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House Bills

HB 1002-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representative DeBolt)

Prohibiting unfair and deceptive dental insurance practices.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits a health carrier that offers a dental only plan from denying coverage for treatment of emergency dental conditions, that would otherwise be considered a covered service of an existing benefit contract, on the basis that the services were provided on the same day the covered person was examined and diagnosed for the emergency dental condition.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1151-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Tarleton, Robinson, Bergquist, Ormsby, Senn, Tharinger, and Santos)

Creating pilot projects to offer respite services to primary caregivers of people with severe mental illness.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to establish up to three pilot projects to offer respite services to primary caregivers of people with severe mental illness.
Expires June 30, 2018.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Feb 19 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1159-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Pike, Wylie, Moeller, Zeiger, Kochmar, Harmsworth, and Ryu)

Establishing a pilot program requiring certain drivers under eighteen years of age to display a decal on a vehicle being operated by the driver.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of licensing, in consultation with the traffic safety commission, to establish a pilot program requiring a driver under eighteen years of age to affix a decal to any vehicle he or she is driving.

Expires July 1, 2020.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 19 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1198-S by House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representatives Vick, Kirby, and Hayes)

Concerning the sale of beer and cider by grocery store licensees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes certain grocery store licensees, upon approval by the liquor control board, to receive an endorsement to permit the sale of beer and cider in a sanitary container brought to the premises by the purchaser, or provided by the licensee or manufacturer, and filled at the tap by the licensee at the time of sale.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 COG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 19 Referred to General Government & Information Technology.

HB 1380-S by House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representatives Wylie, Vick, Springer, Moscoso, Nealey, Walsh, and Fey)

Creating a special permit for a manufacturer of wine to hold a private event for the purpose of tasting and selling wine of its own production.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a special permit for a manufacturer of wine to hold a private event for the purpose of tasting and selling wine of its own production.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 COG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1458-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Goodman, Pettigrew, Ryu, Stanford, Gregerson, Jinkins, Bergquist, McBride, Magendanz, Cody, Kagi, S. Hunt, and Pollet; by request of Attorney General)

Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Raises the legal smoking age to twenty-one.
Provides a definition for vapor product.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 19 Referred to Finance.

HB 1487-S by House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey, McBride, S. Hunt, and Pollet; by request of Department of Ecology)

Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes changes to the clean car standards and clean car program to reduce motor vehicle emissions.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 18 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1500-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Zeiger, Haler, Pollet, Manweller, Bergquist, Condotta, Magendanz, and McCaslin)

Concerning a study of higher education cost drivers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the joint higher education committee to: (1) Conduct a study of higher education costs at the state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College; and

(2) Convene an advisory panel to provide study guidance, data, and recommendations.

Requires the study to describe the cost drivers for each institution and the cost drivers for students over the most recent thirty-year period for which data is available.

Expires July 1, 2017.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 17 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1505-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Kagi, Appleton, Jinkins, and Tharinger)

Concerning juvenile restorative justice programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the definition of "community-based rehabilitation," for purposes of the juvenile justice act, to include restorative justice programs.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 ELHS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 18 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1644-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregory, Zeiger, Pollet, Kilduff, Tharinger, Goodman, Riccelli, and Jinkins)

Concerning veteran survivor tuition waiver eligibility.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses waivers of tuition and fees for veterans' survivors.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1696-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representative Haler; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Modifying provisions related to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 18 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1738-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Orcutt, Clibborn, Hayes, Fey, Hargrove, Farrell, Zeiger, Moscoso, Muri, Condotta, Buys, and Harmsworth)

Concerning marine, off-road recreational vehicle, and snowmobile fuel tax refunds based on actual fuel taxes paid.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Restores the refund percentages of fuel tax purchases made by boaters, off-road and nonhighway vehicle riders

and drivers, and snowmobilers into nonhighway-purpose accounts established to benefit nonhighway users of fuel.

Declares it is the legislature's intent to honor its commitment when the refund amounts from nonhighway-purpose fuel tax purchases are no longer necessary to repay bonded debt associated with the 2003 and 2005 motor vehicle fuel tax increases.

