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House Bills

HB 2501-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Newhouse, Moeller, and Uptegrove)

Regarding malt liquor sold by beer and/or wine specialty shops.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows licensees obtaining a written endorsement from the board to also sell malt liquor in kegs or other containers capable of holding four gallons or more of liquid. The sale of any container holding four gallons or more must comply with RCW 66.28.200 and 66.28.220.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2591-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Sells, and Jarrett)

Regarding the acquisition and dissemination of data pertaining to institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires, in partnership with the education data center and the state board for community and technical colleges, by December 1, 2008, display of the listed measures in the dashboard template format, as developed in this act, on the education data center's web site.

Requires an annual report of total enrollment numbers for all postsecondary institutions, to the extent that the numbers are reported to the board by the institutions.

Requires each institution of higher education to complete and update the data displayed on the dashboard template developed under RCW 28B.76.290.

Requires each institution of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, to prominently post on its home page a uniform, visible link to the education data center's home page in order to facilitate access to the dashboards of the other institutions of higher education.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

HB 2604-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Ormsby, and Chase)

Exempting low-income housing and development activities with broad public purposes from impact fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides an exemption granted under RCW 82.02.060 (2) must be conditioned upon requiring the developer to record a covenant that, except as provided otherwise by this act, prohibits using the property for any purpose other than for low-income housing or broad public purposes. The covenant must provide that if the property is converted to a use other than for low-income housing or broad public purposes, the property owner must pay the applicable impact fees in effect at the time of conversion.

Provides a local government granting an exemption under RCW 82.02.060(2) shall not impose a fee pursuant to RCW 43.21C.060 for the system improvements for which the exemption applies.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 2683-S** by House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia and Chase)
 Creating an affordable housing for all program.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Creates the state affordable housing for all program in the department of community, trade, and economic development to achieve the goal of a decent, appropriate, and affordable home in a healthy, safe environment for every very low-income household in the state by 2020.
 Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development, in consultation with the affordable housing advisory board created in RCW 43.185B.020 as recodified by this act, to prepare and annually update a state affordable housing for all plan, which must incorporate the strategies, objectives, goals, and performance measures of all other housing-related state plans, including the state homeless housing strategic plan required under RCW 43.185C.040 and all state housing programs.
 Requires each county to convene a county affordable housing task force to prepare and recommend to the county legislative authority a county affordable housing for all plan and also to recommend appropriate expenditures of the affordable housing for all program funds provided for in RCW 36.22.178 (as recodified by this act) and any other sources directed to the county program.
 Authorizes any county to decline to participate in the affordable housing for all program authorized in this act by forwarding to the department of community, trade, and economic development a resolution adopted by the county legislative authority stating the intention not to participate. If a county declines to participate in the affordable housing for all program a city or formally organized collaborative of cities within that county may forward a resolution to the department stating its intention and willingness to operate an affordable housing for all program within its jurisdictional limits.
 Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to contract with the employment security department to annually establish two self-sufficiency income standards based upon the cost of living, including housing costs, which include mortgage or rent payments and utilities other than telephone, for each county in the state.
 Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a performance audit and evaluation of the growth management act, chapter 36.70A RCW, by January 1, 2009.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 30 HOUS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Feb 4 Referred to Appropriations.
- HB 2688-S** by House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Goodman, Hasegawa, Appleton, Pedersen, and Darneille)
- Constraining the department of corrections' authority to transfer offenders out of state.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Requires the department of corrections to inform an offender in writing of the intent to transfer the offender out-of-state no less than fourteen days prior to the proposed date of transfer.
 Provides the secretary of corrections may not transfer an offender out of state if the offender, within five days of being notified of the department's intent to transfer the offender out-of-state, requests in writing to remain in an in-state facility and demonstrates that he or she: (1) Is regularly participating in extended family visitations with his or her child;
 (2) Is regularly participating in parent-teacher conferences involving his or her child; or
 (3) Has had at least six contacts, either in person or by telephone, with his or her child within the six months prior to the proposed transfer.
 Requires that, when the department of corrections transfers offenders from an out-of-state facility to an in-state facility, the department must give priority to offenders who, prior to their transfer to the out-of-state facility, met at least one of the transfer requirements under this act and who request, in writing, a transfer to an in-state facility.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 HS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations.
- HB 2701-S** by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representative Morris)
 Concerning fossil fuel production.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Declares that an excise tax is imposed upon the severance of oil and gas from any lands or waters of this state, less the value of any part of the oil or gas.
 Declares that the taxes imposed by this act on the severance of oil and gas is the liability of the producer or producers.
 Exempts certain oil or gas and liquid hydrocarbons values from the taxes imposed under this act.
 Takes effect January 1, 2009.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 5 Referred to Finance.
- HB 2703-S** by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Morrell, and Hudgins)
 Encouraging energy efficiency.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Provides that a person may not manufacture, sell, or offer for sale general purpose lights in this state on or after January 1, 2010, under certain circumstances.
 Directs the department of community, trade, and economic development to incorporate by reference

