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MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008

1ST DAY

- SB 6180 By Senators Oemig, Fairley and McDermott
Regarding postelection audits.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6181 By Senators McDermott, Oemig and Fairley
Providing an employee of the county legislative authority
may be appointed to the county canvassing board.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6182 By Senators Fraser and Brandland; by request of Department
of Community, Trade, and Economic Development
Authorizing public works board projects.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.
- SB 6183 By Senators Parlette, McAuliffe, Brandland, Tom, King,
Hobbs, Holmquist, Kauffman, Weinstein, Eide, Zarelli,
Rasmussen, Hewitt and Oemig
Providing a process for the dissolution of first-class
school directors' districts.
Referred to Committee on EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION.

- SB 6184 By Senators Benton, Eide, Weinstein, McCaslin, Hargrove, Regala, Hatfield, Carrell, Tom, Franklin, Zarelli, Kline, Haugen, Keiser, Fairley, Hobbs, Marr, Kastama, Berkey, Delvin, Brandland, Spanel, Murray, Prentice, Holmquist, Hewitt, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Sheldon, Oemig, Morton, Pflug, Roach, Pridemore, McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Parlette, Kauffman, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Stevens, Kilmer, Swecker, Honeyford and Schoesler
- Addressing most serious offenses.
- Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
- SB 6185 By Senator Fairley
- Allowing treasurer discretion in property tax payment scheduling.
- Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6186 By Senators Fairley, Roach, Swecker, Oemig and Kline; by request of Public Disclosure Commission
- Changing the time frame covered by the twenty-one day preelection campaign finance report.
- Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6187 By Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Schoesler and Morton
- Creating the food animal veterinarian conditional scholarship program.
- Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.
- SB 6188 By Senators Stevens and Swecker
- Concerning highway emergency projects.
- Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
- SB 6189 By Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Tom, Fraser, Fairley, Kastama, Franklin, Marr and Haugen
- Requiring pharmacy owners to file a certificate of compliance.
- Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

- SB 6190 By Senators Honeyford and Kohl-Welles
Creating a regulatory exception for electrical equipment used in the production of wine.
Referred to Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6191 By Senator Keiser
Requiring disclosure of certain health care information.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.
- SB 6192 By Senators Hobbs and McAuliffe
Concerning vendor rates for supported living providers.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.
- SB 6193 By Senators Hargrove and Brandland
Giving county clerks authority to withhold and deliver funds from criminal defendants who owe legal financial obligations.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.
- SB 6194 By Senators Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Schoesler, Morton and Hatfield; by request of Department of Agriculture
Regulating fertilizers.
Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6195 By Senator Haugen
Modifying the definition of rural county for economic development purposes.
Referred to Committee on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & MANAGEMENT.
- SB 6196 By Senators Pridemore, Zarelli and Kastama
Modifying definitions applicable to local infrastructure financing tool program demonstration projects.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

- SB 6197 By Senator Morton
Creating a child labor exemption.
Referred to Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6198 By Senator Morton
Authorizing the withdrawal of groundwater for fire
prevention purposes.
Referred to Committee on WATER, ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS.
- SB 6199 By Senator Morton
Requiring counties to include prepaid postage on absentee
ballot return forms.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6200 By Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles
Creating the prescription drug professional education
program.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.
- SB 6201 By Senators Oemig, Swecker and McDermott; by request of
Secretary of State
Modifying candidate filing provisions.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6202 By Senator Sheldon
Prohibiting false and defamatory statements about
candidates for public office.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6203 By Senator Sheldon
Authorizing a local sales tax deducted from the state
portion of the sales tax for purposes of implementing
water quality projects.
Referred to Committee on WATER, ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

- SB 6204 By Senator Sheldon
Dividing water resource inventory area 14 into WRIA 14a and WRIA 14b.
Referred to Committee on WATER, ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS.
- SB 6205 By Senators Franklin, Pflug, Keiser, Kastama, Regala and Kohl-Welles
Creating the joint select committee on sickle cell disease.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.
- SB 6206 By Senator Zarelli
Modifying child fatality and near fatality reviews and reports.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.
- SB 6207 By Senator Zarelli
Requiring notification of a child's guardian ad litem of allegations of abuse or neglect.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.
- SB 6208 By Senator Zarelli
Requiring investigation of child abuse or neglect reports filed by mandatory reporters.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.
- SB 6209 By Senator Zarelli
Requiring notification of office of family and children's ombudsman in cases involving multiple reports of child abuse or neglect.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.
- SB 6210 By Senator Benton
Requiring the registration of sex offender e-mail addresses or other internet communication names or identities.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.

