### House Bills

**HB 1009-S** by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Manweller, Hawkins, Reykdal, Jinkins, Cody, and Moeller)

Allowing rural counties providing emergency medical services to locations with a rural amphitheater to impose an additional admissions surcharge.

*(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)*

Authorizes the legislative authority of a county with a rural amphitheater to levy and fix an emergency medical services surcharge of up to one dollar per person per admission.

Requires the attorney general to appear for and represent a county imposing the surcharge with respect to an action or proceeding arising from the imposition of the surcharge.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---

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

Feb 19 Referred to Finance.

**HB 1086-S** by House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Gregerson, Springer, S. Hunt, and Fey)

Establishing a cost recovery mechanism for public records sought for commercial purposes.

*(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)*

Authorizes public agencies to recover their costs through charging a reasonable fee when public records are requested for the purpose of sale or resale.

Establishes agencies to establish the fees without limiting public inspection of records or delaying public access to records.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---

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

Feb 19 Referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1127-S** by House Committee on Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler and Sells)

Creating the agricultural labor skills and safety program.

*(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)*
Requires the department of commerce to create and administer the agricultural labor skills and safety grant program to provide training opportunities for the state's agricultural workers. Expires July 1, 2018.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  LAB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 19  Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1136-S by House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlyle, S. Hunt, Tarleton, Kilduff, Appleton, Pike, Gregerson, Bergquist, Ormsby, Haler, Ryu, Sells, Pollet, Fey, and Farrell; by request of Attorney General)

Concerning employment after public service in state government.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses employment after public service in state government.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  SG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1149-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Muri, Lytton, Appleton, Klippert, Hawkins, Kilduff, Gregerson, Magendanz, and Fey)

Providing for educational data on students from military families.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires school districts to collect and submit data on students from military families.
Requires the K-12 data governance group to develop best practice guidelines for the collection and regular updating of the data.
Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to conduct an analysis of the average number of students from military families who are special education students.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1240-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Pollet, Santos, S. Hunt, Orwall, Senn, Lytton, Robinson, Walsh, Griffey, Goodman, Buys, and Tarleton)

Concerning restraint or isolation of students, including students with disabilities, in public schools.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Prohibits schools from physically restraining or isolating a student except when the student's behavior poses an imminent likelihood of serious harm to that student or another person.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1250-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Holy and S. Hunt; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Concerning notice and review processes for annexations, deannexations, incorporations, disincorporations, consolidations, and boundary line adjustments under Titles 35 and 35A RCW.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Revises Title 35 RCW (cities and towns) and Title 35A RCW (optional municipal code) relating to notice and review processes for annexations, deannexations, incorporations, disincorporations, consolidations, and boundary line adjustments.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 19  Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1381-S by House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Buys, Lytton, Van Werven, Blake, Wilcox, Condotta, Nealey, and Morris)

Encouraging job retention and creation in rural economies through the transparent and accountable extension of aluminum smelter tax preferences.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Extends tax rates, tax credits, and tax exemptions for aluminum smelters.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  TED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.

HB 1391-S by House Committee on General Government & Information Technology (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, MacEwen, Parker, Appleton, and Magendanz; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Aligning functions of the consolidated technology services agency, office of the chief information officer, and department of enterprise services.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the office of the chief information officer within the office of financial management, pertaining to the office of the chief information officer, to the consolidated technology services agency.

Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of enterprise services, pertaining to statewide information technology services and applications, to the consolidated technology services agency.

Creates the consolidated technology services revolving account, the statewide information technology system development revolving account, the statewide information technology system maintenance and operations revolving account, and the shared information technology system revolving account.
HB 1449-S by House Committee on Environment

Concerning using chemical action plans to require safer chemicals in Washington.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the toxics reduction act.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) In consultation with the department of health, select up to four chemicals for the development of chemical action plans; and (2) When developing a chemical action plan, convene an external advisory committee to provide stakeholder input, expertise, and additional information.

