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House Bills

HB 1046-S2 by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Campbell, Lovick, O'Brien, Pettigrew, Springer, Blake, Morrell, Dunn, and Moeller)

Meeting financial responsibility requirements for automobiles.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, when the department sends a vehicle license renewal notice to a registered owner who has previously failed to respond to a random sampling program request under this act, it shall also provide notice of the requirement for proof of meeting the financial responsibility requirements and payment of the fifty-dollar penalty imposed under this act in order to renew the license.

Provides that the department shall not renew a vehicle license due for renewal January 1, 2009, or after for a registered owner who has previously failed to respond to a random sampling program request under this act, unless the applicant provides proof of meeting the financial responsibility requirements for operating a motor vehicle as provided in RCW 46.30.020 and pays the fifty-dollar penalty imposed under this act.

Requires the department to establish a random sampling program to determine if registered vehicle owners meet the financial responsibility requirements to operate a vehicle as required in RCW 46.30.020.

Provides that the department shall select no more than three percent of registered vehicles per year in monthly

increments and send the registered owner of each vehicle selected a form requesting that the owner provide proof of financial responsibility to operate a vehicle as required in RCW 46.30.020 for a randomly selected date during the last registration period.

- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 18 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 14 Executive session in committee.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 TR - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1115-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Pettigrew, Morrell, Ormsby, Green, Darneille, Haigh, Moeller, Wallace, Santos, and Simpson)

Creating programs to end homelessness.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes programs to end homelessness.
Creates within the department the ending homelessness program to develop and implement a statewide ending homelessness strategic plan, coordinate and monitor local government ending homelessness plans and programs, and implement and manage an ending homelessness grant program. The ending homelessness program has an established short-term goal of reducing the homeless population statewide and in each county by fifty percent by July 1, 2015, and an ultimate goal of ending homelessness. The ending homelessness program is developed and administered by the department with advice and input from

the affordable housing advisory board established in RCW 43.185B.020.

Provides that program outcomes and performance measures and goals must be created by the department in consultation with the interagency council on homelessness and a task force established by the department consisting of the committee chairs of the appropriate committees of the legislature, representatives appointed by the director from a minimum of five local ending homelessness task forces representing both urban and rural areas and communities east and west of the Cascade mountains, and a representative from a statewide membership organization that advocates for ending homelessness. The task force must also produce guidelines for local governments regarding methods, techniques, and data suggested to measure each performance measure. Performance measures, yearly targets, and corresponding measurement guidelines must be established by December 31, 2007, and must be reviewed annually by the department and the interagency council on homelessness after soliciting feedback from all local ending homelessness task forces.

Authorizes the department to determine a timeline for implementation and measurement of each performance measure for the state and local ending homelessness plans, except that the state and all local governments must implement and respond to all performance measures by December 31, 2009, unless the department finds that a performance measure is not applicable to a specific local area according to parameters and thresholds established by the department.

Requires the employment security department to annually establish a self-sufficiency standard based upon the cost of living, including housing costs, which include mortgage or rent payments and utilities other than telephone, for each county and major city in the state. The first self-sufficiency standard must be presented to the legislature by December 31, 2008.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a performance audit of the ending homelessness program every four years. The first audit must be conducted by December 31, 2009. Each audit must take no longer than six months or fifty thousand dollars to complete.

Appropriates the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the ending homelessness account to be distributed by the department of community, trade, and economic development to five housing authorities, using a selection method and distribution formula to be determined by the department, to implement a quality management program and prepare and submit an application to the Washington quality awards program by December 31, 2009.

Appropriates the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the ending homelessness account to be distributed by the department of community, trade, and economic development to five community action agencies, using a selection method and distribution formula to be determined by the department, to implement a quality management program and prepare and submit an application to the Washington quality awards program by December 31, 2009.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 7 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1332-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Dunn, Miloscia, Springer, McCune, Ormsby, Kenney, Roberts, Wood, Santos, and Chase)

Addressing affordable housing development.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to: (1) Identify publicly owned land and buildings that may be suitable for the development of affordable housing for very low-income and low-income households and special needs populations;

(2) Provide public notice of state and other publicly owned land and buildings that may be suitable to be marketed, sold, leased, or exchanged for the development of affordable housing or housing for special needs populations; and

(3) Facilitate the effective use of publicly owned surplus and underutilized land and buildings suitable for the development of affordable housing for very low-income and low-income households and special needs populations by requiring that these types of surplus property to certain public agencies, commissions, and local governments be offered for an initial time period at a discount to nonprofit housing organizations and eligible public agencies for the development of affordable housing for very low-income and low-income households or housing for special needs populations.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 19 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1364-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Rolfes, Sells, Appleton, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, Lantz, Ericks, Green, Roberts, Dunn, Morrell, McDonald, Hurst, Wallace, and Dickerson)

Providing property tax relief for senior citizens and persons retired by reason of physical disability by increasing the income thresholds.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides property tax relief for senior citizens and persons retired by reason of physical disability by increasing the income thresholds.

Applies to taxes levied for collection in 2009 and thereafter.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Work session and public hearing in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1741-S3 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Skinner, and Conway)

Transferring the oral history program from the secretary of state to the legislature.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 3RD SUBSTITUTE)

Transfers the oral history program from the secretary of state to the legislature.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 20 Executive session in committee.
Mar 22 Public hearing in committee.
Mar 26 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 3rd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2344-S2 by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Rodne, Hunter, and Kenney)

Preserving rail corridors.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that passenger rail services and the freight railroad system are recognized as systems of statewide significance. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to protect rail corridors from sale, surplus, or change of use without proper public notice.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 26 Public hearing in committee.
Mar 1 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 TR - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2426-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Chase, Williams, Morrell, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Campbell, Kagi, and Upthegrove)

Creating a preference for high-efficiency lighting in state government.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the use of high-efficiency lighting in facilities owned or leased by state government is strongly encouraged.

Defines "fluorescent lamp," "high-efficiency lighting," and "solid-state lighting."