- SB 6211 By Senators Morton, Jacobsen, Rockefeller and Swecker; by request of Department of Natural Resources
Modifying the responsibilities of the Washington geological survey.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6212 By Senators Jacobsen, Morton, Fraser, Rockefeller, Hatfield and Swecker; by request of Department of Natural Resources
Seeking to improve recreational opportunities on state-owned lands managed by the department of natural resources.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6213 By Senators Jacobsen, Morton, Rockefeller and Swecker; by request of Department of Natural Resources
Eliminating references to pierhead lines and regarding authorizing structures within waterways.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6214 By Senators Jacobsen, Swecker and Rockefeller; by request of Department of Natural Resources
Clarifying the authority of the department of natural resources to issue lesser contractual agreements within existing authorities for state-owned aquatic lands.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6215 By Senator Tom
Concerning reserve accounts and studies for condominium associations.
Referred to Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION & HOUSING.
- SB 6216 By Senator Prentice
Authorizing of the governor to enter into a cigarette tax contract with the Shoalwater Bay Tribe.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

SB 6217 By Senator Hatfield
Regarding fees allowed as court costs in district courts.
Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

SB 6218 By Senator Hatfield
Concerning historic vessels.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

SB 6219 By Senator Prentice
Concerning the business and occupation taxation of
newspaper-labeled supplements.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

SB 6220 By Senator Keiser
Allowing the delegation of nursing tasks to care for
persons with diabetes.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SB 6221 By Senator Keiser
Establishing the Washington health partnership.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SB 6222 By Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles
Expanding programs for persons needing long-term care.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SB 6223 By Senator Keiser
Authorizing emergency medical technicians to administer
glucagon in emergency situations.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SB 6224 By Senator Keiser
Modifying vendor overpayment provisions.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

SB 6225 By Senator Keiser
Establishing a system for monitoring invasive methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SB 6226 By Senator Jacobsen
Enhancing natural resource collections at the Washington park arboretum.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.

SB 6227 By Senator Jacobsen
Providing support and resources to outer coast marine resources committees.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.

SB 6228 By Senator Jacobsen
Protecting lake water quality by reducing phosphorus from lawn fertilizers.
Referred to Committee on WATER, ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

SB 6229 By Senator Jacobsen
Requiring a comprehensive lakes management strategic plan.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.

SB 6230 By Senator Jacobsen
Regarding watchable wildlife.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.

SB 6231 By Senator Jacobsen
Improving the coordination of marine protected areas.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.

SB 6232 By Senator Jacobsen
Requiring a specialized forest products permit to sell raw or unprocessed huckleberries.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.

SB 6233 By Senator Jacobsen
Maintaining Washington's working forest land base.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.

SB 6234 By Senators Zarelli and Hatfield
Authorizing periodic property tax payments by electronic funds transfer.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6235 By Senator Haugen
Addressing public works procurement.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6236 By Senator Carrell
Modifying requirements for certain mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.

SB 6237 By Senators Kilmer and Haugen; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs
Modifying armed forces provisions.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6238 By Senator Fairley
Modifying assessed valuation requirements for the direct petition method of annexation.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6239 By Senator Fairley
Concerning ad hoc review board processes for annexation proposals.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6240 By Senator Fairley
Addressing the signature validation process for petitions that seek annexation.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6241 By Senator Fairley
Prohibiting the sale or use of prescriber-identifiable prescription data for commercial or marketing purposes absent prescriber consent.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SB 6242 By Senator Spanel; by request of Department of Agriculture
Addressing pesticide registration and license fees.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

SB 6243 By Senator Carrell
Addressing court discretion to order community custody.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.

SB 6244 By Senator Carrell
Addressing the conversion of existing facilities to house offenders violating community supervision.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.

