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Providing a sales and use tax exemption for the nonhighway use of propane by farmers.

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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1377 by Representatives Pettigrew, Hinkle, Walsh, Haler, Kagi, Appleton, Warnick, and Roberts; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Changing provisions affecting the placement of children.

Revises provisions affecting the placement of children.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1378 by Representatives Cody, Priest, Campbell, Green, Morrell, Jarrett, Williams, and Ormsby

Licensing specialty hospitals.

Finds that specialty hospitals jeopardize the financial balance of community hospitals by selectively providing care to less ill patients, treating fewer medicare, medicaid, and uninsured patients, providing primarily care that is profitable to investors, and reducing community hospital staffing. To assure that private and public hospitals in Washington remain financially viable institutions able to provide general acute care in their communities and maintain the capacity to respond to local, state, and national emergencies, the legislature has concluded that specialty hospitals must meet certain conditions in order to be licensed. These conditions will ensure that specialty hospitals and community hospitals compete on a level playing field and, therefore, will minimize the adverse impacts of specialty hospitals on community general hospitals while assuring quality patient care.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1379 by Representatives Hinkle, Green, Campbell, Cody, and Morrell

Revising the qualifications of an applicant for licensure as a hearing instrument fitter/dispenser.

Exempts an applicant who holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license from another jurisdiction, has been actively practicing as a licensed hearing aid fitter/dispenser in another jurisdiction for at least twenty-four of the last thirty months, and submits proof of completion of advance certification from either the

international hearing society or the national board for certification in hearing instrument sciences.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1380 by Representatives Hunter and McIntire; by request of Department of Revenue

Regarding the printing and publishing business and occupation tax classification.

Revises provisions regarding the printing and publishing business and occupation tax classification.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1381 by Representatives Hasegawa, Orcutt, McIntire, and Condotta; by request of Department of Revenue

Making changes of a technical nature to tax laws.

Makes changes of a technical nature to tax laws.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1382 by Representatives Ericks, Hunter, Orcutt, McIntire, and Condotta; by request of Department of Revenue

Regarding excise taxation of sales of tangible personal property originating from or destined to foreign countries.

Declares that, because of the uncertainty regarding the constitutional limitations on the taxation of import and export sales of tangible personal property, the legislature recognizes the need to provide clarity in the taxation of imports and exports. It is the legislature's intent to provide a statutory tax exemption for the sale of tangible personal property in import or export commerce, which is not dependent on future interpretation of the constitutional limitations on the taxation of imports and exports by the courts.

Declares it is not the intent of the legislature in enacting this act to eliminate, narrow, or expand existing exemptions under WAC 458-20-193C.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1383 by Representatives Appleton, Campbell, Cody, Hinkle, Morrell, Walsh, Schual-Berke, Curtis, Green, Clibborn, Lantz, Moeller, Condotta, Hasegawa, Kagi, and Santos

Regulating body piercing.

Finds and declares that the practices of body piercing and body art involve an invasive procedure with the use of needles, single-use disposable sharps, reusable sharps, instruments, and jewelry. These practices may be dangerous when improperly sterilized, presenting a risk of infecting the client with bloodborne pathogens including, but not limited to, HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.

Declares that it is in the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare to establish requirements in the commercial practice of body piercing in this state.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1384 by Representatives Kenney, Roberts, Wallace, Hasegawa, Jarrett, Seaquist, Green, Upthegrove, Appleton, Ormsby, Quall, P. Sullivan, Chase, Conway, and Simpson; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Providing for academic employee salary increments for community and technical colleges.

Declares an intent that state appropriations be adjusted to an amount which, together with academic employee turnover savings, provide for consistent and predictable funding of academic employee salary increases for state-funded academic employees who qualify through experience, professional development, and training pursuant to local collective bargaining.

Directs the state board for community and technical colleges to, in consultation with the various bargaining representatives of the academic employees, recommend an allocation model for the distribution of increments for experience, professional development, and training. The state board shall present its recommended allocation model to the legislature no later than December 1, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1385 by Representatives Jarrett, Priest, Wallace, Buri, Sells, Ormsby, and Chase

Implementing a strategic direction for higher education.

Finds that the system of public higher education in Washington state is at a crossroads. Demographic and economic pressures place competing demands on policymakers and on colleges and universities. Increasing numbers of students are demanding access to workforce training and baccalaureate and advanced degree programs. Businesses are demanding highly qualified workers and technological advancements gained through university research. At the same time, taxpayers expect policymakers to set priorities and maximize use of public resources.

Declares an intent to articulate a strategic direction for public higher education on issues of access, affordability, service delivery, and accountability that will guide coordinated decision making on policies, operating budgets, and capital plans. It is further the legislature's intent to provide the management tools and resources necessary to implement the strategic direction. Additional investment in higher education is needed, but the public deserves assurance that such an investment is based on a clear plan and will be carefully managed with specific expectations and measurable outcomes.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1386 by Representatives McCune, Ahern, Sump, Kristiansen, Dunn, Roach, and Warnick

Designating an official state Christmas tree.

Provides that any evergreen tree, including any fir, pine, spruce, cedar, or other coniferous species, placed or

located in the rotunda of the state capitol building during the month of December is designated as the official Christmas tree of the state of Washington.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1387 by Representatives Dickerson, Darneille, Roberts, McCoy, Hasegawa, Kagi, Appleton, Ormsby, Goodman, and Moeller

Providing medicaid coverage for youth temporarily placed in juvenile detention.

Finds that youth temporarily detained in county detention facilities are often in need of medical or mental health services. The legislature intends to use an opportunity in federal law to provide medicaid funded services for medicaid eligible youth temporarily detained in these facilities.

Provides that, in determining payment for services under medicaid, Title XIX of the federal social security act, the department shall interpret 42 C.F.R. 435.1008 and 42 C.F.R. 435.1009 to allow payment for services on behalf of a medicaid enrolled youth who is temporarily placed in a juvenile detention facility. Temporary placement shall be defined as until adjudication or up to sixty continuous days, whichever occurs first.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1388 by Representatives McDonald, Ericks, Morrell, Ormsby, and Moeller

Making it a gross misdemeanor for a contractor's use of another contractor's registration number.

Declares that it is a gross misdemeanor for any contractor to use the registration number of another contractor to advertise, offer to do work, submit a bid, or perform any work as a contractor.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1389 by Representatives McDonald, Ericks, Morrell, and Ormsby

Regulating contractor advertising.