States that the goal of state agencies for the percentage of purchased indoor lamps that are high-efficiency lighting shall be one hundred percent by January 1, 2009.

Calls for the department of general administration to prepare an annual report to the legislature on the state's progress in meeting the goals for the purchase of high-efficiency lighting.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2444-S by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Pearson, McCune, Priest, Haler, Armstrong, Kristiansen, Crouse, Rodne, Bailey, Hinkle, Hailey, Kretz, Warnick, Sump, Roach, Orcutt, Newhouse, Ahern, Alexander, Skinner, Hurst, Schindler, Walsh, Smith, Campbell, Dunn, Herrera, Kelley, and McDonald)

Requiring registered sex and kidnapping offenders to submit information regarding any e-mail addresses and any web sites they create or operate.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires registered sex and kidnapping offenders to submit information regarding any e-mail addresses and any web sites they create or operate.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2455-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Hudgins, Hasegawa, McIntire, Nelson, and Rolfes)

Concerning the expiration of monetary value of fare media.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the department of transportation may not enforce an expiration date of less than one hundred twenty days on the monetary value of any fare media.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 8 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2471-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, VanDeWege, McCoy, and Kenney; by request of Department of Natural Resources)

Modifying the responsibilities of the Washington geological survey.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the Washington geological survey shall:
(1) Serve as a bureau of information and an advisory service concerning geologic resources and hazards, and to provide technical assistance to local governments on geological hazards, mineral resources, and aggregate mining and reclamation during preparation and amendment of comprehensive plans and land use regulations;

(2) Collect geotechnical and related reports prepared by applicants in support of building construction and land use

permits from local government or state government for use in the development of a statewide electronic database of subsurface geotechnical data;

(3) Preserve information collected, developed, or obtained under this act in a publicly accessible electronic data system;

(4) Establish and maintain a storage and examination facility for physical samples; and

(5) Promote outdoor recreation and education.

Requires reports, geological maps, geological hazard assessment maps, mineral resource maps, and special reports of the geological survey to be distributed as directed by the state geologist as the needs of the state and science demand.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

HB 2505-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representative O'Brien)

Providing funding for a patrol vessel for public protection and emergencies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Orders the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to convene and facilitate a work group of sheriffs and emergency managers from the counties of Island, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, San Juan, Clallam, and Jefferson, and other appropriate individuals, to study and make recommendations regarding the enhancement of current recreational boating enforcement programs to include coastal defense duties.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2514-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Appleton, McCoy, Morris, McIntire, Nelson, Kagi, and Upthegrove)

Protecting orca whales from the impacts from vessels.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Encourages the state's law enforcement agencies to utilize existing statutes and regulations to protect southern resident orca whales from impacts from vessels.

Provides for certain unlawful acts when approaching, intercepting, or feeding a southern resident orca whale, and provides for certain exemptions from these acts.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the state parks and recreation commission to disseminate certain information to educate Washington's citizens on how to reduce the risk of disturbing southern resident orca whales.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2523-S2 by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Schual-Berke, Hasegawa, Roberts, Goodman, Kenney, Santos, Chase, and Quall)

Creating the position of world language supervisor in the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that there is a current lack of leadership and commitment at the state level to improve world language instruction so that our students can secure their part in the global community and remain competitive in the world.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to assign at least one full-time equivalent staff position within the office of the superintendent of public instruction to serve as the world language supervisor.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 APPE - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 13 2nd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 65; nays, 32; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2530-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Nelson, Cody, and Upthegrove)

Studying the effectiveness of the existing hydraulic project approval process under chapter 77.55 RCW in protecting fish life.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to conduct a study as to the effectiveness of the existing hydraulic project approval process under chapter 77.55 RCW in protecting fish life.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2536-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, VanDeWege, Hasegawa, Ormsby, Seaquist, Morrell, Schual-Berke, Upthegrove, and Green)

Establishing a citizens' work group on health care.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a citizens' work group on health care reform. The work group shall present information and seek public input about, direct the economic analysis of, and review various health care proposals.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 8 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 11 Placed on second reading.

HB 2537-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Hasegawa, Kenney, Morrell, Green, and Loomis)

Modifications to the health insurance partnership act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the health insurance partnership shall begin to offer coverage no later than March 1, 2009.

States that neither the employer nor the partnership shall limit an employee's choice of coverage from among the health benefit plans offered through the partnership, unless expressly authorized.

Establishes a mechanism to apply a surcharge to each health benefit plan purchased through the partnership, which shall be used only to pay for administrative and operational expenses of the partnership. The surcharge must be applied uniformly to all health benefit plans purchased through the partnership.

Designates health benefit plans that are currently offered in the small group market that will be offered to participating small employers through the health insurance partnership and those plans that will qualify for premium subsidy payments.

Develops policies related to partnership participant enrollment in health benefit plans. The board may focus its initial efforts on access to coverage and affordability of coverage for participating small employers and their employees.

Determines whether the partnership should be designated as the sponsor or administrator of a participating small employer health benefit plan and undertake the obligations required of a plan administrator under federal law in order to minimize administrative burdens on participating small employers.

Provides that for health benefit plans purchased through the health insurance partnership established in chapter 70.47A RCW: (1) Any surcharge established pursuant to RCW 70.47A.030(2)(e) shall be applied only to health benefit plans purchased through the health insurance partnership; and

(2) Risk adjustment or reinsurance mechanisms may be used by the health insurance partnership program to redistribute funds to carriers participating in the health insurance partnership based on differences in risk attributable to individual choice of health plans or other factors unique to health insurance partnership participation. Use of such mechanisms shall be limited to the partnership program and will not affect small group health plans offered outside the partnership.