SB 6245 By Senator Carrell
Providing a sales and use tax exemption for horticultural plants native to Washington state.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

SB 6246 By Senator Honeyford
Authorizing travel expenses for certain industrial insurance medical aid claims.
Referred to Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT.

SB 6247 By Senator Benton
Concerning voter approval for use of banked levy capacity.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6248 By Senator Benton
Eliminating banked levy capacity provisions.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

- SB 6249 By Senators Fraser, Morton, Jacobsen, Swecker and Rockefeller; by request of Department of Natural Resources
Authorizing the department of natural resources to establish an inventory, conduct an assessment, and develop recommendations to improve community and urban forest conditions in Washington state.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6250 By Senator Haugen; by request of Department of Licensing
Protecting the confidentiality and privacy of personal information in connection with drivers' licenses and identicards.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
- SB 6251 By Senators Regala, Carrell and Kastama
Concerning the conservation of forest lands.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6252 By Senators Hatfield and Zarelli; by request of Board For Judicial Administration
Increasing the number of district court judges in Cowlitz county.
Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.
- SB 6253 By Senator Sheldon
Opening developed and disturbed areas of state parks to the recreational use of metal detectors.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6254 By Senators Hobbs, Swecker, Roach, Kilmer and Pridemore; by request of Secretary of State
Creating the Washington state flag account.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6255 By Senators Keiser and Rockefeller
Providing incentives for solar electric power.
Referred to Committee on WATER, ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

- SB 6256 By Senator Jacobsen
Creating the Washington heritage livestock and poultry breed recognition program.
Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6257 By Senator Jacobsen
Requiring aggregate reporting of results of the Washington assessment of student learning.
Referred to Committee on EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION.
- SB 6258 By Senator Jacobsen
Concerning adulterated pet food.
Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6259 By Senator Jacobsen
Regarding forest land management information.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6260 By Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Jacobsen, Morton and Schoesler
Providing hunting and fishing opportunities to seriously ill children.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.
- SB 6261 By Senators Kilmer, Rockefeller and Schoesler
Requiring the workforce training and education coordinating board to research and evaluate work and learning programs for adult youth.
Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.
- SB 6262 By Senators Kilmer, Schoesler and Rockefeller
Creating an economic development and diversification tuition incentive program.
Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.

SB 6263 By Senator Zarelli
Concerning property tax value changes as a result of government intervention.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6264 By Senator Shin; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board
Clarifying terms for workforce and economic development.
Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.

SB 6265 By Senators Marr and Schoesler
Clarifying that the gross wages and benefits of on-site property managers are exempt from the business and occupation taxation of property management companies.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

SB 6266 By Senators Eide, Zarelli and Schoesler
Concerning the excise taxation of bullion and rare earth metals.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

SB 6267 By Senators Keiser, Kastama and Franklin
Repealing RCW 18.79.255.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SB 6268 By Senators Haugen, Pridemore and Jacobsen
Concerning the creation of a historical parks and historic reserves tax incentive program.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

SB 6269 By Senator Jacobsen
Concerning the rights of airline passengers.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

- SB 6270 By Senators Prentice and Honeyford; by request of
Department of Revenue
Providing for the enforcement of cigarette taxes through
regulation of stamped and unstamped cigarettes.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.
- SB 6271 By Senators Hatfield and Fairley
Concerning the compensation of special purpose district
commissioners.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6272 By Senators Berkey, Hobbs, Fairley, Keiser, Kilmer,
McDermott, Kauffman, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Shin, Regala,
Kline and Spanel; by request of Governor Gregoire
Expanding financial literacy through education and
counseling to promote greater homeownership security.
Referred to Committee on FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE.
- SB 6273 By Senators Haugen and Rasmussen
Addressing the nondivisible gross weight limit of farm
implements on public highways.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
- SB 6274 By Senators Rockefeller, Haugen and Kohl-Welles
Removing the six inch freeboard exception from the
requirement to cover vehicular loads of dirt, sand, or
gravel.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
- SB 6275 By Senators Haugen and Rasmussen
Granting authority for drainage district commissioners to
implement drainage maintenance plans.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.