Specifies that as of July 1, 2031, the state will apply the total percentage of nonhighway-purpose fuel tax refunds into the proper nonhighway user accounts for boaters, off-road and nonhighway vehicle riders and drivers, and snowmobilers.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 18 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1800-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Hargrove, Kagi, and Walsh)

Concerning filing a petition seeking termination of parental rights.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a court to order that a petition seeking termination of a parent and child relationship be filed, if the court determines that: (1) The child has been in out-of-home care for at least twelve consecutive months following the filing of a dependency petition; and

(2) The parent has had no contact with the department of social and health services or any service providers identified in the department's case plan.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 ELHS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 18 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1807-S by House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representatives Condotta and Hurst)

Assisting small businesses licensed to sell spirits in Washington state.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows a group of individual retailers authorized to sell spirits for consumption off the licensed premises to, for purposes of negotiating volume discounts, accept delivery of spirits at their individual licensed premises or at any one of the individual licensee's premises, or at a warehouse facility registered with the state liquor control board.

Authorizes the state liquor control board to assess a penalty at a rate no higher than one-half percent per month on the balance of an unpaid license issuance fee if a licensee, subject to license issuance fee requirements, fails to submit its quarterly reports or payment to the board.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 COG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 19 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1838-S by House Committee on Agriculture &

Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representative MacEwen)

Concerning the baiting of black bears.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife, when necessary to avoid a wildlife interaction with black bear, to issue a bait station permit to the owner of real property that allows the owner to kill black bear with the aid of a bait station.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 18 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1844-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Moscoso, Kochmar, Clibborn, Fey, Appleton, Ortiz-Self, and Tarleton)

Concerning work performed by state forces on ferry vessels and terminals.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases the threshold from one hundred twenty thousand dollars to two hundred forty thousand dollars for work performed on ferry vessels and terminals by state forces.

Requires the department of transportation, when the estimated cost of work to be performed by state forces is between sixty thousand dollars and the dollar amount set above, to first contact contractors that appear on the department's small works roster to do specific work the contractors are qualified to do to determine if any contractor is interested and capable of doing the work.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 19 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1976-S by House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representatives Vick, Blake, Hurst, and Tharinger)

Concerning marketing opportunities for spirits produced in Washington by craft and general licensed distilleries.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes certain distilleries to: (1) Serve spirit samples of their own production that are adulterated with nonalcoholic mixers, water, and/or ice;

(2) Apply to the state liquor control board for an endorsement to sell spirits of its own production at retail for off-premises consumption at a qualifying farmers market; and

(3) Apply to the state liquor control board to deliver or ship its spirits to a person within the state.

Authorizes the state liquor control board to issue special permits to certain distilleries for an event not open to the general public, including at the licensed premises of the applying distillery, for the purpose of tasting and selling spirits of its own production.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 COG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

- Minority; do not pass.
Feb 19 Referred to General Government & Information Technology.
- HB 2149** by Representative Senn
Promoting a safe and healthy school learning climate.
Requires the allocation of an enhancement of 0.5 additional certificated instructional staff per prototypical elementary school for purposes of promoting a safe and healthy school learning climate.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2150** by Representatives MacEwen, Smith, Walsh, Vick, Tharinger, Reykdal, and Buys
Reforming the business and occupation tax to provide fairness and administrative simplicity.
Reforms the business and occupation tax.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2151** by Representatives Jinkins, Schmick, and Bergquist
Extending the hospital safety net assessment.
Delays, until July 1, 2019, the expiration of the hospital safety net assessment.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2152** by Representatives Tharinger, Nealey, Manweller, Takko, Kretz, Vick, Fey, Fitzgibbon, and Robinson
Extending the business and occupation tax exemption for amounts received as credits against contracts with or funds provided by the Bonneville power administration.
Provides a business and occupation tax exemption on amounts received by a person in the form of credits against power contracts with the Bonneville power administration, or funds provided by the Bonneville power administration, for the purpose of implementing energy conservation programs or demand-side management programs.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2153** by Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger
Relating to improving the ability of cities and counties to keep pace with service delivery demands through revenue reforms.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to improving the ability of cities and counties to keep pace with service delivery demands through revenue reforms.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2154** by Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger
Relating to providing revenue flexibility, assistance, and options to cities and counties to promote fiscal sustainability.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to providing revenue flexibility, assistance, and options to cities and counties to promote fiscal sustainability.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2155** by Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger
Relating to local government finance.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to local government finance.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2156** by Representatives Reykdal, Carlyle, and Tharinger
Relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2157** by Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger
Relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments to ensure the continued provision of vital public services and high quality of life in Washington communities.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- HB 2158** by Representatives Carlyle and Tharinger
Relating to modifying taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to modifying the taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 5298-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Ericksen, Hatfield, Honeyford, and Warnick)

