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House Bills

HB 1097-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kirby and Chase)

Regarding special assessments for conservation district activities and programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Clarifies provisions relating to special assessments for conservation district activities and programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

Jan 27 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

HB 1720 by Representatives Appleton, Roberts, Williams, Dickerson, and Hasegawa

Adjusting sentences on the sentencing grid by twenty-five percent for certain crimes.

Adjusts sentences on the sentencing grid by twenty-five percent for certain crimes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1721 by Representatives Springer, Armstrong, Hudgins, Condotta, and Simpson; by request of Washington State Patrol

Modifying provisions governing two-wheeled and three-wheeled vehicles.

Revises provisions regarding two-wheeled and three-wheeled vehicles.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1722 by Representatives Crouse, Conway, Seaquist, and Simpson; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

Addressing plan membership default provisions in the public employees' retirement system.

Addresses plan membership default provisions in the public employees' retirement system.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1723 by Representatives Green, Cody, Morrell, Appleton, Pedersen, Goodman, and Ormsby

Concerning genetic counselors.

Establishes genetic counselors as a new health profession to be licensed by the department of health.

Creates the advisory committee on genetic counseling.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1724 by Representatives Hope, O'Brien, Kretz, Klippert, Smith, Ericks, Pearson, Rodne, Bailey, Campbell, Sells, Herrera, Kelley, Kristiansen, Warnick, Armstrong, Simpson, and Johnson

Increasing the punishment for assault of a child in the first degree.

Establishes the Eryk Woodruff public safety act of 2009.

Increases the punishment for assault of a child in the first degree.

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1725 by Representatives Van De Wege, Orcutt, Takko, Kretz, Blake, and Kessler

Directing the forest practices board to develop a single-tier buffer rule for small acreage timber harvests.

Directs the forest practices board to develop a single-tier riparian buffer rule for small acreage timber harvests.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1726 by Representatives Maxwell, Anderson, Carlyle, Rodne, Eddy, Springer, Hunter, Clibborn, Goodman, Hasegawa, and Hudgins

Creating Bellevue College.

Designates the college located and established in Bellevue, King county as Bellevue College.

Terminates the powers, duties, and functions of the board of trustees for the Bellevue community college district effective September 30, 2010.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1727 by Representatives Pedersen, Walsh, Moeller, Johnson, Carlyle, Quall, Sullivan, Maxwell, Roberts, Chase, Upthegrove, White, Conway, Nelson, Cody, Hudgins, Morris, Eddy, Lias, Kagi, Ormsby, Rolfes, Clibborn, Dunshee, Pettigrew, Springer, Hunter, Williams, Blake, Darneille, Goodman, Dickerson, Hasegawa, Linville, Kenney, Appleton, Van De Wege, Kessler, Santos, Sells, O'Brien, Ericks, Wallace, McCoy, Kirby, Haigh, Takko, Hurst, Seaquist, Wood, Flannigan, Orwall, Jacks, Finn, Hunt, Simpson, and Driscoll

Expanding the rights and responsibilities of state registered domestic partners.

Declares that for all purposes under state law, state registered domestic partners shall be treated the same as married spouses. Any privilege, immunity, right, benefit, or responsibility granted or imposed by statute, administrative or court rule, policy, common law or any other law to an individual because the individual is or was a spouse, or because the individual is or was an in-law in a specified way to another individual, is granted on equivalent terms, substantive and procedural, to an individual because the individual is or was in a state registered domestic partnership or because the individual is or was, based on a state registered domestic partnership, related in a specified way to another individual.

Provides that the act shall be liberally construed to achieve equal treatment, to the extent not in conflict with federal law, of state registered domestic partners and married spouses.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1728 by Representatives Takko, Haler, Ericks, Angel, Carlyle, and Van De Wege

Regarding the issuance of checks by joint operating agencies and public utility districts.

Revises provisions relevant to the issuance of checks by joint operating agencies and public utility districts.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1729 by Representatives Carlyle, Pedersen, Hunt, Ericks, Crouse, Hunter, Haler, White, Dunshee, Seaquist, Lias, Takko, Anderson, Kelley, Goodman, Eddy, Jacks, Van De Wege, Roberts, Orwall, Upthegrove, Rolfes, Hasegawa, Moeller, Wallace, Priest, Dickerson, Hudgins, Darneille, Appleton, Kenney, Conway, and Nelson

Concerning the enhancement of legislative web sites.

Provides that chapter 42.52 RCW (ethics in public service) shall not be interpreted to hold a legislator or legislative employee responsible for nonlegislative material found on nonlegislative web sites in cases where links are established from their official legislative web sites to any other internet web site, except those paid for by a candidate or political committee as those terms are defined in RCW 42.17.020.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1730 by Representatives Linville, Kretz, Ericks, Hunt, Armstrong, and Short

Regarding the office of regulatory assistance.

Modifies provisions regarding the office of regulatory assistance.

Declares that chapter 43.42 RCW (office of regulatory assistance) shall not be construed to limit or abridge the powers and duties granted to a participating permit agency under the law that authorizes or requires the agency to issue a permit for a project. Each participating permit agency retains its authority to make all decisions on all nonprocedural matters with regard to the respective

component permit that is within its scope of its responsibility including, but not limited to, the determination of permit application completeness, permit approval or approval with conditions, or permit denial. The office of regulatory assistance may not substitute its judgment for that of a participating permit agency on any such nonprocedural matters.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1731 by Representatives Hunt, Armstrong, Appleton, Newhouse, Flannigan, Miloscia, and Hudgins

Revising the rules for designation of party preference by partisan candidates.

Clarifies party preference on primary ballots.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1732 by Representatives Goodman and Ericks

Changing the ignition interlock device revolving account from an appropriated account to a nonappropriated account.

