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This publication includes digest and history for bills, joint memorials, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, initiatives, and substitutes. Engrossed measures may be republished if the amendment makes a substantive change.

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### House Bills

**HB 2672** by Representatives Linville, Ericksen, Quall, Morris, Armstrong, Williams, Condotta, Simpson, Van De Wege, and Conway

Concerning tax relief for aluminum smelters.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/17/10)

Addresses tax relief for aluminum smelters.

Requires the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences to schedule certain tax preferences for review by the joint legislative audit and review committee.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 12 First reading, referred to Finance.
- Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 9 FIN - Executive action taken by committee.  
FIN - Majority; do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

- Mar 15 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.  
Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 17 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 4.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 18 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

**HB 3014-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler,

Morrell, and Van De Wege; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Modifying the sales and use tax deferral program for investment projects in rural counties.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/17/10)

Reestablishes a tax deferral program to be effective in certain distressed counties.

Requires the department of revenue, with the assistance of the employment security department, to establish a list of distressed counties effective July 1, 2010.

Extends the expiration date to July 1, 2020, for RCW 82.60.030 (application for deferral--contents) and RCW 82.60.040 (issuance of tax deferral certificate).

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 9 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 11 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

- Mar 15 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.  
Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 17 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 87; nays, 6; absent, 0; excused, 5.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 18 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

**HB 3214** by Representative Hudgins

Creating an alternative to foreclosure based on shared appreciation.

Creates incentives for lenders to renegotiate loans for borrowers who have negative equity but are able to pay a lower mortgage that reflects the actual value of the house.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

**HB 3215** by Representative Hudgins

Protecting and assisting consumers and homeowners from unfair lending practices and during foreclosure proceedings.

Protects and assists consumers and homeowners during foreclosure proceedings, and provides protection from unfair lending practices.

Imposes a surcharge for the recording of a notice of sale on owner-occupied residential real property.

Creates the protect Washington homeowners mediation program account.

Provides an expiration date of December 31, 2014, for the surcharge and the account.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

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### Senate Bills

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**SB 6409-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Rockefeller, Shin, and Kohl-Welles)

Creating the Washington opportunity pathways account.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/16/10)

Creates the Washington opportunity pathways account.

Directs lottery account moneys toward the Washington opportunity pathways account and requires those funds to stabilize and increase existing resources for the recruitment of entrepreneurial researchers, innovation partnership zones and research teams, early childhood education, opportunity grants, educational opportunity grants, get ready for math and science scholarships, passport to college promise scholarships, college bound scholarships, the state work study program, the state need grant, Washington scholars awards, the Washington award for vocational excellence, and Washington promise scholarships.

Continues funding the education construction fund by redirecting a portion of general state revenues to that fund.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer funds from the general fund to the education construction fund.

Requires the lottery commission, in consultation with independent experts and in collaboration with the higher education coordinating board, to develop and begin implementation of a strategy and plan for actively marketing the state lottery as an essential contributor to Washington's opportunity pathways.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a review of marketing and vendor expenditures and incentive payment programs at the state lottery commission to identify cost savings and efficiencies to maximize contributions to beneficiaries under the act.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 3:30 PM.

Feb 2 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.

Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 22 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 5 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 35; nays, 13; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Mar 6 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Mar 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 10 WAYS - Executive action taken by committee.

WAYS - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).

Minority; do not pass.

Placed on second reading.

Executive action taken in the House

Committee on Ways & Means at 12:00 PM.

Mar 11 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.

By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 15 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Mar 16 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 32; nays, 10; absent, 0; excused, 7.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

**SB 6503-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

Closing state agencies on specified dates.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/16/10)

Directs state agencies to achieve a reduction in employee compensation costs through mandatory and voluntary furloughs, leave without pay, reduced work hours, voluntary retirements and separations, and layoffs.

Provides exceptions to certain agencies.

Requires state agencies to submit an approved compensation reduction plan and subjects an agency to ten specified agency closure dates for failing to submit a plan.

Authorizes certain employees to use annual or shared leave in lieu of temporary layoffs during agency closures.

Modifies the definitions of "final average salary," "average final compensation," and "earnable compensation" for certain retirement system plans.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Jan 21 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:15 PM.

Jan 22 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 27; nays, 17; absent, 0; excused, 5.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Jan 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 1 WAYS - Executive action taken by committee.  
WAYS - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 2 Placed on second reading.

Mar 11 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 15 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 16 Rules suspended.  
Returned to second reading for amendment.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 30; nays, 11; absent, 0; excused, 8.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

**SB 6766-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Swecker, Hatfield, Prentice, and Brown)

Concerning forest fire prevention and suppression.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Acknowledges that the department of natural resources may use discretionary authority to take actions that may prevent approaching wildfire from destroying or damaging homes and other improvements, although this is not the primary mission of the department.

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Protect forest land which it is obligated to protect and state and privately owned unimproved lands located outside of fire protection districts;

(2) Annually impose a per parcel assessment on each taxable parcel of land except for parcels exempt from certain property tax; and

(3) Transfer three percent of the revenue collected from the parcel assessment into the military department active state service account for firefighting training.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Ocean & Recreation at 1:30 PM.

Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Ocean & Recreation at 8:00 AM.

Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 22 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 17 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:30 PM.

Mar 18 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**SB 6884** by Senators Hargrove and Shin

Concerning the practice of counseling.

Allows juvenile probation officers and other employees of the juvenile court to practice counseling.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 17 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.  
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 12:30 PM.

**SB 6885** by Senators Sheldon, Schoesler, and Honeyford

Requiring the sale of certain state liquor control board warehouses.

Requires the liquor control board to sell certain warehouse buildings.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 17 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6886** by Senator Sheldon

Privatizing the sale of liquor.

Privatizes the retail and distribution of liquor to result in a system that is more efficient than public sector retail and distribution.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 17 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6887** by Senators McAuliffe and Regala

Delaying implementation dates for long-term care worker training and certification.

Delays the implementation dates for long-term care worker training and certification.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 17 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6888** by Senators Brown and Marr

Addressing the use of child care offered to employees of nonprofit entities.

Addresses the use of child care offered to employees of nonprofit entities.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6889** by Senators McDermott, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Murray, Prentice, Keiser, McAuliffe, and Kauffman

Concerning the governance and financing of the Washington state convention and trade center.

Provides for the transfer of the governance and financing of the state convention and trade center to a public facilities district formed by a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more to acquire, own, and operate the convention and trade center.

Replaces, in connection with such transfer, the authority under chapter 67.40 RCW (convention and trade facilities) of the state and city to impose excise taxes on the sale of or charge made for the furnishing of lodging to fund the state convention and trade center with authority for the public facilities district to impose lodging taxes at these rates, without affecting the existing authority of the state, county, cities, and other municipal corporations to impose taxes on the sale or charge made for the furnishing of lodging under existing caps on the aggregate rate that may be charged.

Repeals chapter 67.40 RCW (convention and trade facilities) contingent on the transfer date.

Requires the state treasurer to provide written notice of the effective dates of certain sections to the department of revenue, the code reviser's office, and others as deemed appropriate by the state treasurer.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Specifies the status of bills, memorials, and resolutions for the 2010 first special session of the Sixty-first legislature.

-- 2010 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 15 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

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### Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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**SCR 8413** by Senator Brown

Specifying the status of bills, memorials, and resolutions for the 2010 first special session of the Sixty-first legislature.