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House Bills

HB 1055-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, B. Sullivan, Morris, Dunshee, and Chase)

Defining alternative motor fuels.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/9/2007)

Declares that "alcohol fuel" means any alcohol made from a product other than petroleum or natural gas that is used alone or in combination with gasoline or other petroleum products for use as a fuel in self-propelled motor vehicles.

Declares that "alternative fuel" means all products or energy sources used to propel motor vehicles, other than conventional gasoline, diesel, or reformulated gasoline. Alternative fuel includes, but is not limited to, liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, biodiesel fuel, E85 motor fuel, fuels containing seventy percent or more by volume of alcohol fuel, fuels that are derived from biomass, hydrogen fuel, nonhazardous motor fuel, or electricity, excluding onboard electric generation.

Declares that "E85 motor fuel" means an alternative fuel that is a blend of ethanol and hydrocarbon of which the ethanol portion is nominally seventy-five to eighty-five percent denatured fuel ethanol by volume that complies with the most recent version of American society of testing and materials specification D 5798.

Declares that "nonhazardous motor fuel" means any fuel of a type distributed for use in self-propelled motor vehicles that does not contain a hazardous liquid as defined in RCW 19.122.020.

Provides that special fuel licensees under chapter 82.38 RCW, other than international fuel tax agreement licensees, dyed special fuel users, and special fuel distributors, shall not use biodiesel fuel derived from palm oil to qualify towards the biodiesel fuel requirements established in RCW 19.112.110, unless the following conditions are satisfied: (1) The special fuel licensee can demonstrate that, at the time of production, there was not sufficient Washington grown feedstock available to

produce the biodiesel from canola, rapeseed, or mustard oil; and

(2) The palm oil was purchased from a company that: (a) maintains active membership in the roundtable on sustainable palm oil; and (b) implements the roundtable on sustainable palm oil's directives as they are promulgated in order to ensure the sustainability of the palm oil.

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- Jan 17 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee. TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 12 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.
- Mar 20 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1139-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives McDermott, McIntire, Springer, Cody, Ericks, Santos, Hasegawa, Simpson, Pettigrew, and Kenney)

Modifying the local sales and use tax for annexation service costs.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/2007)

Revises provisions relating to the local sales and use tax that is credited against the state sales and use tax for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas.

Provides that the tax shall cease to be distributed to a city imposing the tax under this act and any city receiving a twenty percent distribution under this act, for the remainder of the fiscal year, if the total distributions to the city

imposing the tax and any city receiving a twenty percent distribution exceed three million dollars for the fiscal year.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 12 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
 Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 63; nays, 32; absent, 0; excused, 3.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1147-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, B. Sullivan, Hinkle, Pettigrew, Linville, Kristiansen, Blake, Takko, Newhouse, Warnick, Hailey, Grant, Armstrong, Kessler, Wallace, Haigh, Moeller, Haler, and Condotta)

Concerning damage to livestock.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/8/2007)

Creates the commercial livestock valuation committee to assist the director with the determination of the market value of killed or injured commercial livestock for the purposes of reimbursing the owner under RCW 77.36.040.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 22 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 31 Executive session in committee.
 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Feb 2 Referred to Appropriations.
 Feb 26 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 5 Committee relieved of further consideration.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 7 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
 Mar 8 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

HB 1214 by Representatives McDonald and Morrell

Regarding the use of electronic wireless communications devices for text messaging while operating a moving motor vehicle.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/2007)

Provides that a person operating a moving motor vehicle while reading, manually writing, or sending a text message on an electronic wireless communications device is guilty of a traffic infraction.

Does not apply to a person operating: (1) An authorized emergency vehicle;

(2) A moving motor vehicle who is also operating an amateur radio and who holds a current, valid amateur radio station license issued by the federal communications commission; or

(3) A moving motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to: (a) report illegal activity; (b) summon medical or other emergency help; or (c) prevent injury to a person or property.

Takes effect January 1, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.
 Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
 TR - Executive action taken by committee.
 TR - Majority; do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
 Mar 13 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 73; nays, 23; absent, 0; excused, 2.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.
 Mar 21 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1249-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Kretz, Orcutt, Takko, and Haigh)

Authorizing a one-year deferral of hunter education training.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/2007)

Provides that the director may authorize a once in a lifetime, one license year deferral of hunter education training for individuals who are accompanied by a nondeferred Washington-licensed hunter who has held a Washington hunting license for the prior three years and is over eighteen years of age. The commission shall adopt rules for the administration of this provision to avoid potential fraud and abuse.

Provides that if either the deferred education licensee or the required nondeferred accompanying person, hunting under the authority of RCW 77.32.155(2), is convicted of a violation of Title 77 RCW, except for a violation of RCW 77.15.400 (1) through (3), the department may revoke all hunting licenses and tags and may order a suspension of one or both the deferred education licensee and the nondeferred accompanying person's hunting privileges for one year.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 22 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 31 Executive session in committee.
 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

- Feb 2 Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

HB 1289-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Campbell, VanDeWege, Dickerson, Moeller, and Morrell; by request of Department of Licensing)

Authorizing the issuance of enhanced drivers' licenses and identicards to facilitate crossing the Canadian border.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/2007)

Authorizes the department to enter into a memorandum of understanding with any federal agency for the purposes of facilitating the crossing of the border between the state of Washington and the Canadian province of British Columbia.