Changes the ignition interlock device revolving account from an appropriated account to a nonappropriated account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1733 by Representatives Goodman, Blake, Springer, Eddy, Dunshee, Rolfes, and Kessler

Concerning the property tax current use valuation programs.

Makes certain land used primarily for equestrian-related activities eligible for current use valuation under the open space tax program as farm and agricultural land and revises the additional tax, interest, and penalty provisions for removal from current use classification.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1734 by Representative Chase

Creating a program for conversion of plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Develops a program to allow Washington to be a leader in the conversion of plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Makes an appropriation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education Appropriations.

HB 1735 by Representatives Miloscia, Flannigan, Appleton, Nelson, Green, Hasegawa, Darneille, Dickerson, Chase, Dunshee, Ormsby, Williams, Cody, Kenney, Sells, Kagi, and White

Achieving economic security through income sufficient to meet basic needs.

Seeks to establish a minimum wage that enables employees to provide for the basic needs of their families

and, therefore, not rely on social services provided by the state and paid for by state taxpayers.

Requires the department of labor and industries to calculate an adjusted minimum wage rate to maintain employee purchasing power by increasing the current year's minimum wage rate by the rate of inflation.

Provides for submission of the act to a vote of the people.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1736 by Representatives Takko and Short

Limiting the period of time in which level of service standards for local transportation facilities may be used to prohibit development under local comprehensive plans.

Authorizes a local jurisdiction to prohibit the approval of a specific development for a single prohibition period totaling a maximum of twenty-four consecutive months from the time that the local jurisdiction determines that the proposed development will cause the level of service for a transportation facility to fall below the standards adopted in the transportation element of the comprehensive plan.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1737 by Representatives Green, Campbell, and Pedersen

Making health care providers' billing statements admissible.

Provides that in an arbitration proceeding or a court of law in an action under tort, health care providers' billing statements for treatment provided to a patient are presumed to reflect the reasonable value of health care treatment and are admissible in evidence to establish that the charges are reasonable and customary charges in the community.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1738 by Representatives Lias, Goodman, Appleton, Carlyle, Probst, Nelson, Hasegawa, Orwall, Rolfes, Dickerson, Hunt, Pettigrew, Cody, Darneille, White, Chase, Kenney, Dunshee, Ormsby, Miloscia, Moeller, Roberts, Simpson, Sells, Flannigan, Eddy, McCoy, Wood, Kagi, Wallace, Williams, and Green

Providing public funding for supreme court campaigns.

Declares an intent to protect the fairness of elections for the supreme court.

Declares that the act is necessary to ensure that our highest courts continue to be unbiased and insulated from special interests.

Establishes the judicial election reform act to introduce a voluntary pilot project to provide an alternative source of financing candidates for the Washington supreme court who demonstrate public support and voluntarily accept strict fundraising and spending limits.

Prohibits the public disclosure commission from offering the public financing program until an appropriation of three million dollars is made for the program.

Creates the judicial election reform act fund.

Provides penalties.

- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 1739** by Representatives Wallace, Campbell, Williams, Moeller, Jacks, Pettigrew, and Ormsby
 Promoting accessible communities for persons with disabilities.
 Promotes accessible communities for persons with disabilities.
 Finds that more than nine hundred thousand Washington state residents with disabilities continue to face barriers to full participation that could be easily eliminated.
 Creates the accessible communities account. Two hundred dollars from each penalty imposed under RCW 46.16.381(7), (8), (9), and (11) (special parking for persons with disabilities) must be deposited into the account.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services.
- HB 1740** by Representatives Cody and Hinkle
 Regarding the issuance of licenses to practice dentistry.
 Revises provisions regarding issuance of a license to practice dentistry.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1741** by Representatives Darneille, Quall, Lias, Santos, Van De Wege, Goodman, Dickerson, Jacks, Hurst, Haigh, Pettigrew, Kenney, Dammeier, and Morrell
 Expanding the list of crimes that require dismissal or certificate revocation for school employees.
 Expands the list of crimes that require dismissal or certificate revocation for school employees.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education.
- HB 1742** by Representatives Goodman, Pedersen, Williams, Conway, Rodne, and Ormsby
 Providing public retirement benefits for employees of the supreme court, court of appeals, or superior, district, or municipal courts.
 Provides public retirement benefits for employees of the supreme court, court of appeals, superior courts, district courts, and municipal courts.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 1743** by Representatives Takko, McCoy, Van De Wege, and Kessler
 Concerning tax incentives for the production, distribution, sale, and use of alcohol fuel, wood biomass fuel, biodiesel fuel, and biodiesel feedstock.
 Requires a person claiming a tax preference that requires a survey under section 8 of the act to file a complete annual survey with the department of revenue by March 31st of the year following any calendar year in which a person becomes eligible to claim the tax preference.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.
- HB 1744** by Representatives Ericks, Springer, and Clibborn
 Concerning real estate excise tax expenditures for parks and capital projects.
 Modifies real estate excise tax expenditures for parks and capital projects.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.
- HB 1745** by Representatives Moeller, Williams, Walsh, Hunt, Takko, Upthegrove, Sells, Springer, Simpson, Darneille, Lias, Eddy, Pedersen, Jacks, Cody, Chase, Dunshee, Kirby, Kenney, Ericks, Haigh, McCoy, Roberts, Appleton, Hasegawa, Santos, Rolfes, Conway, Wood, Clibborn, Hudgins, Morris, Nelson, Carlyle, Quall, Flannigan, Dickerson, White, Ormsby, and Kagi
 Concerning civil marriages.
 Recognizes the right of all citizens of Washington state, including couples of the same sex, to obtain civil marriage licenses.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1746** by Representatives Van De Wege, Kessler, and Kelley
 Addressing vehicular homicide sentencing provisions.
 Revises vehicular homicide sentencing provisions.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1747** by Representatives Rolfes, Chase, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, Eddy, Lias, Ormsby, Pedersen, Dunshee, McCoy, Morris, Carlyle, Dickerson, Hudgins, Moeller, Sells, Kenney, White, and Nelson
 Reducing climate pollution in the built environment.
 Finds that: (1) Buildings have a lifespan of fifty to one hundred years during which they continually consume energy and produce carbon dioxide emissions. Existing homes, commercial buildings, and public institutions consume seventy percent of the electricity load in Washington state and account for more than thirty percent of the state's carbon dioxide emissions;
 (2) Energy use in buildings is responsible for more than thirty percent of Washington's global-warming emissions;
 (3) Making Washington homes and businesses more energy efficient reduces the load on our electricity grid;
 (4) The Washington state energy code is updated every three years and reductions in energy use can be achieved by strengthening building codes for new buildings and major retrofits;
 (5) Funding for the state building code, responsible for developing, evaluating, monitoring, and adopting fire, safety, public health, and energy codes, is limited to building