Amends RCW 18.27.100 relating to contractor advertising.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1390 by Representatives Armstrong, Lovick, Ericks, Alexander, Linville, Takko, Williams, Kessler, P. Sullivan, Schual-Berke, VanDeWege, and Moeller

Requiring the use of headlights at all times on two-lane highways.

Requires every vehicle driving upon a two-lane highway to display at all times lighted headlights, dedicated daytime running lights, as described in 49 C.F.R. Sec.

571.108(S5.5.11(a)), other lights, and illuminating devices, as required for different classes of vehicles.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1391 by Representatives Eddy, Ross, Curtis, Jarrett, Morrell, and B. Sullivan

Clarifying that councilmembers are eligible to be appointed to the office of mayor.

Provides that an incumbent councilmember is eligible to be appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of mayor.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1392 by Representatives Moeller, Curtis, B. Sullivan, Appleton, Chase, and Schual-Berke

Adding city officials to the list of public agencies eligible for medical insurance coverage outside of compensation.

Includes city officials in the list of public agencies eligible for medical insurance coverage outside of compensation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1393 by Representatives Williams, Roach, Hurst, Green, Ormsby, Chase, VanDeWege, Kelley, Simpson, and Santos

Requiring record checks for developmental disabilities service providers.

Requires all persons who provide services under chapter 71A.12 RCW and who will have unsupervised access to persons with developmental disabilities are required to submit to a record check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050, and through the federal bureau of investigation. The record check shall include a fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint card.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 1394 by Representatives Williams, Roach, O'Brien, Hurst, Ormsby, Chase, and Simpson

Requiring a plan to encourage medical students to work with patients with developmental disabilities.

Directs the University of Washington medical school to develop a plan to train students to work with patients with developmental disabilities. The plan must include incentives for students to undertake the training. The medical school must present the plan, including costs, to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than November 30, 2007.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1395 by Representatives Appleton, Hankins, Darneille, Skinner, Morrell, Hunt, Walsh, Williams, Schual-Berke, Cody, Kenney, Moeller, Hasegawa, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Chase, and Santos

Allowing out-of-state physicians to recommend marijuana for terminal or debilitating medical conditions.

Authorizes out-of-state physicians to recommend marijuana for terminal or debilitating medical conditions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1396 by Representatives Flannigan, Jarrett, B. Sullivan, Upthegrove, Rodne, Eddy, Kagi, Chase, and Schual-Berke

Providing a single ballot proposition for regional transportation investment districts and regional transit authorities at the 2007 general election.

Finds that under RCW 81.112.030 and 36.120.170 regional transportation investment districts and regional transit authorities are required to submit to the voters propositions for their respective transportation plans on the same ballot at the 2007 general election and that the opportunity to propose a single ballot reflecting a comprehensive, systemic, and interrelated approach to regional transportation would further the legislative intent and provide voters with an easier and more efficient method of expressing their will.

Declares that it is therefore the policy and intent of the state of Washington that transportation plans required to be submitted for voter approval at the 2007 general election by a regional transportation investment district and a regional transit authority must be submitted to voters in single ballot question seeking approval of both plans.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1397 by Representatives Campbell, Kenney, Curtis, Cody, and Upthegrove

Revising the definition of massage therapy to include manipulation or pressure inside the mouth or oral cavity.

Revises the definition of massage therapy to include manipulation or pressure inside the mouth or oral cavity.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1398 by Representatives Fromhold, Wallace, Anderson, McDonald, Pedersen, and Chase; by request of University of Washington

Expanding the University of Washington's and Washington State University's local borrowing authority.

Expands the University of Washington's and Washington State University's local borrowing authority.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1399 by Representatives Conway, Green, Kenney, Sells, Wood, Williams, Hasegawa, McCoy, Morrell, Moeller, Chase, Wallace, P. Sullivan, Haler,

Strow, Fromhold, Walsh, Hankins, Grant, Appleton, Ormsby, Miloscia, and Simpson

Changing collective bargaining eligibility requirements for certain employees of higher education institutions and related boards.

Provides that, for institutions of higher education and related boards, "employee" means any employee, including employees whose work has ceased in connection with the pursuit of lawful activities protected by chapter 41.80 RCW, except: (1) Employees covered for collective bargaining by chapters 28B.52, 41.56, and 41.76 RCW;

(2) Confidential employees; or

(3) Members of the governing board of each institution of higher education and related boards, all presidents, and vice-presidents; deans, directors, and chairs; and executive heads of major administrative or academic divisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1400 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Clibborn, Ericks, Quall, Springer, Kagi, Upthegrove, Takko, Kessler, Chase, VanDeWege, and Moeller

Excluding common mole and gopher traps from the definition of "body-gripping trap."

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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1401 by Representatives Pettigrew, Springer, Dunn, McCune, Miloscia, Chase, and Santos

Regarding the acquisition of land for affordable housing.

Finds that assisting eligible organizations to purchase land for affordable housing development and related supportive services facilities confers a valuable benefit on the public that constitutes consideration for financing assistance to eligible organizations in the form of low-interest loans, subject to restrictions that provide continued protection of the public interest.

Creates the affordable housing land acquisition program in the department to establish a revolving loan fund to be used for land acquisition by eligible organizations described under RCW 43.185A.040.

Appropriates the sum of five million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund solely for deposit in the affordable housing land acquisition account created in this act for the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Housing.

Jan 22 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1402 by Representatives Wallace, Dunn, and Orcutt

Modifying the definition of "private carriers" of solid waste.

Provides that "private carrier" includes multifamily rental properties and mobile home parks that transport solid waste from residential sources and that are encouraged, but

not required, to use equipment originally designed or used primarily for the transport of solid waste.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1403 by Representatives O'Brien, Hinkle, Condotta, Fromhold, Ahern, McCune, and Warnick

Modifying snowmobile registration requirements.

Amends RCW 46.10.020 relating to snowmobile registration.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1404 by Representatives Wallace, Hinkle, Condotta, O'Brien, Fromhold, Ahern, McCune, and Warnick

Providing a sales tax exemption for certain trail grooming services.