- SB 6276 By Senators Kohl-Welles, Swecker, McAuliffe, Regala, Schoesler, Murray, Shin, Eide, Kauffman, Sheldon and Rasmussen
Creating a pilot program placing domestic violence advocates in offices of the division of children and family services.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.
- SB 6277 By Senators Haugen and Spanel
Requiring the accommodation of certain private transit providers at park and ride lots.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
- SB 6278 By Senator Haugen
Clarifying the pilot rule-making process.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
- SB 6279 By Senator Keiser
Addressing cosmetology apprenticeships.
Referred to Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6280 By Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles
Implementing the recommendations of the joint legislative task force on family leave insurance.
Referred to Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6281 By Senators Keiser, Eide, Kauffman and McDermott
Limiting property tax levies for ports in counties with large populations.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6282 By Senators Keiser, Franklin and Kohl-Welles
Establishing patient-centered primary care pilots.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

- SB 6283 By Senator Rasmussen; by request of Washington Apple Commission
Addressing membership on the apple commission.
Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6284 By Senators Schoesler and Rasmussen
Modifying provisions relating to the dairy products commission.
Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6285 By Senator Morton
Clarifying the authority of educational service districts to provide cooperative and informational services to local school districts.
Referred to Committee on EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION.
- SB 6286 By Senators Kauffman, Shin and Rasmussen
Requiring school district accountability for students missing school.
Referred to Committee on EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION.
- SB 6287 By Senators Marr, Franklin, Fraser, Rockefeller and Oemig
Prohibiting smoking in a motor vehicle when a child is in the motor vehicle.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.
- SB 6288 By Senator Marr; by request of Governor Gregoire
Addressing funding for certain transportation benefit district highway projects.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.
- SB 6289 By Senators Spanel, Swecker, Jacobsen and Morton; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife
Regarding Puget Sound Dungeness crab catch record cards.
Referred to Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION.

- SB 6290 By Senator Oemig
Phasing out property tax levies for ports in counties with large populations.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6291 By Senators Oemig, Kline and Kohl-Welles
Requiring voter authorization of government welfare tax payments to cities and counties.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6292 By Senators Marr, Honeyford, Haugen, Kohl-Welles and Hewitt
Concerning craft distilleries.
Referred to Committee on LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT.
- SB 6293 By Senator Fairley; by request of Attorney General
Removing limit on ethics board penalties and costs.
Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS.
- SB 6294 By Senators Hargrove, Regala and Carrell; by request of Attorney General
Modifying compensation for denials of public records by agencies.
Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS.
- SB 6295 By Senators Kilmer, Rockefeller, Hobbs, Shin, Franklin, Marr, Rasmussen, Kastama, Kauffman, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, Berkey and Regala
Creating workplace-based electronically distributed learning opportunities.
Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.
- SB 6296 By Senators Kilmer, Hobbs, Shin, Franklin, Marr, Sheldon, Kastama, Rasmussen, Kauffman, Keiser, Haugen and Hatfield
Increasing job creation and encouraging self-employment in the state.
Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.

SB 6297 By Senators Prentice, Brandland and Sheldon
Changing prosecuting attorney salaries.
Referred to Committee on WAYS & MEANS.

SB 6298 By Senator Haugen; by request of Office of Financial
Management
Making 2008 transportation supplemental appropriations.
Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

SB 6299 By Senators Rasmussen, Haugen and Hatfield
Concerning tax exemptions for beekeepers.
Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.

SB 6300 By Senators Oemig, Rasmussen, Fairley and Regala
Regarding mercury-containing vaccines.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SB 6301 By Senators Oemig, Marr and Kauffman
Preventing conduct that is intended to provide a person
the information necessary to commit a pedophilic act.
Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY.

SB 6302 By Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Fairley, Kline, Franklin
and Regala
Establishing standards for prescription drug marketing and
disclosure.
Referred to Committee on HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE.

SCR 8411 By Senators Brown and Hewitt
Establishing cutoff dates for the 2008 regular session.
BOOST.

SCR 8412 By Senators Kilmer, Schoesler and Rockefeller
Requesting approval of the statewide strategic master plan
for higher education.
Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION.