-S2 by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Kirby, Grant, Quall, Shabro, Jarrett, Rockefeller, Hunt, Delvin, Morris and Conway; by request of Governor Locke)

Clarifying and consolidating procedures for trust water rights and authorizing creation of water banks. Revised for 1st Substitute: Creating a trust water rights program. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Enhancing the effectiveness of the trust water rights program.) Revised for 2nd Substitute: Enhancing the effectiveness of the trust water rights program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the trust water rights program is an important tool in meeting the state's current and future needs for water, both in-stream and out-of-stream.

Finds that the existing procedures for establishing trust water rights are unnecessarily complex, and are difficult to explain and administer.

Finds that groups currently developing local watershed plans and regional water management programs are seeking an effective means to facilitate multiple, voluntary transfers of existing water rights to address presently unmet needs and future needs.

Declares an intent to enhance the effectiveness of the trust water rights program by improving existing incentives, removing disincentives, clarifying and consolidating procedures for establishing trust water rights, and authorizing the creation of water banks.

Repeals provisions of chapter 90.38 RCW and chapter 90.42 RCW.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 AGNR - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2573-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee, Alexander, Hunt and Linville; by request of Governor Locke)

Adopting a supplemental capital budget.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Adopts a supplemental capital budget.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 26 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 27 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3208 by Representative Delvin

Making personal injury protection coverage for pedestrians accidentally struck by an insured automobile secondary to other available coverage.

Makes personal injury protection coverage for pedestrians accidentally struck by an insured automobile secondary to other available coverage.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 1 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 3209 by Representative Delvin

Lowering the liability limits for the midwife joint underwriting association.

Amends RCW 48.87.050 to lower the liability limits for the midwife joint underwriting association.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 1 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 3210 by Representative McDermott

Creating a nominating primary.

Provides for a nominating primary.

Repeals RCW 29A.04.903, 29A.36.140, 29A.52.110, 29A.52.120, 29A.52.130, and 29A.56.010.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 1 First reading, referred to State Government.

HB 3211 by Representatives Ruderman, Nixon and Upthegrove

Providing law enforcement accountability for officers involved in traffic accidents.

Declares that nothing in this act precludes a law enforcement officer who is driving a motor vehicle involved in an accident while on duty from being issued a traffic citation if the law enforcement officer is at fault or otherwise caused the accident.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 1 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Bills

SB 6578-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Berkey, Schmidt, Keiser, Murray, Shin, Oke, Rasmussen and Benton)

Authorizing extended military leave for certain public employees. Revised for 2nd Substitute: Authorizing military leave for public employees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that public employees who are members of the Washington national guard or of the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps reserve of the United States, or of any organized reserve or armed forces of the United States are entitled to and shall be granted military leave of absence from their employment as follows: (1) Every officer and employee of the state or of any county, city, or other political subdivision thereof is entitled to military leave for a period not exceeding fifteen days during each year beginning October 1st and ending the following September 30th. This military leave of absence is in addition to any vacation or sick leave to which the officer or employee might otherwise be entitled, and shall not involve any loss of efficiency rating, privileges, or pay. During the period of military leave, the officer or employee shall receive from the state, or the county, city, or other political subdivision, his or her normal pay.

(2) Every officer and employee of the state, excepting only temporary employees and employees of school districts and educational service districts, who is mobilized under Title 10 or 32 of the United States Code for a period exceeding thirty days, is entitled to and shall be granted, in addition to the military leave of absence provided in this act, military leave of absence from their employment for a period not exceeding two years. This leave shall be granted in order that the person may report for active duty. This military leave of absence is in addition to any vacation or sick leave to which the officer or employee might otherwise be entitled, and shall not involve any loss of efficiency rating or privileges. During the period of military leave, if the combined military pay and allowances of the officer or employee are less than his or her normal pay from the state, then he or she shall receive as compensation from the employing agency one-half of the difference.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 1 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6744 by Senators Benton and Kohl-Welles

Establishing the public interest attorney loan repayment program.

Declares an intent to provide affordable access to legal education and meet the legal needs of the state of Washington in public interest areas of the law. The high cost of attending law school requires that attorneys command high incomes to repay the financial obligations incurred in obtaining the required training. As a result of the need for high incomes, few attorneys are able to practice in public interest areas of the law, which traditionally pay substantially less than other areas.

Finds that encouraging outstanding law students and attorneys to practice in public interest areas of the law is essential to assuring access to legal services in areas of public interest.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6745 by Senators Swecker, Kastama, Jacobsen, B. Sheldon, Spanel and Oke

Creating an open primary with voluntary partisan registration.

Creates an open primary with voluntary partisan registration.

Repeals RCW 29A.04.903, 29A.36.140, 29A.52.110, 29A.52.120, 29A.52.130, and 29A.56.010.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 1 Held on first reading.