Declares that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of trail grooming services to the state of Washington or nonprofit corporations organized under chapter 24.03 RCW. For the purposes of this act, "trail grooming" means the activity of snow compacting, snow redistribution, or snow removal on state-owned or privately-owned trails.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1405 by Representatives Wallace, Hinkle, Condotta, O'Brien, Fromhold, McCune, and Ahern

Modifying the fuel tax rate used to determine fuel tax distributions to fund nonhighway expenditures.

Revises the fuel tax rate used to determine fuel tax distributions to fund nonhighway expenditures.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1406 by Representatives Conway, Wood, and Green; by request of Employment Security Department

Regarding reporting, penalty, and corporate officer provisions of the unemployment insurance system.

Revises provisions regarding reporting, penalty, and corporate officer provisions of the unemployment insurance system.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1407 by Representatives Conway, Wood, and Green; by request of Employment Security Department

Funding the administration of Title 50 RCW, unemployment compensation.

Provides funding for the administration of Title 50 RCW, unemployment compensation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1408 by Representatives Orcutt, B. Sullivan, Kretz, Blake, Armstrong, Chandler, Pearson, and Takko

Concerning conversion of forest land to nonforestry uses.

Provides that, if a county, city, town, or regional governmental entity receives a notice of conversion to nonforestry use by the department under RCW 76.09.060, then the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity must deny all applications for permits or approvals, including building permits and subdivision approvals, relating to nonforestry uses of the land that is the subject of the notification. The prohibition created by this act must be enforced by the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity: (1) For a period of six years from the approval date of the applicable forest practices application or notification or the date that the department was made aware of the harvest activities; or

(2) Until the following activities are completed for the land that is the subject of the notice of conversion to a nonforestry use: (a) full compliance with chapter 43.21C RCW, if applicable; (b) the department has notified the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity that the landowner has resolved any outstanding final orders or decisions issued by the department; and (c) a determination is made by the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity as to whether or not the condition of the land in question is in full compliance with local ordinances and regulations.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1409 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Orcutt, Kretz, and Takko

Transferring jurisdiction over conversion-related forest practices to local governments.

Requires each county, city, and town assuming regulation of forest practices as provided in RCW 76.09.240 (1) and (2) to 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.

Provides 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.

Provides 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.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1410 by Representatives McCune, Campbell, and VanDeWege

Modifying provisions relating to the burden of proof on certain property tax appeals.

Requires that, when the increase in valuation is more than five percent per year, it is the burden of the public official charged with the duty of establishing this value to show that it is correct.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1411 by Representatives Santos, Orcutt, Uptegrove, Roach, Ericks, Condotta, Pettigrew, Hasegawa, Kristiansen, Williams, Kessler, and Ormsby

Providing tax exemptions for amenities purchased by lodging businesses for use by guests.

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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1412 by Representatives Eddy, Curtis, Simpson, and Uptegrove; by request of Department of Ecology

Providing for a one-year extension for shoreline master program updates in RCW 90.58.080.

Declares that local governments may be provided an additional year beyond the deadlines in this act to complete their master program or amendment. The department shall grant the request if it determines that the local government is likely to adopt or amend its master program within the additional year.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1413 by Representatives Eddy, Simpson, and Curtis; by request of Department of Ecology

Changing the definition of floodway in the shoreline management act.

Requires that, at a minimum, the floodway is that which has been established in federal emergency management act flood insurance rate maps or federal emergency management act floodway maps. Other data and information, including topography, changes in soil or vegetation, and other indicators of past flooding may be used to define and map a floodway that meets the objectives of the shoreline management act, chapter 90.58 RCW.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1414 by Representatives Cody, Green, Morrell, Moeller, Schual-Berke, and Campbell

Licensing ambulatory surgical facilities.

Establishes provisions for licensing ambulatory surgical facilities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1415 by Representatives Cody, Green, Morrell, Moeller, and Campbell

Establishing activities to support the certificate of need program.

Declares that a strategic health planning process that is responsive to changing health and social needs and conditions is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state. The strategic health planning process must be concerned with the performance of the health system, encompassing health care financing, quality, and the availability of information and services for all residents. The strategic health planning process must ensure the involvement of both consumers and health care providers in the health planning process. The outcomes of the strategic health planning process must be clearly articulated and available for public use and review.

Requires such strategic health planning, when informed by relevant data about the state's health system, shall guide the state in establishing objectives and strategies to: (1) Promote, maintain, and assure the health of all citizens in the state;

(2) Provide accessible health services through the maintenance of an adequate supply of health facilities and an adequate workforce;

(3) Apply specific quality criteria and population health indicators;

(4) Recognize prevention as a high priority in health programs;

(5) Address periodic priority issues including disaster planning, public health threats, and public safety dilemmas;

(6) Coordinate efforts among state agencies including those tasked with facility, services, and professional provider licensing; state and federal reimbursement; health service utilization data systems; and other functions relevant to health planning;

(7) Recognize the close interrelationship of health planning concerns and emphasize health care expenditure control, including cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis;

(8) Integrate criteria for evidence-based medicine; and

(9) Regularly evaluate the impact of capacity management on health service expenditures, access, quality, and innovation.

Creates the office of strategic health resource coordination in the office of the governor. The office shall serve as a coordinating body for public and private efforts to improve quality in health care, promote cost-effectiveness in health care, and plan health facility and health service availability. In addition, the office shall facilitate access to health care data collected by public and private organizations as needed to conduct its planning responsibilities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1416 by Representatives Grant, Chandler, Linville, Newhouse, Warnick, and VanDeWege

Extending an asparagus exception to the standards for fruits and vegetables.

Extends an asparagus exception to the standards for fruits and vegetables.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1417 by Representatives Lovick, Roach, Simpson, Hurst, O'Brien, Eddy, Ericks, Eickmeyer, Kelley, VanDeWege, Pedersen, Sells, Hankins, B. Sullivan, Dickerson, Rodne, Springer, Appleton, Rolfes, Hudgins, Pettigrew, Williams, Kessler, Green, Ormsby, P. Sullivan, and Santos

Providing reimbursement for certain Washington state patrol survivor benefits.

Provides that the retirement allowance paid to the spouse and dependent children of a member who is killed in the course of employment, as set forth in RCW 41.05.011(14), shall include reimbursement for any payments of premium rates to the Washington state health care authority under RCW 41.05.080.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 1418 by Representatives Lovick, Campbell, Lantz, O'Brien, Upthegrove, and Williams

Protecting consumers from the keeping of dangerous wild animals.