Establishes a permanent chemical safety committee in the office of the governor to fulfill the duties outlined in this act.

Requires the department of enterprise services to establish purchasing and procurement policies that provide a preference for products and products in packaging that do not contain persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals.

Prohibits an agency from knowingly purchasing products or products in packaging containing persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals.

Provides for termination and review, under the sunset act, of the chemical safety committee, and certain duties of the department of ecology related to this act.

HB 1472-S by House Committee on Environment
(Originally sponsored by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Peterson, Goodman, McBride, Springer, Fey, Farrell, Hudgings, Kagi, Walkinshaw, Gregerson, S. Hunt, Jinkins, Tharinger, and Pollet; by request of Governor Inslee)

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Prohibits an agency from knowingly purchasing products or products in packaging containing persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals.

Provides for termination and review, under the sunset act, of the chemical safety committee, and certain duties of the department of ecology related to this act.

HB 1516-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Santos, Magendanz, Condotta, Fitzgibbon, and Ormsby)

Providing an exemption for certain lodging services from the convention and trade center tax.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts from the convention and trade center tax, premises classified as a hostel.

HB 1541-S by House Committee on Education
(Originally sponsored by Representatives Santos, Ortiz-Self, Tharinger, Moscoso, Orwall, and Gregerson)

Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Adopts policies and procedures to implement the following recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee: (1) Reduce the length of time students of color are excluded from school due to suspension and expulsion and provide students support for reengagement plans; (2) Enhance the cultural competence of current and future educators and classified staff; (3) Endorse all educators in English language learner and second language acquisition; (4) Account for the transitional bilingual instruction program instructional services provided to English language learner students; (5) Analyze the opportunity gap through deeper disaggregation of student demographic data; (6) Invest in the recruitment, hiring, and retention of educators of color; (7) Incorporate integrated student services and family engagement; and (8) Strengthen student transitions at each stage of the education development pathway.

HB 1546-S by House Committee on Education

Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state’s public institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to the college in the high school program and the running start program.
Concerning high school and beyond plans.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires each student to have a high school and beyond plan to guide the student’s high school experience and prepare the student for postsecondary education or training and career.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction, in collaboration with a nonprofit organization representing school counselors and the association of Washington school principals, to: (1) Develop and disseminate an inventory of best practices for high quality high school and beyond plans including a resume template; and

(2) Provide assistance to school districts in the development and implementation of the plans.

HB 1606-S

by House Committee on Local Government

(originally sponsored by Representatives McBride, Hayes, Van De Wege, Rodne, Griffey, Riccelli, Fitzgibbon, and Ormsby)

Establishing regional fire protection service authorities within the boundaries of regional cities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes regional cities to create a regional fire protection service authority.

HB 1619-S

by House Committee on Finance

(originally sponsored by Representatives S. Hunt, Nealey, Fitzgibbon, and Pollet)

Providing a business and occupation tax exemption for environmental handling charges.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a business and occupation tax exemption to producers, retailers, and stewardship organizations, with respect to environmental handling charges.

HB 1625-S

by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

(originally sponsored by Representatives Schmick and Wylie)

Concerning provision of drugs to ambulance or aid services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a pharmacy that is operated by a hospital to provide minimal quantities of drugs to ambulance or aid services for use associated with providing emergency medical services to patients if certain conditions are met.

Requires the pharmacy quality assurance commission to collaborate with representatives of the emergency medical services and trauma steering committee to develop guidelines for the provision of drugs.

Requires the emergency medical services and trauma care steering committee to consider the use of the following medications by emergency medical technicians: (1) Hydrocortisone sodium succinate or similar medications for the treatment of adrenal insufficiency; and

(2) Glucagon emergency kits.
after the employer initially determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position.