permit fees of four dollars and fifty cents per permit collected by local governments. The building permit fee has not changed in twenty-seven years;

(6) Facilitating a benchmarking system that provides energy performance information for existing commercial and public buildings in the state would enable building owners and operators to better manage energy use and costs associated with those buildings;

(7) Up-front financing for energy efficiency improvements can be a barrier to investments in energy efficiency upgrades and needs to be addressed to rapidly increase energy efficiency, to reduce energy use, and to meet our state's climate goals;

(8) Low-income households pay a higher percentage of their income on energy bills than other households. Policies and programs should focus on increasing home weatherization and energy-conserving services to reduce energy bills; and

(9) According to the American council for an energy-efficient economy, improving buildings' energy efficiency by twenty percent by 2030 could create an estimated eight hundred thousand net jobs nationwide, and by thirty percent could create up to one million three hundred thousand net jobs.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop and implement a strategic plan for enhancing energy efficiency in and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from homes, building, districts, and neighborhoods.

Directs the department of community, trade, and economic development and the state building code council to convene a work group to inform the initial development of the strategic plan.

Requires the state energy code to accelerate construction of increasingly energy efficient homes and buildings that help achieve the broader goal of building zero fossil-fuel greenhouse gas emission homes and buildings by the year 2031.

Requires the state building code council to adopt state energy codes that require homes and buildings constructed from 2016 through 2031 to meet certain energy efficiency targets, using the adopted 2006 Washington state energy code as a baseline.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1748 by Representatives Walsh, Blake, Morrell, and Hasegawa

Concerning senior fishing licenses.

Changes the definition of "senior" in Title 77 RCW (fish and wildlife).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1749 by Representatives Bailey and Kirby

Regulating the business practices of mortgage brokers for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.

Regulates business practices of mortgage brokers for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 1750 by Representatives Warnick and Hinkle

Regarding the installation and maintenance of boat lifts on state-owned aquatic lands.

Permits an abutting residential owner to state-owned aquatic lands, who has installed a dock on the area, to install and maintain a boat lift, or other construction primarily used to provide safe moorage for a boat or to safely remove and store a boat above the water level, that is intended to operate in conjunction or association with the dock.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

HB 1751 by Representatives Kessler, Van De Wege, Takko, Kenney, Finn, Haigh, and Blake

Concerning the time period during which sales and use tax for public facilities in rural counties may be collected.

Modifies provisions relating to the time period during which sales and use tax for public facilities in rural counties may be collected.

Provides that the act applies both prospectively and retroactively to August 1, 2007.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1752 by Representatives Hurst and Hunt

Regarding the observation of election procedures.

Requires major political party observers to be allowed close enough to election workers to provide meaningful oversight of the processing of ballots, including viewing individual ballots, hearing conversations between election workers, observing any modifications or duplications of ballots, and the selection of ballots for a random check.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1753 by Representatives Hunter, Hunt, Green, Armstrong, Kessler, Appleton, and Alexander

Regarding electronic filing of reports to the legislature and the governor.

Requires reports submitted to the legislature be provided only in an electronic format.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1754 by Representatives Pettigrew, Walsh, Goodman, Kagi, Roberts, Priest, Dunshee, Sullivan, Appleton, Green, Kenney, Morrell, Nelson, and Ormsby

Concerning continuity of child care.

Declares an intent to reform components of Washington's subsidized child care system by developing and implementing a system of subsidized child care that promotes continuity of care for children, is affordable for

parents needing financial assistance, and is uncomplicated and predictable for providers.

Requires the department of early learning to establish and implement policies for the working connections child care program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1755 by Representatives Williams, Rodne, and Uptegrove

Including correctional employees who have completed government-sponsored law enforcement firearms training to the lists of law enforcement personnel that are exempt from certain firearm restrictions.

Includes correctional officers and sergeants from counties with a population of one million or more, who have completed government-sponsored law enforcement firearms training, to the lists of law enforcement personnel that are exempt from certain firearm restrictions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1756 by Representatives Kelley, Seaquist, Green, Morrell, and Conway

Creating a military improvement zone program.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to: (1) 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 and to determine the effectiveness of the program in increasing the development of high-quality infrastructure and additional affordable housing in improvement zones;

(2) Develop operational guidelines and criteria for the pilot program;

(3) Provide technical assistance to counties and cities participating in the pilot program; and

(4) Provide grants to counties and cities participating in the pilot program, subject to funding for this specific purpose.

Provides that, subject to certain requirements, twenty-five percent of 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, must be deposited in the military improvement zone account.

Creates the military improvement zone account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1757 by Representatives Haigh, Haler, Kessler, Takko, Hinkle, Sullivan, McCune, Hunter, Cox, Finn, Priest, and Van De Wege

Establishing a small school district contingency fund.