Declares that it is the intent of the state of Washington to protect the public against the serious health and safety risks that dangerous wild animals pose to the community.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1419 by Representatives McCoy, Jarrett, Hudgins, Campbell, Chase, Dunshee, Hunt, Upthegrove, Williams, Hasegawa, Schual-Berke, Simpson, and Santos

Ensuring the cleanup of certain hazardous waste sites.

Declares that it is the purpose of this act and the policy of the state of Washington to ensure cleanup and compliance at sites at which hazardous wastes have seriously contaminated the environment and where ongoing violations of chapter 70.105D RCW are projected to take more than twenty years to complete the cleanup and compliance. It is further the purpose of this act to ensure public involvement in the cleanup of these sites.

Declares that it is further the policy of the state to ensure cleanup and compliance at these sites before permitting the addition of more waste that is not generated from the cleanup of the site, and which may add to long-term cumulative impacts to health and the environment, until the hazardous waste on-site has been cleaned up and

is stored, treated, or disposed of in compliance with all state and federal laws.

Declares that it is further the policy of the state to discontinue the use of, and ensure characterization and remediation of, unlined trenches where hazardous wastes have been disposed. These policies must guide state action for approval of plans, permits, orders, or agreements under the federal facility compliance act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 6961 et seq.). It is not the intent of this act to interfere with the transportation, manufacturing, storage, or use of any hazardous substance necessary for medical research, medical treatment, manufacturing or industrial processes, or national defense.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 1420 by Representatives Kelley, Hailey, Chandler, Warnick, Hunt, Armstrong, Green, Miloscia, Appleton, Ormsby, and Moeller; by request of Secretary of State

Modifying provisions on primary election ballots.

Revises provisions on primary election ballots.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1421 by Representatives Green, Miloscia, Kretz, Armstrong, Appleton, Kessler, Ormsby, Warnick, and Moeller; by request of Secretary of State

Modifying address confidentiality program provisions.

Revises address confidentiality program provisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1422 by Representatives Roberts, Dickerson, Appleton, Walsh, Haler, Darneille, Lovick, Pettigrew, Quall, Hasegawa, Sells, Goodman, Eddy, Green, O'Brien, Chase, Kagi, Ormsby, and Santos

Addressing children and families of incarcerated parents.

Recognizes the significant impact on the lives and well-being of children and families when a parent is incarcerated. It is the intent of the legislature to support children and families, and maintain familial connections when appropriate, during the period a parent is incarcerated.

Finds that there must be a greater emphasis placed on identifying state policies and programs impacting children with incarcerated parents. Additionally, greater effort must be made to ensure that the policies and programs of the state are supportive of the children, and meet their needs during the time the parent is incarcerated.

Finds that, according to the final report of the children of incarcerated parents oversight committee, helping offenders build durable family relationships may reduce the likelihood that their children will go to prison later in life. Additionally, the report indicates that offenders who reconnect with their families in sustaining ways are less likely to reoffend.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purpose of enhancing programs and services for the children and families of inmates incarcerated in department of corrections facilities.

Appropriates the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purpose of enhancing programs and services for the children and families of inmates incarcerated in department of corrections facilities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 1423 by Representatives McCoy, Hunt, VanDeWege, and Upthegrove

Concerning small rainwater collection facilities.

Declares that RCW 90.03.250 does not apply to rain barrels, cisterns, and other similar facilities for capturing runoff from roofs, paved areas, and other hard surfaces on a single residential property when the: (1) Total amount of water storage does not exceed three hundred gallons; and

(2) Water is intended to be put to beneficial use on the property where the rainwater is collected.

Declares that rainwater collected under this act does not result in a water right under this act or RCW 90.03.370.

Provides that rain barrels, cisterns, and other similar facilities for capturing runoff from roofs, paved areas, and other hard surfaces on a single residential property are exempt from the reservoir and secondary permit requirements of chapter 90.03 RCW when the: (1) Total amount of water storage does not exceed three hundred gallons; and

(2) Water is intended to be put to beneficial use on the property where the rainwater is collected.

Declares that rainwater collected under this act does not result in a water right under this act or RCW 90.03.250.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1424 by Representatives McCoy, VanDeWege, and Chase

Authorizing the department of ecology to adopt rules regulating certain rainwater collection facilities.

Authorizes the department of ecology to adopt rules regulating certain rainwater collection facilities.

Requires the department to report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2008, regarding the implementation of this act. After June 1, 2009, the department shall proceed with permanent rule making to establish exemptions by rule for rainwater systems consistent with this act unless the legislature acts to direct otherwise.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1425 by Representatives Kagi, Walsh, Roberts, Appleton, Dickerson, Haler, Darneille, Pettigrew, Hinkle, Ormsby, and Moeller

Concerning permanency plan hearings for subsequent removal of child from home.

Provides that, if a child is removed from home due to allegations of abuse or neglect, returned home, and subsequently removed and placed in out-of-home care, the court shall hold a permanency hearing no later than thirty days from the date of the removal to determine the appropriate action, including a change in the permanency plan or the filing of a termination petition. The best interests of the child shall be the primary consideration in determining the appropriate action.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

Senate Bills

SB 5373 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Keiser, Franklin, and Kline; by request of Employment Security Department

Regarding reporting, penalty, and corporate officer provisions of the unemployment insurance system.

Revises provisions regarding reporting, penalty, and corporate officer provisions of the unemployment insurance system.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

Jan 22 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5374 by Senators Murray, Clements, Prentice, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Gambling Commission

Allowing the exclusion of certain people from licensed gambling premises.

Declares that the exclusion of certain persons from gambling premises that conduct licensed gambling activities is necessary to carry out the policies of chapter 9.46 RCW and to effectively maintain the strict regulation of gambling.

Authorizes the commission to, by rule, provide for the establishment of a list of persons who are to be excluded from licensed gambling premises. The list may include any person whose presence on the gambling premises is determined by the commission to pose a threat to the interests of this state, to licensed gambling, or both.

Requires the commission's rules to define the standards for exclusion and must include standards relating to persons: (1) Who are career or professional offenders or involved in organized crime;

(2) Who have been convicted of a criminal violation of a gambling law of any state or of the United States, or who have been convicted of any felony including, but not limited to, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or any

similar offense involving, or in connection with, any gambling activity; or

(3) Who have been excluded under similar involuntary exclusion laws or rules of any other state or nation that regulates gambling.

