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House Bills

HB 3212 by Representatives Hunt, McDermott, Conway, Veloria, Cooper, Hudgins, Darneille, Romero and Dickerson

Creating an open primary with voluntary party registration.
Creates an open primary with voluntary party 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 5 Held on first reading.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR 4417 by Representatives Fromhold, Kagi, Benson, Morrell and Kenney

Establishing an early learning and child care legislative work group. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing an early learning legislative work group.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/3/04)

Establishes an early learning legislative work group to make recommendations for developing specific goals for early learning programs in the state.

Requires the work group to: (1) Define legislative expectations and provide policy direction for quality early learning programs;

(2) Identify the most efficient ways to improve the administration and fiscal management of quality early learning programs in the state;

(3) Consider licensing requirements for preschools and kindergartens in the state; and

(4) Seek involvement from families, community groups, educators, and state agencies involved with early learning programs throughout the state.

Directs the work group to report its recommendations to the legislature by January 10, 2005.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 1 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

Mar 3 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, adopted.

- IN THE SENATE -

Mar 5 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services & Corrections.

HCR 4418 by Representatives Kagi and Boldt

Creating a study panel on adoption issues.

Provides that the study panel shall study and report findings and recommendations, as well as solicit comments

from the community, regarding the current adoption statutes and policies related to the following issues: (1) Adoption-related fees;

(2) Barriers to adoption;

(3) Child selling and buying;

(4) Adoption facilitation, advertising, and marketing;

(5) Discrimination in adoption based upon ability to pay, race, color, or national origin of child or parent;

(6) Background checks; and

(7) Agency licensing and credentialing.

Requires the study panel to report its findings to the legislature by January 1, 2005.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 5 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

Senate Bills

SB 5319-S3 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators T. Sheldon, Hale and Esser)

Authorizing sales and use tax exemptions for call centers. Revised for 1st Substitute: Providing tax incentives for the construction and maintenance of call centers in distressed areas. Revised for 2nd Substitute: Providing tax incentives for call centers in rural areas of the state.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/4/04)

Finds that there are areas of the state that still have very high levels of unemployment.

Finds that additional incentives are needed to promote economic stimulation and new employment opportunities in these distressed areas, and that these incentives are essential to increase economic growth in these areas.

Declares an intent to accomplish this by providing tax incentives for call centers, toll services, or network telephone services located in distressed areas of the state.

Requires the office of financial management to develop a report on the prevalence by which the state of Washington, from fiscal year 2001 through fiscal year 2004, contracted with out-of-state employers, other business entities, or other state governments for the provision of goods or services in this state or to the residents of this state. The report shall include an accounting of the total amount of funds expended and the number of contracts executed between state agencies and businesses where the services or goods contracted for were performed or provided by employees or contractors working outside of the state of Washington.

Requires that, in addition, for each contract, the report shall include a description of the services performed, the agency participating in the contract, the funds expended for each contract, the location where the services were performed, an analysis of whether adequate services were available within the state of Washington to provide the same or similar goods or services, and the degree to which utilization of services within the state would have affected the cost of the contract.

Directs the office of financial management to submit its report to the senate committee on commerce and trade and the house committee on commerce and labor by July 31, 2004.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 3rd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 4 3rd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 47; nays, 1; absent, 1.

- IN THE HOUSE -

Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6411 by Senators Brandland, Rasmussen, Sheahan, Hargrove, Swecker, Brown, Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Regala, Eide, Kline, Kohl-Welles and Winsley

Reducing hunger.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/4/04)

Recognizes that improved access to federal nutrition and assistance programs, such as the federal food stamp program, can be a critical factor in enabling recipients to gain the ability to support themselves and their families. This is an important step towards self-sufficiency and decreased long-term reliance on governmental assistance and will serve to strengthen families in this state.

Requires applications to determine free or reduced-price lunch eligibility to be distributed and collected for all households of children in schools containing any of the grades kindergarten through four. The applications that are collected must be reviewed to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches.

Requires that, using the most current available school data on free and reduced-price lunch eligibility, the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt a schedule for implementation of school breakfast and lunch programs at each school required to offer such a program under this act.

Provides that, to the maximum extent allowable by federal law, the department shall implement simplified reporting for the food stamp program by October 31, 2004.

Declares that, for the purposes of this act, "simplified reporting" means the only change in circumstance that a recipient of a benefit program must report between eligibility reviews is an increase of income that would result in ineligibility for the benefit program. Every six months the assistance unit must either complete a semiannual report or participate in an eligibility review.

Provides that, to the maximum extent allowable by federal law, beginning on October 31, 2005, the department shall provide transitional food stamp assistance for a period of five months to a household that ceases to receive temporary assistance for needy families assistance and is not in sanction status. If necessary, the department shall extend the household's food stamp certification until the end of the transition period.

Repeals RCW 28A.235.140.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services & Corrections.

Feb 5 CFC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 24 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Children & Family Services & Corrections.

Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 4 1st substitute bill not substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 44; nays, 0; absent, 5.

- IN THE HOUSE -

Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6665-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt, Mulliken, Honeyford, Hale, Parlette, Rasmussen and Sheahan)

Modifying the excise taxation of fruit and vegetable processing and storage.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/2/04)

Declares that chapter 82.04 RCW shall not apply to amounts received from the canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits and vegetables which are subsequently sold at wholesale outside the state or which are sold at wholesale by the person canning, preserving, freezing, processing, or dehydrating fresh fruits and vegetables to purchasers outside the state or to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state, or selling at wholesale fresh fruits and vegetables canned, preserved, frozen, processed, or dehydrated by the seller and sold to purchasers who transport in the ordinary course of business the goods out of this state.

Provides that application for deferral of taxes under this act must be made before initiation of the construction of the investment project or acquisition of equipment or machinery.

Directs the department to issue a sales and use tax deferral certificate for state and local sales and use taxes due under chapters 82.08, 82.12, and 82.14 RCW on each eligible investment project if the investment project is undertaken for the purpose of fresh fruit and vegetable processing, cold storage warehousing, or research and development.

Provides that each person subject to this act, holding a deferral certificate issued pursuant to this act, or claiming an exemption under RCW 82.08.820 or 82.12.820 with respect to a cold storage warehouse, shall complete an annual survey. The survey is due by March 31st with respect to information for the previous year. The survey shall include the amount of sales tax deferred or refunded by remittance and the amount of business and occupation tax exempt under this act.

Provides that all information collected under this act, except the amount of sales tax deferred or refunded by remittance, is deemed taxpayer information under RCW

82.32.330 and is not disclosable. The amount of sales tax deferred or refunded by remittance is not subject to the confidentiality provisions of RCW 82.32.330 and may be disclosed to the public upon request, except that persons receiving a deferral or remittance of less than ten thousand dollars of sales tax during the period covered by the survey may request the department to treat the sales tax amount as confidential under RCW 82.32.330.

Directs the department to use the information from this act to prepare summary descriptive statistics by category. No fewer than three taxpayers shall be included in any category. The department shall report these statistics to the legislature each year by September 1st.

Takes effect July 1, 2005.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Mar 2 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed: yeas, 44; nays, 3; absent, 2.

- IN THE HOUSE -

Mar 3 First reading, referred to Finance.