Authorizes the department to issue an enhanced driver's license or identicard for the purposes of crossing the border between the state of Washington and the Canadian province of British Columbia to an applicant who provides the department with proof of: United States citizenship, identity, and state residency.

Directs the department to develop and implement a statewide education campaign to educate Washington citizens about the border crossing initiative authorized by this act. The educational campaign must include information on the forms of travel for which the existing and enhanced driver's license can be used. The campaign must include information on the time frames for implementation of laws that impact identification requirements at the border with Canada.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 1 Executive session in committee.
TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- Mar 19 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1464-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Hudgins, Wood, Campbell, Morrell, and Hasegawa)

Reducing the environmental impact of cleaning state facilities.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/28/2007)

Finds that the adoption of practices to select, procure, and use environmentally preferred products will benefit the environment and the health and safety of workers and visitors to state facilities.

Provides that all state agencies that purchase cleaning products or services must ensure that cleaning products have properties that minimize potential impacts to human health and the environment consistent with maintenance of the effectiveness of these products for the protection of public health and safety. For purposes of this act, "state agency" means any office, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or other agency of the state of Washington or of any subdivision thereof.

Directs the department of general administration, in consultation with the department of health and the department of ecology, to consider nationally recognized accrediting information and provide consultation and guidance to state agencies to:

(1) Select and procure products and use practices that reduce or minimize the risks of harmful effects to employees, custodial workers, visitors, and other building occupants and to the environment;

(2) Promote adoption of practices endorsed by this act;

(3) Recognize state agencies that adopt and implement environmentally beneficial facility and workplace management policies and practices;

(4) Encourage contractors supplying goods and services to state agencies to select and procure such products; and

(5) Encourage lessors and building managers who provide leased space to state agencies to select and procure such products.

Requires the department of general administration, upon renewal of a lease and for all new leases, to require lessors and building managers who provide leased space to state agencies to use environmentally preferred products and practices.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 28 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 2 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.
- Mar 23 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1756-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, Blake, Takko, and VanDeWege)

Authorizing one additional hound hunting cougar season.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/28/2007)

Provides that the department of fish and wildlife may authorize one additional season in which cougars may be pursued or killed with dogs, subject to the other conditions of the pilot project. This additional season is authorized to avoid a lag in cougar management and conditioning between the end of the third pilot cougar season and the time needed for the 2008 legislature to consider the report provided under section 3, chapter 264, Laws of 2004, and is not intended to be considered as part of the study period.

Authorizes a county legislative authority to request inclusion in the fourth and final year of the cougar control pilot project authorized by chapter 264, Laws of 2004 after taking the following actions: (1) Adopting a resolution that requests inclusion in the pilot project;

(2) Documenting the need to participate in the pilot project by identifying the number of cougar/human encounters and livestock and pet depredations;

(3) Developing and agreeing to the implementation of an education program designed to disseminate to landowners and other citizens information about predator exclusion techniques and devices and other nonlethal methods of cougar management; and

(4) Demonstrating that existing cougar depredation permits, public safety cougar hunts, or other existing wildlife management tools have not been sufficient to deal with cougar incidents in the county.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 28 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 2 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- Mar 19 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 2105 by Representatives Conway, Condotta, Kenney, Simpson, and Ormsby

Requiring payment of prescription drugs for industrial insurance medical aid claims for initial visits.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/14/2007)

Provides that the department for state fund claims shall pay, in accordance with the department's fee schedule, for any alleged injury for which a worker files a claim, any initial prescription drugs provided in relation to that initial

visit, without regard to whether the worker's claim for benefits is allowed.

Provides that, by December 1, 2009, the department of labor and industries must report to the senate labor, commerce, research and development committee and the house of representatives commerce and labor committee, or successor committees, on the implementation of this act.

Takes effect January 1, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 8 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
CL - Executive action taken by committee.
CL - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 14 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 16 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

HB 2373 by Representatives McCune, Ahern, Kretz, Pearson, Roach, and Kenney

Enhancing school bus driver safety.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/10/2007)

Provides that, upon proper request, the director shall furnish at no charge, a complete certified abstract of the full driving record maintained by the department to a school district for current or prospective school bus drivers. The department shall also immediately notify the superintendent of public instruction if a public school bus driver has had a new moving violation, or any court or departmental action has entered on his or her driving record.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- Mar 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 2 Executive session in committee.
TR - Executive action taken by committee.
TR - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 10 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 13 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- Mar 19 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 2390 by Representatives Kristiansen and Pearson

Reprioritizing transportation funding for state route number 2.

Amends RCW 46.68.290 relating to reprioritizing transportation funding for state route number 2.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.