Authorizes the state to: (1) Educate the public about this act and disseminate information about it; and
(2) Form an advisory body representing the views of a broad variety of stakeholders to provide recommendations regarding improved enforcement of this act.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  LAB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1714-S by House Committee on Education
(originally sponsored by Representatives Manweller and Bergquist)
Concerning the achievement index rating system.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE
Requires the identification of schools and school districts for recognition to be based on separate performance indicators, such as proficiency or growth, so the state board of education may not combine performance indicators into a single index rating, or score, except for accountability purposes under the no child left behind act of 2001.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1741-S by House Committee on Environment
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Blake, and Condon)
Allowing disabled persons to access public recreational sites or lands without a discover pass, vehicle access pass, or day-use permit.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE
Authorizes access to public recreational sites and lands without a discover pass, a vehicle access pass, or a day-use permit to persons who display a disability pass entitling the person to free admission to state parks for a permanent disability or display a card, decal, or special license plate issued for a permanent disability, as long as the person to whom the disability pass, card, decal, or special license plate was issued is a driver or passenger in the vehicle at the time of access to the site.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 19  Referred to General Government & Information Technology.

HB 1754-S by House Committee on Capital Budget
(originally sponsored by Representatives Buys, Dunshee, Muri, Haler, Senn, Ormsby, Sullivan, and Smith)
Adding building envelope to the list of building trades that a prime contractor must list for bids on public works.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE
Requires a list of subcontractors, including subcontract work performed for the building envelope, to be provided to a public entity at the time the public entity establishes the low responsive bidder and provides intent to award the contract to the prime contractor.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1786-S by House Committee on Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Tarleton, Robinson, Sells, Ortiz-Self, McBride, Peterson, Cody, Bergquist, Moscoso, Jinkins, Ormsby, Stanford, Ryu, Pollet, and S. Hunt)
Establishing a statewide wage standard for aerospace employment as a requirement to qualify for certain aerospace-related tax incentives.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE
Establishes the aerospace tax incentive accountability act.
Establishes a statewide wage standard for aerospace employment as a requirement to qualify for certain aerospace-related tax incentives.
Requires increases in state general fund revenue collections resulting from the changes in this act to be used for state services that aid low-income individuals.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  LAB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1790-S by House Committee on Education
(originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Muri, Ortiz-Self, and Reykdal)
Clarifying the authority of a nurse working in a school setting.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE
Allows only a registered nurse or an advanced registered nurse practitioner to supervise, direct, or evaluate a licensed nurse working in a school setting with respect to the practice of nursing.
Prohibits school administrators from interfering with nursing care provided by a registered nurse or an advanced registered nurse practitioner working in a school setting, but allows school administrators to supervise a registered nurse or an advanced registered nurse practitioner in all other aspects of employment.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1809-S by House Committee on Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Blake, Orcutt, S. Hunt, Harris, Takko, Walsh, Stanford, Muri, Moscoso, Holy, Pollet, Magendanz, Ryu, McCaslin, Appleton, Klippert, Fey, Johnson, Sells, Stokesbary, Vick, Young, Zeiger, Ormsby, Kochmar, Dunshee, Hayes, Farrell, Reykdal, Van De Wege, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, and Harnsworth)
Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE
Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.
HB 1836-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Stanford, Blake, Lytton, Walkinshaw, Gregerson, and Tarleton)

Concerning state drought preparedness.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses drought preparedness.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 18 Referred to General Government & Information Technology.

HB 1849-S by House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregory, S. Hunt, Bergquist, Appleton, Reykdal, and Tarleton)

Concerning uniform ballot design.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the secretary of state to: (1) In conjunction with the state association of county auditors, develop a uniform ballot format to be used by each county; and
(2) In consultation with the department of enterprise services and county auditors, develop a master contract for vote tallying equipment for purchase by counties.