Creates the small school district contingency fund program to provide assistance in the form of a loan to small school districts facing a short-term and temporary shortfall

in budgeted operating funds due to an unforeseen circumstance that is outside the control of the school district board of directors.

Creates the small school district contingency fund account for the purposes of making short-term loans to small school districts.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education Appropriations.

HB 1758 by Representatives Quall, Hope, Wallace, Sullivan, Goodman, Kagi, Santos, Morrell, Hasegawa, and Ormsby

Expanding options for students to earn high school diplomas.

Expands students' options and choices for completing high school by awarding diplomas to students who complete certain postsecondary programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1759 by Representatives Quall and Kagi

Concerning minors in need of lifesaving medical treatment.

Provides that in any judicial proceeding under chapter 26.44 RCW (abuse of children) or chapter 13.34 RCW (juvenile court act) in which it is alleged that a child is at substantial risk of death because of a parent or guardian's refusal to consent to available lifesaving medical treatment for the child, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the child.

Requires an administrator of a hospital or similar institution or certain physicians, who have knowledge of a parent or guardian's refusal to consent to available lifesaving medical treatment for a minor and such refusal creates a substantial risk of death to the minor, to notify the department of social and health services child protective services staff at the earliest opportunity.

Requires the department of social and health services, if notified as required above, to investigate the referral according to policies and timelines for urgent cases.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1760 by Representative Ormsby

Creating a five-member option for civil service commissions for sheriffs' offices.

Authorizes each county and each combination of counties under RCW 41.14.040 to, by ordinance, increase the number of members serving on a civil service commission from three to five members.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1761 by Representatives Hasegawa, Appleton, and Hurst

Addressing the ethical use of legislative web sites.

Revises provisions regarding the ethical use of legislative web sites.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1762 by Representatives Santos, Kenney, and Morrell

Increasing parental and community involvement in public education.

Declares an intent to increase public awareness of the importance of parental and community involvement in education and foster mutually respectful interactions in an atmosphere of collaboration and cooperation.

Requires the governor to establish an education advisory committee to advise and make recommendations to the governor regarding the effectiveness of the education ombudsman and to the superintendent of public instruction regarding the effectiveness of the center for the improvement of student learning. In addition, the committee shall advise and make recommendations regarding methods to increase parental and community involvement in public education and strategies to improve the educational opportunities for all students in the state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1763 by Representatives Upthegrove, Darneille, Chase, Takko, Kenney, Williams, Hudgins, Eddy, and Nelson

Requiring that all classifications of students be treated equitably and consistently in the higher education admissions process.

Provides that if the legislature reduces or does not increase enrollments over the previous biennium as specified in the omnibus appropriations act, or if the institutions of higher education reduce enrollment for any academic term, the reduction shall apply to all categories of students on an equal basis.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1764 by Representatives McCune, Campbell, and Hope

Modifying provisions relating to the disposable income limits for property tax relief for senior citizens, persons retired because of physical disability, and veterans.

Provides property tax relief for senior citizens, persons retired because of physical disability, and veterans.

Provides that the act applies to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1765 by Representatives Moeller, Campbell, and Morrell

Concerning the license surcharge for the impaired physician program.

Prohibits the department of health from withholding any part of certain surcharges or assessing any fees related to the collection and administration of the impaired physician program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1766 by Representatives Ormsby, Darneille, Chase, Miloscia, Nelson, Green, Kagi, Kenney, Morrell, and Hasegawa

Prohibiting discrimination based on lawful source of income.

Prohibits discrimination based on lawful source of income.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1767 by Representatives Ericks and Hunter; by request of Department of Revenue

Requiring the use of electronic methods for taxes administered by the department of revenue, including filing of taxes, payment of taxes, assessment of taxes, and other taxpayer information.

Requires the use of electronic methods for taxes administered by the department of revenue, including filing of taxes, payment of taxes, assessment of taxes, and other taxpayer information.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1768 by Representatives Pearson, Shea, Hope, Smith, Ross, Kristiansen, Warnick, Armstrong, and Bailey

Preventing sex offenders from being released within fifty miles of or in the same county as their victims.

Prevents a sex offender from being released within fifty miles of their victim or in the same county as their victim.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1769 by Representatives Orwall, White, Dammeier, Clibborn, Nelson, Liias, Carlyle, Eddy, Upthegrove, Green, Chase, Seaquist, Miloscia, Kagi, Roberts, Kenney, and Morrell

Concerning housing assistance in dependency matters.

Provides that a court's authority to order housing assistance is: (1) Limited to cases in which housing assistance would likely work to prevent or shorten the need for an out-of-home placement; and

(2) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this specific purpose.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1770 by Representatives Appleton, Goodman, and Hurst

Changing the membership of the Washington state forensic investigations council.

Finds that: (1) It is in the interests of justice and public safety that the work of the state crime laboratory remains above criticism; and

(2) Recent events have called into question the truth of reports from the state crime laboratory.

Declares an intent to strengthen oversight of the laboratory by the Washington state forensic investigations council by adding members, including attorneys who regularly represent criminal defendants and a scientist from a Washington state university.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1771 by Representatives Pettigrew, Walsh, and Dickerson

Modifying the child support license suspension program. Revises the child support license suspension program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1772 by Representatives Williams, Wood, Nelson, Darneille, Green, and McCoy

Requiring certain consumer protections in the purchase of motor vehicles.

Protects consumers in the purchase of motor vehicles.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1773 by Representatives Springer, Williams, Goodman, Nelson, Sells, Miloscia, Simpson, Ormsby, Roberts, and Flannigan

Concerning certain notice requirements when terminating month to month or other periodic residential tenancies governed by the residential landlord-tenant act.

Revises notification requirements for terminating month-to-month or other periodic residential tenancies governed by the residential landlord-tenant act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1774 by Representatives Haigh, Armstrong, Van De Wege, Morris, Blake, Orcutt, and Kristiansen

Excluding certain state forest land revenues from the basic education allocation.

Excludes certain state forest land revenues from the basic education allocation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education Appropriations.

HB 1775 by Representatives White, Carlyle, Nelson, Upthegrove, and Simpson

Concerning the regulation of certain limousine carriers. Regulates certain limousine carriers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1776 by Representatives Ericks, Haigh, Priest, Hunter, Liias, Sullivan, Pedersen, Maxwell, White, and Kenney

Changing school levy provisions.

Revises school levy provisions.

Recognizes that school districts request voter approval for two-year through four-year levies based on their projected levy capacities at the time that the levies are submitted to the voters.

Declares an intent to permit school districts with voter-approved maintenance and operation levies to seek an additional approval from the voters, if subsequently enacted legislation would permit a higher levy.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education Appropriations.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4007 by Representatives Chase, Hasegawa, Liias, and Hudgins

Urging the Washington state utilities and transportation commission to rehear the Puget Sound energy/puget holdings merger proposal.

Urges the Washington state utilities and transportation commission to rehear the Puget Sound Energy/Puget Holdings merger proposal.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

Senate Bills

SB 5199-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Morton, Rockefeller, and Shin; by request of Department of Health)

Modifying provisions regarding the operators of public water supply systems.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relevant to public water supply system operators.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 10:00 AM.

Jan 28 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5290-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators

Franklin, Brown, Fraser, Kauffman, McAuliffe, Shin, Murray, Eide, Keiser, Berkey, and Regala)

Concerning requests made by a party relating to gas or electrical company discounts for low-income senior customers and low-income customers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows a party to a general rate case hearing to request the utilities and transportation commission to approve rates, charges, services, and/or physical facilities at a discount for low-income senior customers and low-income customers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 21 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 3:30 PM.

Jan 28 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5369-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Becker, Fairley, Keiser, Marr, Murray, Kohl-Welles, and Parlette; by request of Department of Health)

Regarding counseling professions subject to the authority of the secretary of health.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Adds and removes counseling professions subject to the authority of the secretary of the department of health under the uniform disciplinary act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Jan 27 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5460-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Zarelli, Prentice, Hewitt, and Kline)

Reducing the administrative cost of state government during the 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 fiscal biennia.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the office of financial management to reduce allotments for all agencies for salaries, wages, fringe benefits, personal service contracts, equipment, travel, and training by \$105,450,000 from 2007-09 biennial general fund and related funds appropriations to reflect the elimination of expenditures required by the act as identified in LEAP document BT-2009, a computerized tabulation developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee on January 22, 2009. The office shall make comparable allotment reductions for all other state funds and accounts to reflect the elimination of expenditures required by the act. The allotment reductions shall be placed in unallotted status and remain unexpended.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Jan 27 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Jan 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5630 by Senators Regala, Fairley, Jacobsen, and Haugen

Concerning real estate excise tax expenditures for parks and capital projects.

Modifies real estate excise tax expenditures for parks and capital projects.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5631 by Senators Becker and Swecker; by request of Secretary of State

Counting absentee ballots.

Modifies provisions relating to receiving and tabulation of absentee ballots.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5632 by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Morton, Stevens, Honeyford, Parlette, McCaslin, Pflug, Roach, and Shin

Permitting retired participants to resume volunteer firefighter, emergency worker, or reserve officer service.

Authorizes retired participants to resume volunteer firefighter, emergency worker, or reserve officer service.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5633 by Senators Swecker, Haugen, and Stevens

Concerning amusement parks.

Modifies provisions regarding amusement rides, amusement apparatus, and amusement structures.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5634 by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Schoesler, King, Stevens, Honeyford, and Shin

Concerning property tax exemptions on public assembly halls.

Provides property tax exemptions on public assembly halls.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5635 by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Honeyford,

Parlette, and Stevens

Creating a pilot project to evaluate the use of electronic traffic flagging devices.

Declares an intent to promote innovative approaches to improving highway safety and protecting both the traveling public and highway workers.

Requires the department of transportation to initiate a pilot project to evaluate the benefits of using electronic traffic flagging devices.

Makes an appropriation.

Expires December 31, 2010.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5636 by Senators Swecker, Hobbs, Haugen, Morton, Benton, Carrell, Honeyford, Stevens, McCaslin, and Roach

Authorizing the civil air patrol to assist the state in homeland security, disaster relief, and search and rescue operations.

Directs the Washington state patrol to disperse funds to the Washington wing of the civil air patrol for equipment purchase, conduct of search and rescue missions, and training and education.

Makes appropriations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5637 by Senators Swecker, Hobbs, Hewitt, Morton, Zarelli, Carrell, Schoesler, King, Roach, Stevens, McCaslin, Honeyford, Benton, and Holmquist

Allowing members of the armed forces to submit an application for renewal of a concealed pistol license by mail.

Allows a member of the armed forces to apply for renewal of a concealed pistol license by mail.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5638 by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Hewitt, Schoesler, and Shin

Concerning fire protection district contracts.

Modifies provisions regarding fire protection district contracts.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5639 by Senators Hargrove, Brandland, Marr, Sheldon, Regala, Stevens, Shin, Kilmer, Parlette, Kohl-Welles, and Tom; by request of Attorney General

Expanding provisions relating to vulnerable adults.

Revises provisions regarding crimes against vulnerable adults.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5640 by Senators Murray, Schoesler, Delvin, and Kohl-Welles

Concerning intermediate care facilities.

Finds that residents in nursing facilities are guaranteed certain rights by federal law and regulation, 42 U.S.C. 1396f and 42 C.F.R. part 483.

Declares an intent to extend those basic rights to intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities.

Prohibits an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities from requiring or requesting residents to sign waivers of potential liability for losses of personal property or injury, or signing waivers of residents' rights set forth in chapter 70.129 RCW or in the applicable licensing or certification laws.

Requires the long-term care ombudsman to: (1) Monitor implementation of the act and determine the degree to which intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities ensure that residents are able to exercise their rights; and

(2) Consult with the department of health and the department of social and health services, long-term care facility organizations, the human rights committee of an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities, resident groups, and organizations for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5641 by Senators Regala, Swecker, and McDermott

Removing essential government services as a condition to exempt from taxation property belonging to federally recognized Indian tribes.

Removes essential government services as a condition to exempt from taxation property belonging to any federally recognized Indian tribe located in this state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5642 by Senators Kauffman, Berkey, and Sheldon

Designating state route number 164 as a highway of statewide significance.

Designates state route number 164 as a highway of statewide significance.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5643 by Senators Franklin, Carrell, and Marr

Establishing standards for visitation rights for grandparents. Establishes standards for visitation rights for grandparents.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5644 by Senators Parlette and Kohl-Welles

Concerning home inspectors.

Authorizes the home inspector advisory licensing board to approve qualified instructional courses. In order to facilitate distance learning, the board must approve both online and traditional classroom courses that meet appropriate instructional standards.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5645 by Senators Parlette and Kohl-Welles

Designating counties, cities, and towns as bona fide nonprofit organizations under certain terms and conditions.

Designates counties, cities, and towns as bona fide nonprofit organizations under certain terms and conditions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5646 by Senators McDermott, Carrell, and Kline

Changing provisions relating to process servers.

Modifies requirements for a person who serves legal process for a fee in the state of Washington.

Allows the department of licensing to furnish lists of registered and legal owners of motor vehicles, under certain conditions, to registered process servers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5647 by Senators Hatfield, Hewitt, Delvin, and Fraser

Establishing a pilot local water management program in one qualified jurisdiction.

Establishes a pilot local water management program in a basin located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains in a county with a population between fifty-five thousand and sixty thousand people, as reported in the 2000 census.

Expires June 30, 2019.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5648 by Senators Berkey, McAuliffe, Kauffman, Carrell, and Shin

Concerning the approval of sex offender residences.

Requires the department of corrections to, prior to approving a residence location and in addition to any other factors considered by it in exercising its discretion regarding release plans for and supervision of sex offenders, consider the number of registered sex offenders currently residing within one mile of the proposed address.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5649 by Senators Rockefeller, Hobbs, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Fraser, Sheldon, Shin, McAuliffe, Kline, and Oemig

Regarding energy efficiency in buildings.

Declares that it is the intent of the legislature that financial and technical assistance programs be expanded to

direct state and federal funds, as well as electric and natural gas utility funding, toward greater achievement of energy efficiency improvements. To this end, the legislature establishes a policy goal of assisting in weatherizing twenty thousand homes and businesses in the state in each of the next five years. The legislature also intends to attain this goal in part through supporting programs that rely on community organizations and that there be maximum family-wage job creation in fields related to energy efficiency.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5650 by Senators Pridemore and Shin; by request of Washington State School for the Blind

Authorizing the transfer of accumulated leave of employees of the state school for the blind and the school for the deaf.

Authorizes the transfer of accumulated leave of employees of the state school for the blind and the school for the deaf.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5651 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Kline, and Tom

Providing humanitarian requirements for certain dog breeding practices.

Declares that: (1) Current Washington state laws are inadequate regarding the care and husbandry of dogs in puppy mills;

(2) No Washington state agency currently regulates puppy mills;

(3) The United States department of agriculture does not regulate puppy mills; and

(4) An unfair fiscal burden is placed on city, county, and state taxpayers as well as government agencies and nongovernmental organizations, who are required to care for discarded or abused and neglected dogs from puppy mills.

Prohibits a person from owning, possessing, controlling, or otherwise having charge or custody of more than twenty-five dogs with intact sexual organs over the age of four months at any time.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5652 by Senators Roach, Swecker, Stevens, Carrell, Zarelli, McCaslin, Delvin, Becker, Parlette, and Benton

Requiring a reduction in toll rates charged to motorcycles.

Requires a reduction in toll rates charged to motorcycles.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5653 by Senators Roach, McCaslin, and Carrell

Regulating public access to information about foster parents.

Requires the department of social and health services to maintain for public review upon request certain information regarding licensed foster parents and foster parents who wish to adopt.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5654 by Senators Roach, Swecker, Carrell, and Pflug
Creating a child welfare transparency committee.

Creates a child welfare transparency committee within each of the six regions of the department of social and health services to review and investigate child welfare cases in which the department of social and health services is currently or has, within the last twelve months, been involved.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5655 by Senators Roach, Swecker, Stevens, Hobbs, Delvin, Carrell, Parlette, and Benton

Regarding height restrictions on amateur radio antennas.

Prohibits a local government from restricting an amateur radio antenna height to less than seventy feet unless the restriction is necessary to achieve a clearly defined health, safety, or aesthetic consideration, and it's found that these considerations are of greater benefit to its citizenry than the value the proposed antenna would add to the ability of the amateur radio network to fulfill its mission as part of the state and local emergency management organizations, including the provision of back-up emergency communications coverage without gaps for the entire state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5656 by Senators Roach, Delvin, and Swecker

Splitting the department of social and health services into several smaller, more focused agencies.

Reorganizes the department of social and health services by creating new, smaller, and more focused agencies who will give the provision of welfare, juvenile, and medical and social rehabilitative services an improved focus and accountability.