Provides that, race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, gender, or other discriminatory reasons shall not be used to place any person upon the list of exclusion.

Provides that a person on the list of excluded persons who enters a gambling premises is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5375 by Senators Murray, Clements, Prentice, Kohl-Welles, Shin, and Roach; by request of Gambling Commission

Prohibiting minors from participating in gambling activities.

Declares that it is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to play in authorized gambling activities, including, but not limited to, punchboards, pull-tabs, or card games, or to participate in fund-raising events. Persons under the age of eighteen may play bingo and amusement game activities only as provided in commission rules.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5376 by Senators Murray, Clements, Prentice, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Gambling Commission

Modifying gambling commission powers and duties to temporarily issue, suspend, and renew licenses.

Amends RCW 9.46.070 relating to the temporary issuance, summary suspension, and renewal of licenses by the gambling commission.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5377 by Senators Weinstein and Kline

Disposing of certain assets.

Revises provisions relating to the disposition of certain assets.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5378 by Senators Weinstein, Kline, and Rockefeller

Modifying deeds of trust provisions.

Revises provisions relating to deeds of trust.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5379 by Senators Weinstein, Delvin, Kline, Tom, Haugen, and Shin

Protecting consumers from the keeping of dangerous wild animals.

Declares that it is the intent of the state of Washington to protect the public against the serious health and safety risks that dangerous wild animals pose to the community.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 5380 by Senators Prentice, Zarelli, Marr, Morton, and Shin; by request of Department of Revenue

Authorizing the governor to enter into a cigarette tax contract with the Spokane Tribe.

Authorizes the governor to enter into a cigarette tax contract with the Spokane Tribe.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Scheduled for public hearing and executive session in committee. (Subject to change)
First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5381 by Senators Hargrove, Stevens, Regala, McAuliffe, and Shin

Concerning dependent children.

Requires that, in any case in which the court orders that a dependent child may be returned home and that child is later removed from the home, the court shall hold a review hearing within thirty days from the date of removal to determine whether the permanency plan should be changed, a termination petition should be filed, or other action is warranted. The best interests of the child shall be the court's primary consideration in the review hearing.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5382 by Senators Kauffman, Prentice, McAuliffe, Marr, Hobbs, Rasmussen, Regala, Franklin, Keiser, Shin, and Kohl-Welles

Authorizing record checks for employees and applicants for employment at bureau of Indian affairs-funded schools.

Authorizes record checks for employees and applicants for employment at bureau of Indian affairs-funded schools.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5383 by Senators Hargrove, Poulsen, Hatfield, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, and Kohl-Welles

Modifying provisions of the energy freedom program.

Declares that community action agencies in the state are an extremely valuable resource because they focus all available, state, local, private, and federal resources upon the goal of enabling low-income families and low-income individuals of all ages in rural and urban areas to attain the skills, knowledge, and motivations and secure the opportunities needed for them to become free and self-sufficient.

Provides that, when reviewing an application for a wind project, the director, in cooperation with the department of community, trade, and economic development, may approve an award for assistance only if the director finds

that: (1) The project is owned by a community action agency in the state; and

(2) Any profits generated from the sale of the wind power are wholly used for the agency's nonprofit purposes.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 5384 by Senators Fraser, Shin, Brandland, Delvin, Murray, Tom, and Kohl-Welles; by request of University of Washington

Expanding the University of Washington's and Washington State University's local borrowing authority.

Expands the University of Washington's and Washington State University's local borrowing authority.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5385 by Senators Shin, Jacobsen, Schoesler, Rockefeller, Delvin, Tom, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Washington State Higher Education Facilities Authority

Providing the Washington higher education facilities authority the ability to originate and purchase educational loans and to issue student loan revenue bonds.

Declares that it is the public policy of the state and a recognized governmental function to facilitate student loan financing and thereby increase access to higher education for Washington's citizens. The purpose of this act is to bring to the citizens of the state the applicable advantages of federal tax law and federal loan guaranties and to authorize the Washington higher education facilities authority to originate and acquire educational loans and to issue nonrecourse revenue bonds to be paid from such loans.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 5386 by Senators Prentice, Zarelli, Rasmussen, Schoesler, Pridemore, Pflug, Tom, Holmquist, Regala, Parlette, Shin, Morton, Swecker, Murray, Brandland, Kohl-Welles, Honeyford, Hatfield, Delvin, Jacobsen, Fraser, Sheldon, and Kilmer

Modifying the business and occupation taxation of environmental remediation services and requiring a report to the legislature.

Revises the business and occupation taxation of environmental remediation services and requires a report to the legislature.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5387 by Senators Kastama, Kilmer, Kauffman, and Shin

Promoting economic development through commercialization of technologies.

Finds that economic development in the state is increasingly driven by innovative firms and that it is in the interest of the state to: (1) Increase participation by

Washington state small businesses in the federal small business innovation research program by assisting them in becoming small business innovation research program grant recipients;

(2) Increase the number of innovative firms that understand and engage in the technology commercialization process by providing information resources and technical assistance in accessing new technologies; and

(3) Increase funding for product development and production by providing information on available finance options and facilitating the matching of investors with innovative entrepreneurs.

Requires the Washington technology center to: (1) Establish a small business innovation research assistance program, including a proposal review process, to train and assist Washington small businesses to win phase I small business innovation research program awards. In operating the program the Washington technology center shall give priority to first-time small business innovation research program applicants, new businesses, and firms with fewer than ten employees;

(2) In conjunction with public universities and colleges and private and federal research laboratories in the state: (a) develop and disseminate a guide to the technology commercialization process in general and the particular commercialization assistance available from research and academic institutions in the state; (b) develop, maintain, and provide access to a database of technologies and inventions developed in the state available for commercialization and licensing; and (c) offer training on the provision of commercialization assistance to technical assistance providers at the state's small business development centers, economic development councils, chambers of commerce, industry associations, the Washington manufacturing service, and private consulting firms;

(3) Develop a funding resource guide, offer workshops on how to access financing for commercializing new technologies, provide opportunities for novice investors to learn about investing in technology-based companies, host events to connect entrepreneurs and investors, and maintain an interactive web site accessible by both entrepreneurs and investors; and

(4) Report on the impact of commercialization activities at Washington research institutions on an annual basis.

Appropriates the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the Washington technology center for the purposes of this act.

Appropriates the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the Washington technology center for the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5388 by Senators Sheldon, Kilmer, Clements, Morton, Schoesler, and Shin

Authorizing the use of local retail taxes to finance economic development officers.

Authorizes the use of local retail taxes to finance economic development officers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5389 by Senator Hewitt

Approving the importing of one simulcast race of regional or national interest on horse race days.

Authorizes the importing of one simulcast race of regional or national interest on horse race days.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5390 by Senators Swecker, Jacobsen, Schoesler, Hatfield, Rasmussen, Delvin, and Shin

Extending the sales and use tax credit for certain public facilities districts.

Extends the state sales and use tax credit for public facilities districts created before September 1, 2007.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5391 by Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Haugen, and Rockefeller; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

Modifying photo enforcement of traffic infraction provisions.

Revises photo enforcement of traffic infraction provisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5392 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Swecker, Fairley, and Murray

Increasing the initiative filing fee.

Finds that the current initiative filing fee of five dollars, originally set in 1912, is insufficient to offset the administrative costs involved in the initiative process. Therefore, to more adequately provide for the administrative costs involved in the initiative process, it is the intent of the legislature to increase the initiative filing fee to one hundred dollars. The filing fee shall be refunded in full upon the initiative being certified by the secretary of state for the general election ballot.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5393 by Senators Kline, Poulsen, Pridemore, Rockefeller, and Kohl-Welles

Ensuring the cleanup of certain hazardous waste sites.

Declares that it is the purpose of this act and the policy of the state of Washington to ensure cleanup and compliance at sites at which hazardous wastes have seriously contaminated the environment and where ongoing violations of chapter 70.105D RCW are projected to take more than twenty years to complete the cleanup and compliance. It is further the purpose of this act to ensure public involvement in the cleanup of these sites.

Declares that it is further the policy of the state to ensure cleanup and compliance at these sites before permitting the addition of more waste that is not generated from the cleanup of the site, and which may add to long-term cumulative impacts to health and the environment, until the hazardous waste on-site has been cleaned up and is stored, treated, or disposed of in compliance with all state and federal laws.

Declares that it is further the policy of the state to discontinue the use of, and ensure characterization and remediation of, unlined trenches where hazardous wastes have been disposed. These policies must guide state action for approval of plans, permits, orders, or agreements under the federal facility compliance act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 6961 et seq.). It is not the intent of this act to interfere with the transportation, manufacturing, storage, or use of any hazardous substance necessary for medical research, medical treatment, manufacturing or industrial processes, or national defense.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 5394 by Senator Rockefeller

Revising the crime victims' compensation program.

Revises the crime victims' compensation program.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5395 by Senators Clements, Holmquist, Hobbs, Kauffman, Rasmussen, Zarelli, Brandland, and McAuliffe

Regarding cancelled school days due to unforeseen natural events or mechanical failures.

Provides that, if during the 2006-07 school year a school district is unable to fulfill for one or more schools as officially scheduled the requirement of a full school year of one hundred eighty days or the annual average total instructional hour offering required by RCW 28A.150.220 and 28A.150.260 due to one or more of the conditions listed in this act, then the school district is not required to make up any school days and the state basic education moneys received by the school district pursuant to RCW 28A.150.250 shall not be affected, but shall be provided as though no school days were missed.

Declares that the conditions required to meet this act are: (1) An unforeseen natural event including, but not limited to, a flood, windstorm, ice storm, or snowstorm, that has the direct or indirect effect of rendering one or more school district facilities unsafe, unhealthy, inaccessible, or inoperative; and

(2) An unforeseen mechanical failure including, but not limited to, the discontinuance or disruption of utilities such as heating, lighting, and water, that is beyond the control of

both a school district board of directors and its employees and has the direct or indirect effect of rendering one or more school district facilities unsafe, unhealthy, inaccessible, or inoperative.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5396 by Senators Clements, McAuliffe, Oemig, Hobbs, Rasmussen, Kauffman, Eide, Hewitt, Zarelli, Brandland, Rockefeller, and Roach

Providing grants to recruit mathematics and special education teachers.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to establish a grant program to provide school districts with funds to visit college campuses and recruit undergraduate students to become mathematics and special education teachers. The recruits may be used to help school districts meet the need for additional mathematics teachers and improve student scores on the Washington assessment of student learning in mathematics. The Washington association of school administrators shall develop the criteria for eligible districts, which may include districts with low scores on the Washington assessment of student learning in mathematics.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5397 by Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Parlette, Hewitt, Hatfield, and Shin

Extending an asparagus exception to the standards for fruits and vegetables.

Extends an asparagus exception to the standards for fruits and vegetables.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5398 by Senators Marr, Brandland, and Keiser

Licensing specialty hospitals.

Finds that specialty hospitals jeopardize the financial balance of community hospitals by selectively providing care to less ill patients, treating fewer medicare, medicaid, and uninsured patients, providing primarily care that is profitable to investors, and reducing community hospital staffing. To assure that private and public hospitals in Washington remain financially viable institutions able to provide general acute care in their communities and maintain the capacity to respond to local, state, and national emergencies, the legislature has concluded that

specialty hospitals must meet certain conditions in order to be licensed. These conditions will ensure that specialty hospitals and community hospitals compete on a level playing field and, therefore, will minimize the adverse impacts of specialty hospitals on community general hospitals while assuring quality patient care.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5399 by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Kauffman, Shin, Schoesler, Berkey, Delvin, Rockefeller, and Rasmussen

Developing a work group to support industry clusters as an economic development tool.

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board and the economic development commission to convene a working group, consisting of the department of community, trade, and economic development, the employment security department, the state board for community and technical colleges, a representative of local economic development councils and local workforce development councils to create a framework for the identification of economic clusters, as well as service and resource delivery to the clusters. The working group shall: (1) Specify the process for identification of substate geographic concentrations of firms or employment in an industry and their customers, suppliers, supporting businesses, and institutions, which process will include the use of labor market information from the employment security department and local labor markets;

(2) Establish criteria for identifying strategic clusters, which are important to economic prosperity in the state, considering cluster size, growth rate, and wage levels among other factors;

(3) Identify the public resources available which could be more intensively devoted to assist clusters;

(4) Identify mechanisms by which public resources can be coordinated and more efficiently delivered to support the growth and competitiveness of clusters, including the consistent timing of grant applications, the development of common criteria for receipt of grants, and the establishment of grant review committees with overlapping membership.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5400 by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Kauffman, Shin, Berkey, and Delvin

Aligning the economic development commission and the workforce training and education coordinating board.