minimum energy efficiency standards for all general service incandescent lamps.

Provides that a new commercial prerinse spray valve, commercial clothes washer, commercial refrigerator or freezer, state-regulated incandescent reflector lamp, or unit heater manufactured on or after January 1, 2007, may not be sold or offered for sale in the state unless the efficiency of the new product meets or exceeds the efficiency standards set forth in RCW 19.260.040.

Provides that a general service incandescent lamp manufactured on or after January 1, 2012, may not be sold or offered for sale in the state unless the efficiency of the general service incandescent lamp meets or exceeds the efficiency standards for general service incandescent lamps issued under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 6295 as of the effective date of this act.

Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the solid waste advisory committee to convene a work group with representatives of the lighting industry, environmental organizations, fluorescent lamp retailers, waste haulers, lamp recyclers, and local governments to consider and make recommendations on certain general purpose light issues.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review.

HB 2715-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Barlow, Hurst, Lantz, Upthegrove, Conway, Morrell, Miloscia, Kenney, Williams, Loomis, Haigh, Simpson, VanDeWege, and Kelley)

Enhancing the penalty for sex offenses committed in a school protection zone.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that in a prosecution for a sex offense, the prosecuting attorney may file a special allegation that the offense was committed in a school protection zone whenever sufficient admissible evidence exists, which, when considered with the most plausible, reasonably foreseeable defense that could be raised under the evidence, would justify a finding by a reasonable fact-finder that the offense was committed in a school protection zone.

Provides that an additional twenty-four months shall be added to the standard range for any sex offense with a special verdict or finding that the offense was committed in a school protection zone.

Provides that an offender convicted of a sex offense that involves any applicable school protection zone enhancement may not receive any earned release time for the portion of his or her sentence that results from the enhancement.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 4 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2729-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Eddy, Pedersen, Appleton, Lantz, Williams, Upthegrove, Santos, Simpson, Hasegawa, Ericks, Ormsby, and Springer)

Addressing the reading and handling of certain identification documents.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a nongovernmental entity may only electronically read an individual's driver's license or identicard to verify the authenticity of the document, verify the individual's age or identity, or to comply with federal or state laws or regulations requiring identification verification.

Provides that a business may only verify a consumer's age when providing an age-restricted good or service or for which there is a discount based on the consumer's age. A business may only verify a consumer's identity and the accuracy of personal information submitted by a consumer when the consumer pays with a method other than cash or returns an item.

Provides that a governmental entity may only electronically read an individual's driver's license or identicard when the individual knowingly makes the driver's license or identicard available to the governmental entity or the governmental entity lawfully seizes the driver's license or identicard.

Provides that a nongovernmental entity or governmental entity may electronically read an individual's driver's license or identicard to provide emergency assistance when the individual is unconscious or otherwise unable to make the driver's license or identicard available.