Creates the department of children and family services, the department of public welfare, and the department of medical and rehabilitative services.

Declares that it is the intent of the legislature that the combined biennial budgets of the three new agencies created in the act not exceed ninety percent of the department of social and health services' 2007-09 budget, and that future budgets of the new departments be tied to inflation rates.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5657 by Senators Roach, Holmquist, Hatfield,

Swecker, Pflug, Stevens, and Carrell

Concerning background information of certain guardians ad litem.

Modifies background information requirements for certain guardians ad litem.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5658 by Senators Roach, Carrell, Swecker, Hatfield, Holmquist, Oemig, Delvin, Hobbs, Shin, and Kline

Creating a pilot program of Spanish and Chinese language instruction.

Creates a Spanish and Chinese language instruction pilot program.

Expires July 1, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5659 by Senators Berkey, Benton, and Marr

Authorizing the consideration of mitigating factors for enforcement actions under the mortgage broker practices act.

Authorizes consideration of mitigating factors for enforcement actions under the mortgage broker practices act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5660 by Senators Roach, McAuliffe, Swecker, Stevens, and Parlette

Encouraging each school district and community to work in partnership to promote programs that will help students develop saleable skills.

Encourages each school district and community in the state to inform students and parents about programs in the school and community that will help students learn saleable skills.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5661 by Senators Pridemore, Roach, King, Zarelli, Swecker, Hargrove, Fairley, Stevens, Kastama, Oemig, Shin, McAuliffe, and Benton

Exempting the annual parental declaration of intent to home school from the public disclosure act.

Exempts from public disclosure the annual declaration of intent filed by parents under RCW 28A.200.010 for a child to receive home-based instruction.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5662 by Senators Benton, Carrell, Pflug, McCaslin,

Roach, Swecker, Zarelli, Delvin, Honeyford, Schoesler, King, Parlette, Hewitt, Kilmer, and Holmquist

Allowing certain health care coverage deductions from the calculation of disposable income for the purpose of qualifying for senior property tax programs.

Allows certain health care coverage deductions from the calculation of disposable income for the purpose of qualifying for senior property tax programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5663 by Senators Benton, Carrell, Roach, Swecker, Morton, Delvin, McCaslin, Honeyford, Schoesler, Hewitt, Shin, and Kilmer

Concerning property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens.

Modifies the amount of combined disposable income allowed with regard to property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens.

Provides that the act applies to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5664 by Senators Benton, Carrell, Roach, McCaslin, Swecker, Stevens, Schoesler, Delvin, Honeyford, and Hewitt

Limiting the power of eminent domain.

Prohibits a government from taking or damaging private land or any interest in real property that is not to be used for the construction of a public use facility or the provision of a public service necessary to protect public health and safety.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5665 by Senators Berkey, Benton, Franklin, Parlette, Hobbs, and Shin

Authorizing a joint self-insurance program for two or more affordable housing entities or nonprofit entities.

Declares an intent to provide authority for two or more affordable housing entities or nonprofit entities to participate in a joint self-insurance program covering property or liability risks.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5666 by Senators Hobbs, Zarelli, Benton, and Marr

Regarding competitive solicitation requirements for public facilities districts.

Provides that, for personal service contracts of sixty-five thousand dollars or greater not otherwise governed by chapter 39.80 RCW (contracts for architectural and engineering services), a competitive solicitation process is required and the public facilities district must establish the process by resolution.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5667 by Senators Jacobsen, Benton, Schoesler, and McCaslin

Limiting utility liens against rental property.

Limits utility liens against rental property.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5668 by Senators Berkey, Schoesler, McCaslin, Benton, and Marr

Restricting the use of consignment contracts in the sale of used manufactured/mobile homes.

Restricts the use of consignment contract sales for used manufactured/mobile homes.

Declares an intent to require the use of a listing contract for the sale of a used manufactured/mobile home to ensure a transparent transaction between the parties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5669 by Senator Berkey; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Granting the insurance commissioner certain authority when the governor declares a state of emergency.

Authorizes the insurance commissioner to, when the governor declares a state of emergency, issue an order that addresses any or all of the following matters related to insurance policies issued in this state: (1) Reporting requirements for claims;

(2) Grace periods for payment of insurance premiums and performance of other duties by insureds;

(3) Temporary postponement of cancellations and renewals; and

(4) Medical coverage to ensure access to care.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5670 by Senator Berkey; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Addressing insurance, generally.

Removes the legislature's authority to transfer money from the insurance commissioner's regulatory account to the Washington state heritage center account.

Requires, for tax purposes, premiums to be reported on a written basis or a paid-for basis consistent with the annual statement.

Sets forth the conditions under which medicare supplement insurance coverage must be offered without evidence of insurability.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