Declares that minimum participation requirements and employer premium contribution requirements adopted by the health insurance partnership board under RCW 70.47A.110 shall apply only to the employers and employees who purchase health benefit plans through the health insurance partnership.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

- Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2557-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Barlow, and Warnick)

Improving the operation of the trial courts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the operation of trial courts, including jurisdictional provisions, municipal court contracting, court commissioners, and municipal departments.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2591-S2 by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Sells, and Jarrett)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND 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 --

- Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2647-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Hudgins, Hunt, Morrell, Pedersen, Williams, Cody, Green, Campbell, VanDeWege, Hasegawa, Roberts, Loomis, Uptegrove, Lias, Hunter, Chase, Smith, McIntire, Barlow, Conway, Priest, Schual-Berke, Simpson, Kenney, Goodman, Sells, Rolfes, Darneille, and Lantz)

Regarding the children's safe products act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, beginning January 1, 2009, no manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer may manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in this state a children's product or product component containing the following: (1) Lead or cadmium at more than .004 percent by weight (forty parts per million);

(2) Phthalates, individually or in combination, at more than .01 percent by weight (one hundred parts per million).

Requires, by January 1, 2009, the department of ecology to identify high priority chemicals that are of high concern for children after considering a child's or developing fetus's potential for exposure to each chemical.

Requires a manufacturer of a children's product, or a trade organization on behalf of its member manufacturers, to provide notice to the department that the manufacturer's product contains a high priority chemical.

Requires a manufacturer of products that are restricted under this act to notify persons that sell the manufacturer's products in this state about the provisions of this chapter no less than ninety days prior to the effective date of the restrictions.

Requires, before certain prohibitions under this act take effect, the department of ecology to prepare and distribute information to in-state and out-of-state manufacturers, to the maximum extent practicable, to assist them in identifying products prohibited for manufacture, sale, or distribution under this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2679-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Pettigrew, Hunt, Hasegawa, Sullivan, Chase, Morrell, McIntire, Santos, Barlow, Simpson, Kenney, Goodman, Wood, Darneille, Lantz, and McDonald)

Creating programs to improve educational outcomes for students in foster care.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the Puget Sound educational service district to designate a foster care program supervisor to coordinate programs and services for students in foster care.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide an annual aggregate report to the legislature on the educational experiences and progress of students in children's administration out-of-home care.

Provides that the Puget Sound educational service district shall create a grant program for local school districts to improve stability and educational outcomes for students in foster care.

Provides that the department of social and health services, within the children's administration, shall fund two school district-based foster care recruitment pilots in one or more of the school districts with the highest number of child protective services removals and out-of-home placements.

Requires education records to be transmitted to the department of social and health services within two school days after receiving the request from the department.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading.

Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2683-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia and Chase)

Creating an affordable housing for all program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND 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.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2690-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Hasegawa, Morrell, Green, McIntire, and Simpson)

Creating a mental health first aid course.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to make available a one-time mental health train the trainer first aid course that trains members of the public in how to give initial help in mental health crisis situations and to support people developing mental health problems.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 8 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2703-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Morrell, and Hudgins)

Encouraging energy efficiency.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND 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 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 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2713-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Hurst, Lantz, Pearson, Conway, Morrell, Miloscia, Priest, Kenney, Schual-Berke, Haler, McDonald, Loomis, Smith, Bailey, Kristiansen, Hudgins, McCune, Simpson, VanDeWege, Ericks, Kelley, Ormsby, and Rolfes; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Providing for broader collection of biological samples for the DNA identification of convicted sex offenders and other persons.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Increases the number of offenses for which an offender must have a biological sample collected for purposes of DNA identification analysis.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 8 Placed on second reading.

HB 2714-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Loomis, Hurst, Lantz, Upthegrove, Conway, Simpson, VanDeWege, and Kelley)

Making failure to register as a sex offender a class B felony.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Changes provisions concerning registration of sex offenders and kidnapping offenders.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 8 Placed on second reading.
Feb 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2718-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Rolfes, Lantz, Cody, Eddy, Kenney, Quall, McIntire, Haigh, Seaquist, Eickmeyer, Linville, Ericks, Roberts, VanDeWege, Morris, Dickerson, Kessler, Bailey, Smith, Sells, Nelson, and Hasegawa)

Addressing the desirability of reasonable fares for frequent ferry users.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires that the department of transportation shall develop fare and pricing policy proposals and the transportation commission shall adopt fares and pricing policies that must consider the desirability of reasonable fares for persons using the ferry system to commute daily to work and other frequent users who live in ferry-dependent communities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2746-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Jarrett, Morris, and McIntire)

Concerning the purchasing of fuel by certain state and local agencies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides, in performing the metropolitan transportation function, metropolitan municipal corporations and counties that have assumed the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of metropolitan municipal corporations under chapter 36.56 RCW may explore and implement strategies designed to reduce the overall cost of fuel and mitigate the impact of market fluctuations and pressure on both short-term and long-term fuel costs.

Requires the director of general administration, through the office of state procurement, to submit an annual report to the transportation committees of the house of representatives and senate that includes, for each entity authorized to participate in cost reduction strategies, a

description of each contract established to mitigate fuel costs, the amounts of fuel covered by the contracts, the cost mitigation results, and any related recommendations. The first report shall be submitted on January 15, 2009, and annually thereafter on January 15th.

Provides if metropolitan municipal corporations and counties that have assumed the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of metropolitan municipal corporations under chapter 36.56 RCW choose to implement the strategies authorized in this act, the state is not liable for any financial losses that may be incurred as the result of participating in such strategies.

Provides, in performing the function of operating its ferry system, the department may, after consultation with the department of general administration's office of state procurement, explore and implement strategies designed to reduce the overall cost of fuel and mitigate the impact of market fluctuations and pressure on both short-term and long-term fuel costs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2777-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Ericksen, Ericks, Hinkle, O'Brien, Morrell, Sells, Sullivan, McIntire, Loomis, Haigh, Simpson, and Kelley)

Creating a grant program to assist small communities in planning for new growth and development.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to create and monitor a small communities infrastructure planning grant program, in which the department shall select grant recipients and make grant awards based on the eligibility criteria set forth in this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2783-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Chase, Anderson, Sells, Haigh, Roberts, Hasegawa, Morrell, Sullivan, Kenney, and Hudgins)

Regarding transfer and articulation between institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group of representatives from the state board for community and technical colleges, the council of presidents, and two-year and four-year institutions of higher education to develop a transfer student bill of rights.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group including representatives from the state board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, the council of presidents, two-year institutions of higher education, and four-year institutions of higher education to

develop a plan to monitor the progress and success of transfer students.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group that includes representatives from the workforce training and education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, institutions of higher education, the independent colleges of Washington, the center for information services, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create a detailed plan for developing and implementing a statewide web-based academic planning tool.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Placed on second reading.