Finds that workforce investment is an indispensable economic development strategy in a global economy, but the connections between workforce and economic development programs have not been strong enough. It is the purpose of this act to facilitate interagency coordination, helping to strengthen the connection between workforce and economic development programs.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5401 by Senators Rasmussen, Swecker, Shin, Schoesler, and Hatfield

Licensing Christmas tree growers.

Revises provisions relating to Christmas tree grower licensure.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

Jan 22 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5402 by Senators Kilmer, Delvin, Shin, and Rockefeller; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

Establishing additional requirements for private vocational schools.

Requires the school to assess the basic skills and relevant aptitudes of each potential student to determine that a potential student has the basic skills and relevant aptitudes necessary to complete and benefit from the program in which the student plans to enroll, including but not limited to administering a United States department of education-approved English as a second language exam before enrolling students for whom English is a second language unless the students provide proof of graduation from a United States high school or proof of completion of a GED in English or results of another academic assessment determined appropriate by the agency.

Authorizes the agency to determine that a licensed private vocational school or a particular program of a private vocational school is at risk of closure or termination if: (1) There is a pattern or history of substantiated student complaints filed with the agency pursuant to RCW 28C.10.120; or

(2) The private vocational school fails to meet minimum licensing requirements and has a pattern or history of failing to meet the minimum requirements.

Provides that, if the agency determines that a private vocational school or a particular program is at risk of closure or termination, the agency shall require the school to take corrective action.

Provides that if a private vocational school closes without providing adequate notice to its enrolled students, the agency shall provide transition assistance to the school's students including, but not limited to, information regarding: (1) Transfer options available to students;

(2) Financial aid discharge eligibility and procedures;

(3) The labor market, job search strategies, and placement assistance services; and

(4) Other support services available to students.

Appropriates the sum of fifty-three thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the work force training and education coordinating board for the purposes of this act.

Appropriates the sum of fifty-three thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the work

force training and education coordinating board for the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 5403 by Senators Rasmussen, Brandland, and Jacobsen

Certifying animal massage practitioners.

Finds that the certification of animal massage practitioners is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare. While veterinarians and certain massage practitioners may perform animal massage techniques, the legislature finds that meeting all of the requirements of those professions can be unnecessarily cumbersome for those individuals who would like to limit their practice only to animal massage.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

Jan 25 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5404 by Senators Jacobsen, Haugen, McCaslin, Kline, Weinstein, and Kohl-Welles

Modifying property tax exemption provisions relating to new and rehabilitated multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers to provide affordable housing requirements.

Revises property tax exemption provisions relating to new and rehabilitated multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers to provide affordable housing requirements.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

Jan 26 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5405 by Senators Carrell, Kline, and McCaslin

Providing procedures for judicial orders concerning distraint of personal property.

Provides that personal property, capable of manual delivery, shall be levied on by taking into custody. If the property or any part of it is concealed in a building or enclosure, the sheriff shall publicly demand delivery of the property. If the property is not delivered and if the order of execution so directs, the sheriff shall cause the building or enclosure to be broken open and take possession of the property.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5406 by Senators Kline, Fairley, and Fraser

Revising state employee whistleblower protection definitions.

Revises state employee whistleblower protection definitions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

- SB 5407** by Senators Regala, Carrell, Hargrove, and Brandland; by request of Secretary of State
- Changing certificate of discharge requirements.
Revises certificate of discharge requirements.
Repeals RCW 29A.08.660.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 5408** by Senators Fairley, Roach, Kohl-Welles, Oemig, Hobbs, Swecker, Kline, and Hatfield; by request of Secretary of State
- Modifying provisions on primary election ballots.
Revises provisions on primary election ballots.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5409** by Senators Fairley, Roach, Swecker, Kohl-Welles, Kline, and Rasmussen; by request of Secretary of State
- Modifying address confidentiality program provisions.
Revises address confidentiality program provisions.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5410** by Senators Berkey, Shin, Delvin, and Kohl-Welles
- Creating postsecondary opportunity programs.
Requires the college board, in partnership with business, labor, and the workforce training and education coordinating board, to: (1) Identify job specific training programs offered by qualified postsecondary institutions that lead to a credential, certificate, or degree in high demand occupations, which are occupations where employer demand for workers exceeds the supply of qualified job applicants throughout the state or in a specific region;
(2) Gain recognition of the credentials, certificates, and degrees by Washington's employers and labor organizations. The college board shall designate these recognized credentials, certificates, and degrees as "opportunity grant-eligible programs of study"; and
(3) Market the credentials, certificates, and degrees to potential students, businesses, and apprenticeship programs as a way for individuals to advance in their careers and to better meet the needs of industry.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- SB 5411** by Senators Delvin, Shin, Kilmer, and Kohl-Welles
- Regarding state need grant award calculations.
Revises provisions regarding state need grant award calculations.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- SB 5412** by Senators Murray, Swecker, Marr, Clements, and Haugen
- Realigning goals and objectives of certain transportation agencies.
Declares an intent of the legislature that the governor establish objectives and performance measures for the department of transportation and other state agencies with transportation related responsibilities to ensure transportation system performance at local, regional, and state government levels attains the policy goals set forth in this act. The governor shall submit initial objectives and performance measures to the legislature for its review during the 2008 legislative session. The governor shall submit objectives and performance measures to the legislature for its review during each regular session of the legislature during an even-numbered year thereafter.
Provides that, by October 1, 2007, the commission shall submit a baseline report on the attainment of policy goals under RCW 47.01.012 in the 2005-2007 fiscal biennium. By October 1, 2008, beginning with the development of the 2009-2011 biennial transportation budget, and by October 1st each year thereafter, the commission shall submit to the legislature and the governor an annual report on the attainment by state transportation agencies of the state transportation policy goals and objectives prescribed by statute, appropriation, and governor directive.
Requires the report to, at a minimum, include the degree to which state transportation projects and programs attained the policy goals established under RCW 47.01.012, as measured by the objectives and performance measures established by the governor under RCW 47.01.012 and presented biennially to the legislature.
Requires the transportation commission to prepare a comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation plan based on the policy goals established under RCW 47.01.012. The statewide transportation plan must reflect the priorities of government developed by the office of financial management, address regional needs, and take into account federal law and regulations relating to planning, construction, and operation of transportation facilities. The plan must be reviewed, revised, and submitted to the governor and the house of representatives and senate standing committees on transportation before each regular session of the legislature during an even-numbered year. The plan is subject to the approval of the legislature in the biennial transportation budget act.
Provides that, as components of the statewide transportation plan, the transportation commission must develop a state transportation policy plan and a state transportation multimodal plan.
Repeals RCW 47.05.051, 47.01.370, 47.06.040, and 47.06.120.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5413 by Senators Roach, Clements, Pflug, Stevens, Carrell, Hewitt, Swecker, Schoesler, Morton, and McCaslin