Provides that documents and related materials and scanned images of documents and related materials used to prove identity, age, residential address, social security number, or other personal information required to apply for a driver's license or identicard are exempt from public inspection and copying under chapter 42.56 RCW.

Provides certain disclosure requirements for personally identifying information of persons who acquire and use a driver's license or identicard that includes a radio frequency identification chip or similar technology to facilitate border crossing.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Placed on second reading.

HB 2750-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Hinkle, and Green; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Modifying the process for designating regional support networks.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides in the event that an existing regional support network will no longer be contracting to provide services, the intent of this act is to provide flexibility to the department of social and health services to facilitate a stable transition that avoids disruption of services to consumers and families, maximizes efficiency and public

safety, and maintains the integrity of the public mental health system.

Declares the intent that the department of social and health services partner with political subdivisions and other entities to provide quality, coordinated, and integrated services to address the needs of individuals with behavioral health needs.

Provides that a regional support network that voluntarily terminates, refuses to renew, or refuses to sign a mandatory amendment to its contract to act as a regional support network is prohibited from responding to a procurement or serving as a regional support network for five years from the date the department signs a contract with the entity that will serve as the regional support network.

Provides that a regional support network selected through the procurement process is not required to contract for services with any county-owned or operated facility.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2759-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway and Wood; by request of Department of Licensing)

Modifying provisions relating to bail bond and bail bond recovery agents.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the director to adopt rules establishing prelicense training and testing requirements for bail bond agents, which shall include no less than four hours of classes. The director may establish, by rule, continuing education requirements for bail bond agents.

Requires the director or the director's designee to obtain the advice of law enforcement agencies and associations, the criminal justice training commission, prosecutors' associations, or such other entities as may be appropriate and must consult with representatives of the bail bond industry and associations before adopting or amending the prelicensing training or continuing education requirements of this act.

Provides a bail bond recovery agent shall notify the director within ten business days following a forced entry for the purpose of apprehending a fugitive criminal defendant, whether planned or unplanned.

Provides only a bail bond recovery agent shall notify the local law enforcement agency whenever the bail bond recovery agent discharges his or her firearm while on duty, other than on a supervised firearms range.

Requires the director to adopt rules establishing prelicense training and testing requirements for bail bond recovery agents, which shall include no less than thirty-two hours of field operations classes. The director may establish, by rule, continuing education and recertification requirements for bail bond recovery agents.

Requires the director or the director's designee to obtain the advice of law enforcement agencies and associations, the criminal justice training commission, prosecutors' associations, or such other entities as may be appropriate and must consult with representatives of the bail bond

industry and associations before adopting or amending the prelicensing training, testing, and continuing education and recertification requirements of this act and shall establish minimum exam standards necessary for a bail bond recovery agent to qualify for licensure or endorsement.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2796-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Loomis, Chandler, Miloscia, Hunt, Lias, and Armstrong; by request of Secretary of State)

Preventing rejection of ballots that have voter identifying marks.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides an election official may not mark a ballot in any manner that allows for identification of the voter.

Provides a ballot is invalid and no votes on that ballot may be counted if it is found folded together with another ballot.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2797-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Eddy, Campbell, Ormsby, Dunshee, Linville, Nelson, Jarrett, Springer, Wallace, Fromhold, Takko, Williams, Dickerson, Flannigan, Morrell, Chase, Lantz, Sells, Hunt, Pedersen, McCoy, Conway, Sullivan, Kenney, Darneille, McIntire, Green, Hudgins, Hasegawa, and Ericks)

Addressing the impacts of climate change through the growth management act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that for purposes of guiding the development and adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations of those counties and cities that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 the following goal is adopted: Reduce climate change impacts by lessening emissions of greenhouse gases and adapt to the effects of climate change through sustainable energy, transportation planning, and land use management practices.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop and provide advisory climate change response methodologies and estimates to counties and cities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2818-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell and Hudgins)

Concerning the duties of the department of ecology's office of waste reduction and sustainable production.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the duties of the office of waste reduction and sustainable production within the department of ecology regarding pollution prevention.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2822-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Walsh, Lantz, Dickerson, Haler, Sullivan, Seaquist, and Kenney)

Concerning the family and juvenile court improvement program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the family and juvenile court improvement grant program.

Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to evaluate the implementation of the family and juvenile court improvement grant program.

Makes an appropriation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2826-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Priest, Ormsby, Sullivan, Haigh, Fromhold, Quall, Wallace, Kenney, Anderson, Conway, Haler, Wood, Roach, and Simpson; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

Regarding secondary career and technical education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Seeks to increase the quality and rigor of secondary career and technical education, improve links to postsecondary education, encourage and facilitate academic instruction through career and technical courses, and expand access to and awareness of the opportunities offered by high quality career and technical education.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop a schedule for career and technical education plan reapproval that includes an abbreviated review process for programs reapproved after 2005, but before the effective date of this act.

Requires the development of a list of statewide high-demand programs for secondary career and technical education.

Requires community and technical colleges to create agreements with high schools and skill centers to offer dual high school and college credit for secondary career and technical courses.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide professional development, technical assistance, and guidance for school districts to develop

career and technical course equivalencies that also qualify as advanced placement courses.

Creates, subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, the secondary integrated basic education and skills training (I-BEST) pilot project to integrate career and technical instruction, core academic and basic skills, and English as a second language, for secondary school students with the objective to determine whether and how a successful community and technical college instructional model can be adapted and implemented at a secondary school level.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop and conduct an ongoing campaign for career and technical education to increase awareness among teachers, counselors, students, parents, principals, school administrators, and the general public about the opportunities offered by rigorous career and technical education programs.

Creates, subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, the in-demand scholars program to replicate a successful pilot program to attract high school students into high-demand fields that require one to three years of postsecondary education, including apprenticeships.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2870-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Liias, Sullivan, Ericks, Williams, Loomis, Simpson, Ormsby, Miloscia, Hasegawa, Roberts, Santos, Quall, and Nelson)

Providing opportunities for professional development for instructional assistants.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the legislature intends to support instructional assistants by providing opportunities for high quality professional development to make them more effective partners in the classroom.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with various groups representing school district classified employees, to develop and offer a training strand through the summer institutes and the winter conference targeted to classified instructional assistants and designed to help them maximize their effectiveness in improving student achievement.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2903-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Rodne, McCoy, Wallace, Moeller, Williams, O'Brien, and Goodman)

Creating an access coordinator for the administrative office of the courts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the administrative office of the courts to create the position of court access and accommodations coordinator.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review.
- HB 2943-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood and Conway; by request of Department of Labor & Industries)
- Making changes to the factory assembled structures laws administered and enforced by the department of labor and industries.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Modifies provisions related to mobile, manufactured, and recreational units or vehicles.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 2967-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Wood, McIntire, Simpson, Hasegawa, and Ormsby)
- Allowing individuals who left work to enter certain apprenticeship programs to receive unemployment insurance benefits.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Allows individuals who left work to enter certain apprenticeship programs to receive unemployment insurance benefits.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 2992-S** by House Committee on Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Fromhold, and Conway)
- Concerning the creation of a historical parks and historic reserves tax incentive program.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Creates a historical parks and historic reserves tax incentive program.
- Takes effect January 1, 2009 and expires December 31, 2018.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 EPAR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 5 Referred to Finance.
- HB 3133-S** by House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Lias, Ormsby, Miloscia, Sells, Roberts, Priest, Hunt, Appleton, Rolfes, Loomis, Sullivan, Goodman, Morrell, McIntire, Wood, Hurst, Nelson, and Santos)
- Requiring a minimum of three years' notice on closures or conversions of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Requires the landlord to give the tenants in mobile home parks or manufactured housing communities three years' notice in advance of the effective date of a closure or conversion.
- Provides that the three-year closure notice requirement does not apply under certain conditions.
- Requires a tenant who sells a mobile home, manufactured home, or park model within a park to provide the buyer with a copy of any closure notice provided by a landlord, as required under RCW 59.20.080, at least seven days in advance of the intended sale and transfer.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 4 HOUS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 5 Placed on second reading.
- HB 3176-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Conway, Condotta, Grant, McIntire, Ericks, Blake, Walsh, Hankins, Haler, and Williams)
- Authorizing wine warehouses to handle bottled wine.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Authorizes wine warehouses to handle bottled wine.
- Provides that the handling of bottled wine includes packaging and repackaging services, bottle labeling services, creating baskets or variety packs that may or may not include nonwine products, and picking, packing, and shipping wine orders direct to consumer.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 3192-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood, Conway, and Condotta)
- Regarding alcoholic beverage regulation.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Modifies licensing provisions related to alcohol servers, bonded wine warehouses, domestic wineries and breweries, microbreweries, retailers, and hotels.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 3351** by Representative Chase
- Regarding food contamination.
- Directs the department of health to: (1) Review existing studies of the cumulative developmental risk to children from low-dose exposures to food contamination and report to the legislature on the findings, results, and