HB 2809-S2 by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Sullivan, Haler, Kelley, and Ormsby)

Regarding mathematics and science teachers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides by September 15, 2008, the professional educator standards board shall submit a report with recommendations for strengthening the state's corps of K-12 mathematics and science teachers to the governor, the superintendent of public instruction, and the education committees of the legislature.

Requires the professional educator standards board to act as the lead agency to convene the various organizations and stakeholders that administer programs that include educator recruitment efforts and to develop a collaborative statewide plan for educator recruitment by September 15, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2811-S by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Sullivan, Liias, Quall, Haigh, Simpson, and Ormsby)

Creating the healthy student grant program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to allocate funds on a competitive basis to support the health student grant program created in the act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Placed on second reading.

Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2815-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee, Priest, Linville, Upthegrove, Nelson, Goodman, Hurst, Lantz, Hunt, Cody, McCoy, Quall, Pettigrew, Fromhold, Dickerson, Darneille, Appleton, Green, Sells,

Pedersen, Jarrett, Conway, Morrell, Miloscia, Sullivan, Schual-Berke, McIntire, Williams, Hudgins, Simpson, Ericks, VanDeWege, and Ormsby; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Providing a framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Washington economy.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of ecology to develop and implement a program to limit greenhouse gas emissions to achieve emission reductions for Washington state established by this act.

Requires the director to develop, in coordination with the western climate initiative, a design for a regional multisector market-based system to limit and reduce emissions of greenhouse gas consistent with the emission reductions established in this act.

Requires the department of ecology and the department of revenue to provide a report to the legislature on the potential design and implementation of other strategies to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reductions required in this act.

Requires the department to adopt rules requiring annual reporting of total greenhouse gas emissions.

Establishes the clean energy jobs growth initiative in support of a clean energy sector jobs goal of, by 2020, increasing the number of clean energy sector jobs to twenty-five thousand from the eight thousand four hundred jobs the state had in 2004.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2820-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Condotta, Armstrong, Haler, and Williams)

Concerning speed limits on state highways adjacent to certain cities and towns.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses requests to lower speed limits on state highways adjacent to certain cities and towns.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2829-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Kelley, Williams, Eddy, Rolfes, Lantz, Liias, Linville, Upthegrove, Green, Anderson, Nelson, Morrell, Fromhold, Kenney, Darneille, McIntire, Kirby, Haigh, Simpson, Hasegawa, O'Brien, and Ormsby; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Expanding financial literacy through education and counseling to promote greater homeownership security.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the homeownership security account in the custody of the state treasurer. Expenditures from the

account may be used solely for the purposes of preventing predatory lending and providing homeownership education, information, and counseling.

Authorizes expenditure of funds from the account for the establishment, administration, and implementation of financial literacy and education programs that assist Washington citizens of all ages in understanding saving, investing, budgeting, and other skills necessary to obtain individual financial independence, fiscal responsibility, and financial management skills.

Declares more than fifty percent of the funds from this account must be used to assist low and moderate-income persons defined to be at or below eighty percent of county median income.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2882-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood, Hudgins, Hasegawa, and Ormsby)

Concerning the labeling of lead-containing products.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the labeling of lead-containing products offered for sale in Washington.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2903-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (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 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2917-S by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove, Warnick, Wallace, Hasegawa, Roberts, and Liias)

Regarding voter registration and informational activities at institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires institutions of higher education to: (1) Put in place a prompt and link to the secretary of state's voter registration web site;

(2) Make voter registration forms available in places of prominence within the premises of each campus;

(3) In consultation with the secretary of state and the student government association, or its equivalent, develop and implement policies regarding distribution of voter registration forms to students at the beginning of each term and in campus housing facilities; and

(4) Collaborate with the student government association, or its equivalent, to conduct nonpartisan voter information activities, which may include voter registration, candidate debates, and issue forums.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2918-S2 by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Chase, Fromhold, Sells, Appleton, Darneille, Rolfes, Kelley, Green, VanDeWege, and Conway)

Creating a task force to study the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Orders the governor to appoint a task force to study the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children and make recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2008, on whether it is in the state's interest to adopt the compact.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2933-S by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Kenney, Anderson, Darneille, Roberts, Kelley, Hankins, Hasegawa, and Chase)

Creating a work group to assess prior learning at institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to create pathways for adult learners to gain credit for learning from a variety of sources so that college level learning acquired before enrollment can be applied toward academic and workforce degrees.

Provides that the higher education coordinating board shall convene a work group to examine policies related to the acceptance of prior learning credits at institutions of higher education.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3058-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Armstrong, Clibborn, Williams, and Roberts)

Addressing public transportation vehicle stops at unmarked stop zones.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows the driver of a vehicle that is used for public transportation purposes, including such vehicles operated by nonprofit organizations, to stop upon the roadway momentarily to receive or discharge passengers at an unmarked stop zone. The driver of a vehicle that is used for public transportation purposes, including such vehicles operated by nonprofit organizations, may not stop on a state highway at an unmarked stop zone if the posted speed limit is forty miles per hour or more.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3059-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Hasegawa, and Roberts)

Requiring coverage for lead blood level assessments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to provide coverage for lead blood level assessments for any eligible children younger than twenty-one years old.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3069-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Wallace)

Regulating driver improvement schools.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates and licenses driver improvement schools.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3076-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Liias, Rodne, Ericks, Campbell, Sells, Upthegrove, Warnick, Jarrett, Roberts, Loomis, Kelley, Pettigrew, Darneille, Skinner, Linville, Priest, Williams, Simpson, Schual-Berke, Sullivan, McIntire, Conway, and Ormsby)

Creating a joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

Requires the task force to review certain issues related to expanding the presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated research and development, education, and training businesses at airports of regional significance.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3096-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn and McIntire; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Financing the state route number 520 bridge replacement project.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the department of transportation to seek authorization from the legislature to collect tolls on the existing state route number 520 bridge or on a replacement state route number 520 bridge.