- SB 5671** by Senators Berkey, Franklin, Shin, and Haugen; by request of Insurance Commissioner
- Requiring annuities sold in Washington to be suitable to the age and financial situation of the purchaser.
- Finds that consumers rely heavily on the insurance producers and insurers selling annuities for accurate, descriptive information when purchasing annuities and may be easily misled about the risks and benefits of the product being purchased.
- Requires an annuity sold in Washington to be suitable to the age and financial situation of the owner. Purchasers are entitled to a clear written description of the annuity at the time of solicitation on a summary disclosure form adopted by rule of the insurance commissioner. Prior to issuing an annuity, the insurer must obtain sufficient information from the purchaser to verify the suitability of the proposed sale and to enable the prospective owner to make an informed purchase.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.
- SB 5672** by Senators Kline and Kohl-Welles
- Protecting consumers from discrimination based on lawful source of income.
- Prohibits discrimination based on lawful source of income.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.
- SB 5673** by Senators Pridemore, Zarelli, Keiser, Murray, Rockefeller, Hobbs, Regala, and Shin
- Concerning certificates of need.
- Requires certificates of need for certain hospitals.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 5674** by Senators Murray, McDermott, Kohl-Welles, Regala, Pridemore, Keiser, Kline, and Jacobsen
- Addressing civil marriage equality.
- Recognizes the right of all citizens in Washington state, including couples of the same gender, to obtain civil marriage licenses.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- SB 5675** by Senators Murray, Tom, Fairley, Keiser, Regala, Shin, Kline, and Kohl-Welles
- Requiring certain consumer protections in the purchase of motor vehicles.
- Protects consumers in the purchase of motor vehicles.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.
- SB 5676** by Senators McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Jarrett, Fairley, Hobbs, Schoesler, and Shin; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Providing for career and technical education opportunities for middle school students.
- Provides that a middle school that receives approval from the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide a career and technical program in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics directly to students shall receive funding at the same rate as a high school operating a similar program. Additionally, a middle school that provides a hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics with an integrated curriculum of academic content and career and technical education, and includes a career and technical education exploratory component shall also qualify for the career and technical education funding.
- Directs the professional educator standards board to develop and implement alternative pathways to endorsement for individuals to become certified to teach career and technical education at the middle school level in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 5677** by Senator Hatfield
- Regarding compliance with the dairy nutrient management program.
- Authorizes the director of the department of agriculture to enter at all reasonable times in or upon dairy farms for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the pollution of any waters of the state.
- Revises the definition of "violation" in chapter 90.64 RCW (dairy nutrient management) to include failure to maintain documentation for a period of three years from the date of application of the nutrients to the land, adequate to show that dairy nutrients were applied within acceptable agronomic rates.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.
- SB 5678** by Senator Hatfield
- Regarding the use of milk products for animal food consumption.
- Requires the director of the department of agriculture to adopt rules establishing standards and requirements for milk, cream, or skim milk sold for animal food consumption.
- Requires all license fees collected under chapter 15.37 RCW (milk and milk products for animal food) to be deposited in the dairy inspection account created in RCW 15.36.551.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.
- SB 5679** by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Murray, Pridemore, Kauffman, Hatfield, Franklin, McAuliffe, Kline, and Oemig
- Concerning family and medical leave.

Revises family and medical leave provisions.

Provides that, with respect to leave for the individual's serious health condition, an individual is disqualified from family and medical leave insurance benefits beginning with the first day of the calendar week, and continuing for the next fifty-two consecutive weeks, in which the individual is suffering from a serious health condition resulting from the individual's perpetration of a gross misdemeanor or felony.

Requires each employer, for each individual, to pay a premium of two cents per hour worked, up to a maximum of forty hours per week, to the employment security department to be deposited in the family and medical leave insurance account. Each employer may deduct from the pay of each individual the full amount that the employer is required to pay for the individual.

Allows a business and occupation tax credit to an employer that hires a replacement worker to replace an employee who has taken family and medical leave.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5680 by Senators Jarrett, Zarelli, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and Oemig

Modifying the property tax exemption for nonprofit artistic, scientific, historical, and performing arts organizations.

Revises property tax exemptions for nonprofit artistic, scientific, historical, and performing arts organizations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5681 by Senators Hargrove, Fairley, Roach, Hatfield, Pridemore, McCaslin, Sheldon, Holmquist, and Shin; by request of Secretary of State

Updating election laws regarding the top two primary election system.

Updates election laws regarding the top two primary election system.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5682 by Senators Haugen and Marr

Requiring the secretary of transportation to realign the transportation regions.

Requires the secretary of the department of transportation to realign the transportation regions as a means of reducing department administrative costs and providing more efficient use of department resources.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5683 by Senator Haugen

Imposing toll penalties for violations of high occupancy toll lane restrictions.

Imposes toll penalties for violations of high occupancy toll lane restrictions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5684 by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Ranker, Hatfield, Jarrett, and Kline

Addressing environmental mitigation in highway construction.

Requires the department of transportation, in the process of reviewing and selecting sites to meet highway construction environmental mitigation requirements under the national environmental policy act and the state environmental policy act, to consider using public land first to the greatest extent possible.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5685 by Senator Haugen

Authorizing the use of automated traffic safety cameras in ferry zones.

Authorizes the use of automated traffic safety cameras in ferry zones.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5686 by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Jacobsen, and Jarrett

Concerning the regulation of certain limousine carriers.

Regulates certain limousine carriers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5687 by Senators Marr, Pridemore, McDermott, Regala, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Fairley, Jacobsen, Kauffman, McAuliffe, and Kline

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through land use and transportation requirements.

Requires a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through modification of environmental goals under the growth management act.

Changes the housing and transportation elements of the act to reduce the impact of transportation on the environment.

Mandates transit-oriented development opportunities.

Revises regional transportation planning requirements.

Takes effect December 1, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5688 by Senators Murray, McDermott, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Hobbs, Ranker, Pridemore, Kauffman, Kline, Keiser, Regala, Fraser, Prentice, Oemig, Franklin, McAuliffe, Jarrett, Brown, Kilmer, and Tom

Expanding the rights and responsibilities of state registered domestic partners.

Declares that for all purposes under state law, state registered domestic partners shall be treated the same as married spouses. Any privilege, immunity, right, benefit, or responsibility granted or imposed by statute, administrative or court rule, policy, common law or any other law to an individual because the individual is or was a spouse, or because the individual is or was an in-law in a specified way

to another individual, is granted on equivalent terms, substantive and procedural, to an individual because the individual is or was in a state registered domestic partnership or because the individual is or was, based on a state registered domestic partnership, related in a specified way to another individual.

Provides that the act shall be liberally construed to achieve equal treatment, to the extent not in conflict with federal law, of state registered domestic partners and married spouses.

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