Addressing auto theft.

Directs the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to create and facilitate the Washington state auto theft task force program.

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to appoint an auto theft task force program steering committee.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5414 by Senators Kastama, Regala, Franklin, Eide, and Keiser

Authorizing local option motor vehicle fuel taxes to provide additional funding sufficient to complete certain highway construction projects.

Authorizes local option motor vehicle fuel taxes to provide additional funding sufficient to complete certain highway construction projects.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5415 by Senators Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Keiser, Franklin, Murray, Rasmussen, Hobbs, and Tom

Creating health advisory councils.

Finds that schools often have multiple advisory groups with health-related missions that overlap, which can result in competition for resources and influence. Consolidation of these groups into school health advisory councils with broad missions leads to efficiency, nonduplication of efforts, and a coordinated approach to student and school health. Leadership at the state level is also required. A purpose of this act is to create a state level school health advisory council to provide guidance on coordination of many efforts that start in state level agencies and organizations.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5416 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Poulsen, Rockefeller, Honeyford, Shin, Pridemore, Delvin, Tom, and Kline

Encouraging carbon dioxide mitigation.

Provides for minimizing the environmental cost of greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging mitigation for carbon dioxide.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 5417 by Senators Keiser, Brandland, Franklin, and Pflug

Providing for temporary management in boarding homes.

Provides that, if the department determines that the health, safety, or welfare of residents is immediately jeopardized by a boarding home's failure or refusal to

comply with the requirements of chapter 18.20 RCW or the rules adopted under this chapter, and the department summarily suspends the boarding home license, the department may appoint a temporary manager of the boarding home, or the licensee may, subject to the department's approval, voluntarily participate in the temporary management program.

Declares that the purposes of the temporary management program are as follows: (1) To mitigate dislocation and transfer trauma of residents while the department and licensee may pursue dispute resolution or appeal of a summary suspension of license;

(2) To facilitate the continuity of safe and appropriate resident care and services;

(3) To protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents, by providing time for an orderly closure of the boarding home, or for the deficiencies that necessitated temporary management to be corrected; and

(4) To preserve a residential option that meets a specialized service need or is in a geographical area that has a lack of available providers.

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Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5418 by Senators Roach, Oemig, Fairley, Eide, Clements, Schoesler, Carrell, Kauffman, Pflug, and Kline

Requiring ballot titles to indicate tax consequences of the ballot measure.

Requires ballot titles to indicate tax consequences of the ballot measure.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5419 by Senators Roach, Fairley, Eide, Carrell, Kauffman, and Pflug

Requiring a public hospital district's proposed annexation to be published in a voters' pamphlet.

Requires a public hospital district to, whenever the proposed annexation of territory to its jurisdiction is scheduled to appear on a special election ballot, print and distribute a local voters' pamphlet. However, a public hospital district may satisfy its requirements under this act to the extent it enters into interlocal agreements with all counties within which the public hospital district and its proposed territorial additions are located for the publication of the proposed annexation measure in the respective counties' pamphlets for special elections.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5420 by Senators Roach, Fairley, Kauffman, Clements, Schoesler, and Pflug

Requiring public agencies to post certain information to their web sites.

Provides that every public agency that owns or maintains a public internet web site shall post to it all ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, orders, and

directives adopted by its governing body within five business days of adoption. The minutes of all regular and special meetings of the governing body of every public agency that owns or maintains such a web site shall also be posted within five business days of the meetings.

Requires that every public agency that owns or maintains a public internet web site to post to it a schedule of the time and place of all regular meetings of the governing body.

Requires every public agency that owns or maintains a public internet web site to at all times have posted to it a roster of the names of all members of its governing body, identifying the positions, and constituency where applicable, of all members.

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Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5421 by Senators Fraser, Morton, Poulsen, Swecker, Marr, Regala, Rockefeller, Pridemore, Oemig, Honeyford, Rasmussen, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and Kline

Concerning environmental covenants.

Finds that the national conference of commissioners on uniform state laws has developed uniform legislation called the uniform environmental covenants act. The act ensures that environmental covenants, recorded use restrictions negotiated in connection with hazardous waste site cleanups, and other environmental response projects are legally valid and enforceable. The uniform environmental covenants act achieves this objective by providing clear statutory standards that override court-made doctrines that do not fit such cleanup and reuse contexts.

Finds that nothing in this act will amend or modify any local or state laws that determine when environmental covenants are required, when a particular contaminated site must be cleaned up, or the standards for a cleanup.

Declares that adoption of the uniform environmental covenants act in Washington will provide all participants in a cleanup with greater confidence that environmental covenants and other institutional controls will be effective over the life of the cleanup. This will facilitate cleanups of many sites and assist in the recycling of urban brownfield properties into new economic uses for the benefit of the citizens of Washington.

Adopts most provisions of the uniform legislation while making modifications to integrate the uniform environmental covenants act with Washington's environmental cleanup programs.

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Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

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Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 8404 by Senators Shin, Delvin, and Kilmer; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board

Approving the 2006 update to the state comprehensive plan for workforce training.

Approves the 2006 update to the state comprehensive plan for workforce training.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8002 by Senators Oemig, Roach, Fairley, Weinstein, Hobbs, Marr, Brown, Pridemore, and Fraser

Requesting that Election Day be changed to coincide with the Veterans Day holiday.

Requests that Election Day be changed to coincide with the Veterans Day holiday.