Requires the department of transportation to work with the federal highways administration to determine the necessary actions for receiving federal authorization to toll the interstate 90 floating bridge.

Requires the executive director of the Puget Sound regional council, the secretary of the department of transportation or his or her designee, and a member of the state transportation commission from King county to form a state route number 520 tolling implementation committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3115-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Skinner, Green, Wallace, Haler, Chase, Rodne, Conway, Morrell, Linville, VanDeWege, Loomis, Kelley, Rolfes, Lias, Ormsby, and Darneille)

Concerning small business incubators.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the purpose of small business incubators is to provide comprehensive business assistance to start-up and early-stage firms in order to improve their chances of growing into healthy, sustainable companies.

Redefines "business incubator" as a facility or program that provides, on an on-going basis, business-related training, services, and technical assistance to businesses that are less than five years old and have fewer than five employees at the time of admission to the facility or program.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop a certification program for small business incubators.

Requires that all qualified small business incubators are required annually to collect data for each client business.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3123-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Cody, Roberts, Green, and Ormsby)

Establishing evidence-based nurse staffing in hospitals.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a mechanism whereby direct care nurses and hospital management shall participate in a joint process regarding decisions about nurse staffing.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3149-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers, Haler, Conway, Kenney, Fromhold, McIntire, Anderson, and Darneille; by request of State Investment Board)

Changing state investment board personnel compensation provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the investment board is authorized to maintain a retention pool within the state investment board expense account from the earnings of the funds managed by the board, pursuant to a performance management and compensation program developed by the investment board, in order to address recruitment and retention problems and to reward performance.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3163-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Kelley, McCune, Green, Williams, Morrell, and Conway)

Creating a military improvement zone program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to conduct a military improvement zone pilot program to authorize and promote financing tools that encourage the development of high-quality infrastructure and affordable housing in the areas nearest to federal military bases.

Requires the estimated sales and use taxes collected on the sale or use of tangible personal property and labor and services used in the construction of affordable housing projects in military improvement zones, less any credits allowed for local governments, to be deposited in the military improvement zone account.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to conduct an examination of land use tools and funding options that local governments can implement to encourage high-quality development of the

neighborhoods nearest the state's military bases, affordable housing for military personnel, and infrastructure for this housing that is consistent with the highest public health, safety, and welfare standards.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 6 Referred to Finance.
 Feb 12 FIN - Executive action taken by committee.
 FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3186-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representative Nelson)

Authorizing the creation of beach management districts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the creation of beach management districts.

Directs the department of ecology to provide technical assistance to community groups and county and city legislative authorities requesting assistance with the development of beach management programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3216-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Morris, Upthegrove, Hudgins, Loomis, Kelley, Morrell, VanDeWege, Ericks, Hankins, and Eddy)

Developing wave and tidal energy technologies in Washington.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development and the energy facility site evaluation council to convene and cochair a work group to develop the Washington state center for excellence in hydrokinetic energy and develop a unique one-stop permit process for both wave power and tidal power projects.

Requires the work group to ensure that the center is a public-private entity and that the center supports a sustainable approach to hydrokinetic energy development aimed at economic development, environmental protection, and community stability, and to make certain recommendations to the legislature.

Requires the work group to provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature containing its recommendations as well as draft legislation implementing its recommendations, by December 1, 2008.

Requires the work group to explore mechanisms to streamline and make more efficient permitting processes for wave and tidal power projects, and to provide a final report on its findings and recommendations to the legislature by June 30, 2010.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3227-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Eickmeyer, Sump, Chase, Quall, Hasegawa, Appleton, Simpson, Haigh, Wallace, Dickerson, Takko, Conway, Pedersen, Kagi, Armstrong, Priest, Walsh, Hinkle, Condotta, McCoy, Roberts, Morris, Hudgins, Rolfes, Lantz, Schual-Berke, Morrell, Campbell, Sells, Sullivan, Kenney, and Linville)

Protecting the water quality in Hood Canal.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that in aquatic rehabilitation zone one, any new or retrofitted on-site sewage disposal systems installed after July 1, 2009, may not discharge to ground or surface waters more than twenty milligrams per liter of total nitrogen.

Provides that in aquatic rehabilitation zone one, any new or retrofitted wastewater treatment system installed after July 1, 2009, must use all known, available, and reasonable methods of nitrogen removal.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3263-S by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Kenney, Kagi, and Ormsby)

Requiring dual credit strategic planning.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to convene a work group that includes representatives from the state board for community and technical colleges, the public four-year institutions of higher education, the workforce training and education coordinating board, the higher education coordinating board, and the council of presidents to develop a strategic plan for statewide coordination of dual credit programs.

Requires the work group to recommend a strategic plan for coordinating the administration of dual credit programs based on the findings of the examination in this act. The strategic plan shall identify goals for increased student enrollments, strategies to increase access and efficiency, options for addressing costs to the state, schools, and institutions of higher education, and strategies to contain costs for students and their families.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3269-S2 by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Roach, Haler, Williams, Campbell, Rodne, and Ross)

Creating a roving early intervention specialist pilot program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this specific purpose, the department of early learning to administer the roving early intervention specialist pilot program to be conducted in Pierce county, beginning July 1, 2008, to provide assistance to licensed child care providers and families with children ages birth to five with special needs.

Provides for one roving early intervention specialist to be housed at a local child care resource and referral organization in Pierce county.