Concerning the diversion of certain municipal waters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the legislature will, when certain conditions have been met, clearly serve overriding considerations of the public interest for the department of ecology to make uninterrupted supplies of water available for appropriation for a municipal water supplier, notwithstanding when certain minimum instream flows or levels have been established.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 AWRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 18 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5343-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa, King, Jayapal, Chase, Rolfes, Keiser, Darneille, and Conway)

Concerning parking impact mitigation from regional transit authority facility construction.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a regional transit authority, when it constructs or operates a transportation facility, to consider the potential impacts of that facility on parking availability for residents nearby and develop mitigation strategies.

Requires certain cities that have implemented restricted parking zones in residential areas as a direct result of the parking impacts of a regional transit authority facility to: (1) Honor requests for low-income restricted parking zone permits;

(2) Charge no more than five dollars per year for low-income restricted parking zone permits; and

(3) Allow restricted parking zone permits for registered nonprofits located within a restricted parking zone.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5362-S by Senate Committee on Transportation

(originally sponsored by Senators King and Liias; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission)

Concerning the regulation of passenger charter and excursion carriers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to charter party carriers and excursion service carriers.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5451-S by Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Keiser, Conway, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe; by request of Department of Labor & Industries)

Addressing vocational rehabilitation by making certain recommendations from the vocational rehabilitation subcommittee permanent and creating certain incentives for employers to employ injured workers with permanent disabilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies vocational rehabilitation provisions to: (1) Make certain recommendations from the vocational rehabilitation subcommittee permanent; and

(2) Create certain incentives for employers to employ injured workers with permanent disabilities.

Requires the department of labor and industries to conduct a study of injured workers whose employers participate in certain vocational services incentives to determine the impact on return-to-work outcomes, long-term disability, and claim costs.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5470-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick and Liias)

Concerning municipal procurement of water services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes each municipality or water district to contract for asset management service of its water storage assets.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 AWRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 18 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5527-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Liias, Roach, Billig, McCoy, Habib, Darneille, Mullet, and Hasegawa)

Concerning voter registration.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes the deadlines for voter registration.

- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 16 GOS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5708-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Ericksen, Bailey, Sheldon, Becker, Baumgartner, Brown, Pearson, Warnick, and Padden)
- Concerning the taxation of certain rented property owned by nonprofit fair associations.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Makes the property tax exemption permanent for nonprofit fairs that obtained a majority of their property from a city or county between 1995 and 1998.
- Requires the collection of leasehold excise tax on any rentals of their exempt property that exceed fifty consecutive days.
- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 17 AWRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
- Feb 18 Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5733-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Hatfield, and Hobbs; by request of Department of Agriculture)
- Concerning livestock transaction reporting.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Authorizes the director of the department of agriculture to establish an electronic cattle transaction reporting system as a mechanism for reporting cattle transactions to the department.
- Allows the system to be used as an alternative to mandatory inspections.
- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 17 AWRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 18 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5810-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Liias, and Chase; by request of Office of Financial Management)
- Promoting the use, acceptance, and removal of barriers to the use and acceptance of electronic signatures.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Establishes the Washington electronic commerce and governmental affairs act.
- Requires the chief information officer, in coordination with state agencies, to establish standards, guidelines, or policies for the electronic submittal and receipt of electronic records and electronic signatures for governmental affairs and governmental transactions.
- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 16 GOS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5887-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Pearson and Ranker)
- Authorizing longer leases for property at the former Northern State Hospital site.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Authorizes the director of the department of enterprise services to fix the terms of leases for property under the department's control at the northern state hospital site for up to sixty years.
- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 16 GOS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5889-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban and Miloscia)
- Concerning timeliness of competency evaluation and restoration services.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Addresses performance targets and maximum time limits for the completion of accurate and reliable evaluations of competency to stand trial and admissions for inpatient restoration services related to competency to proceed or stand trial for adult criminal defendants.
- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 18 HSMH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
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- SB 6035** by Senators Rivers, Mullet, Cleveland, Rolfes, Pearson, O'Ban, Hatfield, Hobbs, Brown, Liias, Benton, Miloscia, Warnick, Chase, McCoy, Billig, Frockt, McAuliffe, Jayapal, Hasegawa, Hewitt, Angel, Roach, and Conway
- Concerning the use of funds in the public works assistance account.
- Limits the transfer of money from the public works assistance account during the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia.
- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 19 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6036** by Senator Hill
- Requiring certain health professionals to provide information on primary place of practice at the time of license renewal.
- Requires information on primary place of practice at the time of license renewal to be provided by dental hygienists, dentists, midwives, pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, nurse practitioners, and licensed practical nurses.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 6037 by Senators Roach and Benton

Requiring a vote of the people if a public hospital district enters into a contract or agreement in which a certain percentage of the activities of the public hospital district is contracted to another entity.

Requires a contract or agreement to be submitted to the voters of a public hospital district at the next general election if the public hospital district enters into a contract or joins with: (1) Communities, corporations, individuals, the United States government or a state, municipality, or other hospital district, or a department of those governing bodies pursuant to RCW 70.44.060; or

(2) Any other public hospital district, publicly owned hospital, nonprofit hospital, legal entity, or individual pursuant to RCW 70.44.240.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 6038 by Senators Keiser, Roach, and Benton

Concerning the governance structure of a public hospital district.

Requires the board of public hospital district commissioners, if it decides to enter into a contract with another entity and a new entity will be created in which additional members are added to the board, to submit the proposition to the voters of the district.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 6039 by Senators Pearson and Benton

Funding certain programs that provide support to farms.

Makes an appropriation for the purposes of revitalizing the department of agriculture's farm-to-school program and the small farm direct marketing assistance program.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6040 by Senator Chase

Concerning the state educational assessment system.

Requires each school district to notify the teacher and parents of each student of their child's numerical score on certain tests and assessments, and beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, on the formative assessments provided by the state, in addition to whether the student has met, not met, or exceeded the state standard.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to convene a technical work group to review the long-term and short-term recommendations of the legislative working group on the Washington assessment of student learning in its December 30, 2008, report.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6041 by Senators Rivers and Conway

Extending the business and occupation tax exemption for amounts received as credits against contracts with or funds provided by the Bonneville power administration.

Provides a business and occupation tax exemption on amounts received by a person in the form of credits against power contracts with the Bonneville power administration, or funds provided by the Bonneville power administration, for the purpose of implementing energy conservation programs or demand-side management programs.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6042 by Senators Brown, Ericksen, and Sheldon

Concerning cadmium in children's jewelry.

Allows children's jewelry to contain cadmium under certain circumstances.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.

SB 6043 by Senators Habib, Litzow, Hobbs, Hill, Parlette, Fain, and Conway

Creating an investment program for individuals with disabilities.

Creates the Washington achieving a better life experience program in the department of commerce to allow for the creation of savings accounts for eligible individuals with disabilities.

Creates the Washington achieving a better life experience program account.

Authorizes the state investment board to invest, reinvest, manage, contract, sell, or exchange investment money in the account.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Health Care.