recommendations from the studies; and any scientific gaps in these studies or scientific questions raised by the studies that the department finds should be researched in order to best protect children from food safety risks associated with food contamination; and

(2) Review actions taken by the United States environmental protection agency in implementation of the 1996 food quality protection act and report to the legislature on any areas where additional research is needed.

Requires the department of health to submit its report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by November 1, 2008. The report shall include specific recommendations for legislative action for how the state can help reduce food contaminants.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3352 by Representatives Warnick and Dunn

Providing tax exemptions for the purchase of books and other media by public libraries.

Provides the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of books and other media purchased by a governmental unit that has established a library.

Provides the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply with respect to the use of books and other media by a governmental unit that has established a library.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3353 by Representatives Kretz, Bailey, McCune, Haler, Ahern, Schindler, Newhouse, Kristiansen, and Dunn

Eliminating the state property tax levy and protecting education funding.

Eliminates the state property tax levy for support of common schools.

Provides the repeal of the state property tax levy in this act does not affect or supplant education funding levels.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3354 by Representatives Blake, Kretz, Grant, Orcutt, VanDeWege, Takko, Crouse, Walsh, Kessler, Herrera, Wood, Kristiansen, McCune, and Dunn

Providing sales and use tax exemptions on the sale of organic biomass purchased by a light and power business or forest products company for the production of steam to generate electricity or for use in a production process.

Provides the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of organic biomass to a qualified business.

Provides the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply in respect to the use of organic biomass, if used by a qualified business.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3355 by Representatives Jarrett and Anderson

Creating an employment exception for personal services for a services referral agency.

Provides personal services for a services referral agency that meet the exception tests under RCW 50.04.140 shall not be considered employment under RCW 50.04.245.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3356 by Representatives Dunn, McCune, Campbell, Hankins, Sump, Ahern, Armstrong, and Kretz

Providing property tax relief for retired persons and persons retired by reason of disability.

Provides the property tax exemption authorized by Article VII, section 10 of the state Constitution should be made available to all individuals retired by reason of age or disability.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Finance.

Senate Bills

SB 6920 by Senator Swecker

Requiring a study on helicopter access for emergencies in a certain local jurisdiction.

Requires that the aviation division of the department of transportation, in partnership with the state military department, the city of Seattle, King county, and the Washington state patrol, shall form a committee to study the adequacy of the infrastructure in downtown Seattle to support helicopter access to downtown Seattle.

Makes an appropriation from the multimodal transportation account to the department of transportation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6921 by Senator Delvin

Exempting certain proprietary information from disclosure under the public records act.

Excludes proprietary information from the public records act, including leases, contracts, and internal control documents of licensees required by the gambling commission.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6922 by Senator Hobbs

Regarding cord blood banking.