Requires, by August 1, 2009, the department of early learning to report on certain findings to the governor and appropriate education and fiscal committees of the legislature and provide recommendations for increasing the number of roving early intervention specialists to serve the statewide child care resource and referral network.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3274-S2 by House Committee on Apps Subcom GG (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Hudgins, Upthegrove, Hunter, Santos, and Kenney)

Addressing public contracting by public port districts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires all contracts for public work required by a port district to be awarded using a competitive bid process.

Requires, by January 1, 2010, each port to maintain a database on a public web site of all contracts, including public works and personal services.

Establishes a policy of open competition for all personal service contracts entered into by port districts.

Requires all port personal service contracts to be entered into pursuant to competitive solicitation with exceptions.

Requires port emergency contracts and sole source contracts to be filed with the elected port commission and made available for public inspection.

Requires the municipal research services center to develop uniform guidelines for the effective and efficient management of personal service contracts by all ports.

Requires the Washington public ports association to provide a training course for port personnel responsible for executing and managing personal service contracts.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPG - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3289-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Kelley, Sells, Dunn, Linville, and Barlow)

Authorizing the issuance of special license plates to parents of United States armed forces members who died while in service to his or her country.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the department of licensing to issue special license plates to parents of members of the United States armed forces who died while in service to their country to persons meeting all of the following criteria: (1) Is a resident of this state; and

(2) Is a parent of a member of the United States armed forces who died while in service to his or her country, as certified by the Washington state department of veterans affairs.

Requires the department of licensing to issue these plates upon payment by the applicant of all other license fees, but the department may not set or charge an additional fee for these special plates.

Authorizes the department of licensing and the department of veterans affairs to adopt reasonable rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW to establish and verify eligibility for the special license plate created under this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3366 by Representatives Ericks and Linville

Addressing the uses of the general administration services and revolving accounts.

Provides that moneys in the general administration services account may be spent only after appropriation and expenditures from the account may only be used for services provided to state agencies.

Creates the general administration revolving account in the custody of the state treasurer, and expenditures from the account may be used only for certain funds and accounts but an appropriation is not required.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3367 by Representatives Moeller, Roach, VanDeWege, Chandler, Ross, Haler, Skinner, Rodne, Kretz, Ahern, Warnick, Walsh, McDonald, Crouse, Sump, Pearson, Ericksen, DeBolt, Alexander, Schmick, McCune, Hinkle, Anderson, Schindler, Bailey, Herrera, Smith, Kristiansen, Armstrong, Dunn, and Orcutt

Requiring legislators to purchase health coverage through the individual market.

Provides that in lieu of group coverage, elected members of the senate and house of representatives shall purchase health coverage through the individual market.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

Senate Bills

SB 5180-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Marr, Berkey, Shin, Murray, Rasmussen, and Pflug)

Requesting the Department of Health to conduct a study of body piercing and tattooing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of health to: (1) Conduct a study of the tattooing and body piercing professions and make recommendations to the legislature as to whether the professions should be regulated, and to what extent, for the purpose of protecting the public interest under the criteria set forth in RCW 18.120.030; and

(2) Submit a report detailing its finding and recommendations under this act to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 2009.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5213-S2 by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

Promoting coordinated ocean management policies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the ocean policy advisory council in the executive office of the governor.

Requires the ocean policy advisory council to adopt the final report of the Washington state ocean policy work group entitled "Washington's Ocean Action Plan: Enhancing Management of Washington State's Ocean and Outer Coasts" and to work with state and local governments to implement the priority recommendations appropriate for immediate action.

Requires the council to review the funding of state programs relating to ocean management, policy coordination, research, and public education and to identify current funding levels and projected funding needs to implement recommendations of the 2006 ocean policy work group report.

Requires the council to review the state and local policies included in the state's approved coastal zone program, and other state and local policies not included in the program, which if included would further the purposes of protecting the state's coastal zone and influencing federal actions affecting the state's coastal zone.

Designates the department of ecology as the principal state agency for administering the provisions of the federal coastal zone management act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 25 Executive session in committee.

Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 NROR - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6210-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator Benton)

Providing for the registration of sex offender or kidnapping offender e-mail addresses or other internet communication names or identities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a county sheriff may request a sex offender or kidnapping offender to provide his or her electronic mail address, internet communication name, or the uniform resource locator of any personal web site created or operated by the person.

Provides that the Washington state patrol may share information regarding a registered sex offender or kidnapping offender's electronic mail address, internet communication name, or uniform resource locator of any personal web site created or operated by the person with a business or organization that offers electronic communication or remote computing services for the purpose of prescreening users or for comparison with information that is held by the requesting business or organization.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6235-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Keiser)

Addressing public works procurement.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Introduces new types of services included in the public works procurement process.

Requires port districts to specifically comply with chapter 39.80 RCW in the procurement of all architectural, engineering, and other construction-related services, as those terms are defined in RCW 39.80.020.

Provides that when a public port district purchases property outside of the district's jurisdictional boundaries, as part of the planning process for developing the property, the port must study and disclose through the public hearing process in the impacted community the impact of the proposed development plans.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6337-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

Regarding the state's management of the Puget Sound commercial salmon fishery.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to work with appropriate commercial fishers and commercial fishing associations to consider ways to facilitate the commercial harvest of Puget Sound salmon in a manner that conserves the resource, maintains the economic well-being of the fishing industry, promotes orderly fisheries, and enhances and improves commercial fishing in the state.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to provide a summary of these discussions, recommendations, and outcomes to the appropriate committees of the legislature by November 1, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6400-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator Carrell)

Establishing programs for the moral guidance of incarcerated persons.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department of corrections to establish an oversight committee to develop a comprehensive interagency plan to provide voluntary, nondenominational moral and character-building residential services and supports for offenders who are incarcerated in prison.

Provides that in developing an interagency plan, the oversight committee shall seek input on moral and character-based residential programs in our state's adult correctional facilities from the public, including faith-based communities, state institutions of higher education, and the business community.

Requires the secretary of corrections to appoint institutional chaplains for the state correctional institutions for convicted felons as employees of the department of corrections. The secretary of corrections may further contract with chaplains to be employed as is necessary to meet the religious needs of those inmates whose religious denominations are not represented by institutional chaplains and where volunteer chaplains are not available.

Provides that the department of corrections may not compel a chaplain who provides certain services to carry personal liability insurance as a condition of employment.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6408-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Kline, and Weinstein)

Creating provisions relating to pet dealers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides for certain requirements for pet dealers in the sale of animals.

Provides that a pet dealer shall maintain a written record on the health, status, and disposition of each animal for three years which includes the current year and the past two years.

Entitles a purchaser to certain remedies from a pet dealer if, after the purchase of an animal from the pet dealer, certain conditions occur.

Requires every pet dealer to post in a conspicuous location a notice stating that purchasers of animals have specific rights under law and that a written statement of the rights is available upon request by any interested party.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6469-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Swecker, Jacobsen, Pridemore, McDermott, Fraser, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, and Rockefeller)

Regarding urban forestry.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Supports city efforts to conserve, protect, improve, and expand Washington's urban forest in order to reduce storm water pollution in Puget Sound, flooding, energy consumption and greenhouse gases emission, air pollution, and storm impacts to utility infrastructure.

Provides for development of uniform criteria for a statewide community and urban forest inventory and assessment.

Limits grants or other forms of financial aid to cities and towns that are in compliance with this act.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development, with the advice of the evergreen cities partnership task force to develop the criteria for an evergreen cities recognition program whereby the state can recognize cities and counties, to be designated as evergreen cities, who are developing excellent urban forest management programs that include urban forestry inventories, assessments, plans, ordinances, maintenance programs, partnerships, and community involvement.

Creates a grant program and a competitive award program to provide financial assistance to cities, towns, and counties for the development, adoption, and implementation of evergreen cities management plans or ordinances.

Requires certain cities, towns, and counties, to adopt an evergreen cities forest management plan and related ordinances.

Authorizes local governments to accept voluntary donations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6547-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Benton, Fairley, Delvin, Murray, Kastama, McDermott, Swecker, Keiser, Jacobsen, Regala, Franklin, McAuliffe, Fraser, Prentice, Shin, Rasmussen, Kline, and Spanel)

Prohibiting discrimination in community athletics programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a city, town, county, or district may not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct, or administration of community athletics programs for youth or adults or in the allocation of park and recreation facilities and resources that support these programs.

Establishes a work group to study reporting guidelines that will enable effective compliance monitoring of community athletics programs in order to accomplish the intent of this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6569-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Hatfield, and Holmquist)

Permitting public transit vehicle stops at unmarked stop zones under certain circumstances.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes public transportation service providers, including private, nonprofit transportation providers regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, to allow the driver of a transit vehicle to stop upon the roadway momentarily to receive or discharge passengers at an unmarked stop zone if the driver stops the vehicle as far to the right side of the roadway as possible to not significantly impede traffic, the driver activates four-way flashing lights, and the driver stops at a portion of the highway with an unobstructed view so as to not create a hazard.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6589-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Brandland, and Delvin)

Regarding financial negotiations between civil service unions and institutions of higher education following October 1st.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that in the case of a bargaining unit of employees in which the exclusive bargaining representative is certified by the public employment relations commission after the October 1st deadline and for which there is no existing master agreement, the legislature may act upon the compensation and fringe benefit provisions of the unit's collective bargaining agreement if those provisions are agreed upon and submitted to the office of financial management no fewer than thirty-five days or fifty days before the end of session depending on the length of session. The office of financial management submits the compensation and fringe benefit provisions of the agreement to the fiscal committees of the legislature within the same periods of time. If the deadline for submittal to the office of financial management is not met, the governor shall submit the request for funds necessary to implement the compensation and fringe benefit provisions in the agreement in the next budget request submitted to the legislature.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6601-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Zarelli, Kauffman, and Shin)

Regulating contracting standards of home care agencies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides the department of social and health services shall not contract with any home care agency, as defined in RCW 70.127.010, that has been found by the department of labor and industries or a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of chapters 39.12, 49.46, and 49.48 RCW, unless the department finds that denying a contract would seriously inhibit the state's ability to provide vulnerable and elderly residents with quality community-based home care or the agency's violation or violations involved: (1) Very few employees;

(2) A de minimus amount of wages per affected employee; or

(3) An incidental offense.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6605-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Hobbs, Murray, Marr, Keiser, Kauffman, Shin, McAuliffe, Regala, Rasmussen, Brown, Pridemore, Kline, Eide, Fraser, Tom, and Kilmer)

