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House Bills

HB 1314-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn and Lias; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Making 2009-11 transportation appropriations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes transportation appropriations for 2009-2011.

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Mar 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Mar 31 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Apr 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2333 by Representatives McCune, Hinkle, Shea, Short, Warnick, Johnson, and Smith

Concerning volunteer state parks hosts.

Requires the parks and recreation commission to: (1) Attempt to recruit and maintain volunteers to serve as park hosts in all state parks in order to have volunteer park hosts available at each state park for at least eight hours of every day that the park is open; and

(2) In state parks that are not staffed by volunteer park hosts, utilize unmanned donation collection boxes to solicit voluntary donations from park guests.

Authorizes the commission to use unmanned voluntary collection boxes in state parks staffed by volunteer park hosts.

Prohibits the commission from charging volunteer park hosts for camping, boat moorage, utility hookups, or other fees charged for the use of state parks and state parks facilities.

Provides that donations collected under the act must be deposited into the state parks renewal and stewardship account.

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Apr 2 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

Senate Bills

SB 6109-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Rockefeller, Kilmer, Sheldon, King, and Swecker)

Concerning ferries.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that it is the intent of the legislature that: (1) Final recommendations from the joint transportation committee ferry study, submitted to the legislature during the 2009 regular legislative session, be enacted by the legislature and implemented by the department of transportation as soon as practicable in order to benefit from the efficiencies and cost savings identified in the recommendations; and

(2) The act, the 2009-2011 omnibus transportation appropriations act, and subsequent transportation appropriations acts serve as vehicles for enacting these recommendations in order to maximize the utilization of existing capacity and to make the most efficient use of existing assets and tax dollars.

Declares an intent to make various additional policy changes aimed at further efficiencies and cost savings.

Requires the department of transportation to prioritize vessel preservation and acquisition funding requests over vessel improvement funding requests.

Requires the office of financial management, instead of the marine employees' commission, to complete salary surveys as required in RCW 47.64.220.

Requires the transportation commission to: (1) Ensure that ferry fare changes cover the forecasted cost of fuel;

(2) Before increasing the ferry fare component of fares, ensure that Washington state ferries has considered operational changes that will reduce fuel consumption; and

(3) Before raising ferry fares, give first consideration to raising fare revenues through increased ridership.

Modifies the composition and duties of the ferry advisory councils.

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Mar 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Apr 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Apr 3 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6147 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Regala, McDermott, Murray, Kline, Fraser, and Jacobsen

Providing for fiscal reform.

Declares an intent, by adopting Title 82A RCW, to provide the necessary revenues for the support of vital state services on a more stable and equitable basis.

Imposes a tax at the rate of one percent on all taxable income of resident individuals and on all individuals deriving income from sources in Washington for each taxable year.

Creates the education enrichment account.

Prescribes penalties.

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Apr 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6148 by Senators Prentice and Tom; by request of Office of Financial Management

Reducing the administrative cost of state government.

Revises chapter 5, Laws of 2009 by adding exceptions to the prohibitions and limitations placed on state agencies and employees relating to creating new positions, filling vacant positions, salary increases, personal service contracts, equipment purchases, travel, and training.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 3 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6149 by Senators Regala and Tom; by request of Office of Financial Management

Eliminating or reducing the frequency of reports prepared by state agencies.

Eliminates or reduces the frequency of reports prepared by state agencies.

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Apr 3 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.