Provides that the purpose of this act is to promote public awareness and education of the general public and potential cord blood donors on the benefits of public or private cord blood banking, and to establish safeguards related to effective private banking of cord blood.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 6923** by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, Weinstein, Pridemore, Jacobsen, and Kline
 Providing for a passenger vehicle greenhouse gas excise tax.
 Provides that the department of licensing must annually collect a vehicle excise tax on greenhouse gas emissions on all motor vehicles licensed under the passenger use class.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6924** by Senators Fairley, Hargrove, Hatfield, Sheldon, and McCaslin
 Adopting a primary system in which the two candidates with the most votes qualify for the general election.
 Provides for a primary system in which the two candidates with the most votes qualify for the general election and allows voters to vote for any candidate regardless of the party designation of the candidate.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 6925** by Senator Hargrove
 Regarding the governance of the indeterminate sentence review board.
 Clarifies the roles of the indeterminate sentence review board as an agency and as a board with quasi-judicial decision-making responsibilities.
 Modifies provisions related to qualifications for membership on the indeterminate sentence review board.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 6926** by Senator McCaslin
 Simplifying the process for disincorporating cities and towns.
 Provides that cities and towns may disincorporate through a proposed petition for disincorporation that must be signed by a majority of the registered voters thereof and filed with the city or town council.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 6927** by Senator Delvin
 Addressing county elected officials keeping offices at the county seat.
 Modifies provisions regarding county elected officials keeping offices at the county seat.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 6928** by Senator Hargrove
 Regarding the children's administration use of information services.
 Excludes the children's administration in the department of social and health services from certain department of information services provisions.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 6929** by Senators McAuliffe, Tom, Rasmussen, Zarelli, King, Brandland, Jacobsen, and Fairley
 Restoring local control to public schools by repealing the common school code.
 Provides that the legislature intends to improve public education in Washington by strengthening local control and repealing the state education code, except to provide each school board of directors broad, discretionary power to enable school districts to be efficient and effective in teaching the public school students of Washington state.
 Repeals the common school code, Title 28A RCW.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 6930** by Senators Tom and McAuliffe
 Regarding bonuses for nationally certified teachers who become principals or superintendents.
 Provides for certificated instructional staff who have attained certification from the national board for professional teaching standards to receive a bonus each year in which they maintain the certification, if they later become certificated principals or are a superintendent during the term of the certification.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 6931** by Senators Kline, Weinstein, and McDermott
 Providing funding for additional emphasis patrols for DUI enforcement and chemical dependency treatment.
 Provides that, effective September 1, 2008, the liquor control board shall add an equivalent surcharge of \$0.42 per liter on all retail sales of spirits, excluding licensee, military, and tribal sales.
 Provides that fifty percent of the money derived from this surcharge is to be appropriated to the department of social and health services, division of alcohol and substance abuse, for the sole purpose of funding treatment for the chemically dependent who would otherwise be unable to obtain treatment. The remaining fifty percent of the money derived from the surcharge is to be appropriated to the traffic safety commission for the sole purpose of providing grants to local government for the driving under the influence emphasis patrol programs.
 -- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 6 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6932 by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Spanel, Jacobsen, Marr, Kilmer, Rockefeller, and Shin

Addressing ferry vessel and terminal planning.

Requires the department of transportation to develop and maintain a vessel rebuild and replacement plan.

Adds requirements to the capital plan.

Requires the department of transportation to develop and maintain a vessel maintenance and preservation program that meets or exceeds all federal requirements and to maximize cost efficiency.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8031 by Senators Hobbs and Fairley

Requesting that federal election day be made a legal public holiday.

Requests that the President and Congress of the United States specify that the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year be made a legal public holiday.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SJM 8032 by Senator Morton

Requesting that the federal government share in the costs of postage for returning vote-by-mail ballots.

Requests that the federal government be required to share in the costs of postage associated with the return of vote-by-mail ballots, such that the return of vote-by-mail ballots shall be at no cost to the voter.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.