Creating an energy efficiency worker training program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates an energy efficiency worker training program.
Expires June 30, 2013.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6644-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Franklin, Kastama, Fairley, Marr, Delvin, Kohl-Welles, Brandland, Schoesler, and Rasmussen)
- Establishing requirements for primary medical eye care.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Finds that the unique characteristics of eye care and the structure of insurance coverage relating to medical eye care and vision only services create confusion among enrollees of health plans and create inefficiencies in the delivery of medical eye care, and that creating a primary care medical home relationship for eye care patients will improve the quality of care and reduce the cost of eye care.
Declares that health plans covering primary medical eye care must conform to certain minimum requirements.
Provides that, for all contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2009, a health plan that includes primary medical eye care shall provide for enrollees a complete list of health care providers contracted with the health plan, either directly or through a subcontract, to provide primary medical eye care to enrollees, and all such providers shall be available to all enrollees, subject to any service area requirements of the plan.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- SB 6660-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Pflug, and Rasmussen)
- Changing requirements for sanctioning an area agency on aging.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the department of social and health services to establish in rule processes and procedure for removing the designation of an area agency on aging. When establishing rules, the department must consult with currently designated area agencies on aging.
Provides that area agencies on aging may provide directly, or through contract, any or all services authorized under the Senior Citizens Services Act and the Older Americans Act to eligible individuals.
Provides that the secretary may designate a single purpose or multipurpose agency to serve as an area agency on aging. In designating or dedesignating an area agency on aging, the secretary shall not discriminate between a public agency and a private nonprofit agency.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 6661-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Hargrove, Regala, Brandland, McDermott, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Kline, and Rasmussen)
- Regarding child care licensing.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes the department of early learning to consider the facts and circumstances of a previous licensing enforcement action taken by the department under chapter 43.215 RCW, provided that the licensing action may not automatically disqualify the individual from obtaining a license, employment, or access.
Provides that if an individual prevails against the department of early learning in a judicial review of a licensing enforcement action as allowed by chapter 34.05 RCW and the court determines that the department's action was arbitrary and capricious, the individual shall be awarded all costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with such legal action.
Requires the department of early learning and the early learning advisory council to jointly report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature regarding the implementation of current activities to improve the quality and safety of child care licensed under chapter 43.215 RCW.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6668-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug and Fairley)
- Annexing unincorporated territory to code cities.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides that when the zoning of any unincorporated territory that as of January 1, 2008: (1) Is located in a home rule charter county with a population over one million;
(2) Contains no residents;
(3) Is entirely surrounded by the territory of one incorporated code city; and
(4) Is not part of the urban growth area of the surrounding city, is changed by the county to allow residential development, or is changed by the county to allow more dense residential development, the territory shall immediately be deemed as annexed to the surrounding code city and that city shall zone the annexed territory to allow, at a minimum, six dwelling units per acre.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6678-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Prentice, Hobbs, Swecker, McCaslin, Brandland, Spanel, Jacobsen, Oemig, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, King, Eide, Marr, Brown, Carrell, Berkey, Hatfield, Rasmussen, Rockefeller, Regala, Pridemore, Tom, Sheldon, Hargrove, Weinstein, Shin, Parlette, Murray, McAuliffe, Stevens, Kohl-Welles, Roach, and Holmquist)

Authorizing the issuance of special license plates to parents of United States armed forces members who have died while in service to his or her country or as a result of such service.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the department of licensing to issue special license plates to parents of members of the United States armed forces who died while in service to their country or as a result of such service.

Requires the department of licensing to issue these plates upon payment by the applicant of all other license fees, but the department of licensing may not set or charge an additional fee for these special plates.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 **TRAN** - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6684-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Berkey, Regala, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe)

Providing for language access services for persons with limited English proficiency in health care matters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the insurance commissioner to conduct a study of language access problems encountered by consumers who purchase health insurance contracts in the state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 **HEA** - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 12 **WM** - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Health & Long-Term Care.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6696-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Fairley, Prentice, Kohl-Welles, Tom, Weinstein, Kline, McDermott, and Murray)

Changing the requirements for, and recoveries under, a wrongful injury or death cause of action, or a survival action.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions related to the requirements for, and recoveries under, a wrongful death cause of action, or a survival action.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 8 **GO** - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6704-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senator Fairley; by request of Attorney General)

Modifying the notice requirement for special meetings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that notice of an agency's special meeting must also be posted on the agency's web site, if any, and prominently displayed at the main entrance of the agency's principal location and the meeting site if it is not held at the agency's principal location.

Provides notice requirements if the voting district for the governing body has fewer than one thousand registered voters.

Requires notice to be delivered or posted, as applicable, at least twenty-four hours before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 **GO** - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6734-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles)

Establishing evidence-based nurse staffing in hospitals.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires, by September 1, 2008, each hospital to establish a nurse staffing committee, either by creating a new committee or assigning the functions of a nurse staffing committee to an existing committee.

Requires the nurse staffing committee to develop and oversee an annual patient care unit and shift-based nurse staffing plan, based on the needs of patients, to be used as the primary component of the staffing budget; semiannually review the staffing plan against patient need and known evidence-based staffing information; and review, assess, and respond to staffing concerns presented to the committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 **HEA** - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6807-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Keiser, Fairley, and Kohl-Welles)

Restricting long-term care facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that a boarding home's voluntary withdrawal from participation in the medicaid program for residential care and services, while continuing to provide services of the type provided by boarding homes, is not an acceptable basis for the transfer or discharge of medicaid-eligible

persons who were residing in the boarding home on the day before the effective date of the withdrawal.

Requires a boarding home that voluntarily withdraws from participation in the medicaid program for residential care and services to provide appropriate notice to any person who begins residence in the boarding home on or after the effective date of the medicaid withdrawal.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6870-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Stevens, and Spanel)

Encouraging the creation of new community public health and safety networks in areas with disbanded networks.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the family policy council to encourage the formation of a new community public health and safety network in areas previously served by a disbanded network.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the family policy council.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6882-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker and Rasmussen)

Regarding flood mitigation in the Chehalis basin.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Intends to help facilitate a collaborative process to develop a flood mitigation plan for the upper Chehalis subbasin.

Declares that the Chehalis basin partnership is the watershed planning unit under chapter 90.82 RCW for water resource inventory areas twenty-two and twenty-three, as established in chapter 173-500 WAC as it exists on the effective date of this act.

Provides that certain events must occur if, by December 31, 2008, Grays Harbor, Lewis, and Thurston counties create a joint flood control district or exercise equivalent flood control authority under Title 86 RCW covering a substantial portion of the Chehalis basin.

Expires July 1, 2010.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6929-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by

Senators McAuliffe, Tom, Rasmussen, Zarelli, King, Brandland, Jacobsen, and Fairley)

Creating the select committee on repealing education statutes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the select committee on repealing education statutes.

Requires that, by December 1, 2010, the committee shall make recommendations to the legislature regarding state statutes that should be retained or enacted during the 2011 legislative session.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6933-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Hargrove, Hewitt, Franklin, Pflug, Carrell, Berkey, Kauffman, Haugen, McCaslin, Rockefeller, Fraser, and Kilmer)

Changing rules concerning admissibility of evidence in sex offense cases.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes the rules concerning admissibility of evidence in sex offense cases to conform with the Federal Rules of Evidence.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.