Authorizes a county auditor to establish an equipment replacement fund that must be used to replace vote tallying equipment.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17 SG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 19 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1853-S by House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Magendanz, Bergquist, Morris, Muri, Tarleton, Fitzgibbon, and Tharinger)

Encouraging utility leadership in electric vehicle charging infrastructure build-out.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes the utilities and transportation commission, in establishing rates for electric companies, to allow an incentive rate of return on investment on capital expenditures for electric vehicle supply equipment that is deployed for the benefit of ratepayers.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17 TED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 19 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1887-S by House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Stanford, MacEwen, Gregerson, Peterson, Orwall, Wylie, Moscoso, Tarleton, Zeiger, Kilduff, and Bergquist)

Creating the student veterans' support program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the Washington student veterans' support program under the authority of the department of veterans affairs to provide grants to community or technical colleges and regional universities, including satellite campuses.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 16 CDHT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 18 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1897-S by House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Smith, Morris, Tarleton, Young, Hayes, Haler, Sells, Buys, Fagan, and Short)

Creating the joint center for deployment and research in earth-abundant materials.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the JCDREAM act.

Creates the joint center for deployment and research in earth-abundant materials to establish a transformative program in earth-abundant materials to accelerate the development of next generation clean energy and transportation technologies.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17 TED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1938-S by House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Johnson, Ryu, Muri, Van De Wege, Tarleton, Moscoso, S. Hunt, and Tharinger)

Enacting the tourism marketing act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the statewide tourism marketing act.
Establishes the framework and funding for a statewide tourism marketing program.

Creates the Washington tourism marketing authority to act as a business management organization on behalf of the citizens of the state to manage financial resources and contract for statewide tourism marketing services.

Creates the statewide tourism marketing account.
Imposes a charge of fifteen cents per occupied room per night on every lodging business in this state and requires the revenue from the charge, including penalties and interest on delinquent lodging charges, to be deposited in the statewide tourism marketing account.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17 CDHT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 2159 by Representative Morris

Concerning service fees on vessel-related transactions.
Requires applications for vessel registration to be accompanied by certain department of licensing service fees.
HB 2160 by Representatives Wylie, Orwall, Klippert, and Buys

Concerning the distribution of intimate images.  
Addresses the distribution of intimate images.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

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

HB 2161 by Representatives Pollet, Kagi, Tarleton, and Ryu

Concerning the school construction assistance program.  
Authorizes certain school districts to be divided by geographic areas within the school district when calculating eligible space for state funding assistance.  
Requires the omnibus appropriations act to identify the state construction cost allowance for school districts.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 First reading, referred to Capital Budget (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2162 by Representatives Condotta and Holy

Concerning marijuana.  
Modifies marijuana provisions relating to: (1) Excise taxes;  
(2) Unpaid trust fund taxes;  
(3) License eligibility;  
(4) Exemptions from buffer distance requirements;  
(5) Transport and delivery by common carrier;  
(6) Production violations;  
(7) Cannabis beauty aids; and  
(8) THC concentrations in infused products.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2163 by Representatives Shea, Orcutt, Taylor, and Harmsworth

Allocating sales tax revenues of transportation projects to the motor vehicle fund.  
Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Estimate the state general fund revenues derived from amounts paid by the department of transportation with respect to the purchase of any tangible personal property, digital product, or labor, which is subject to state sales or use tax; and  
(2) Notify the state treasurer of the amount at least twenty days before the April or September transfer.  
Requires the state treasurer to transfer the amount from the general fund to the motor vehicle fund.


Recognizing the constitutional right to bear arms and revising background check requirements for firearms transfers only between and among persons who are not otherwise disqualified from legally possessing a firearm.  
Revises background check requirements for firearms transfers between and among persons who are not otherwise disqualified from legally possessing a firearm.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2165 by Representatives Scott, Haler, Shea, Vick, Short, Van Werven, Condotta, Wilson, Young, Orcutt, Kochmar, Schmick, Taylor, Harmsworth, G. Hunt, Griffey, Klippert, Buys, Parker, Holy, Pike, and MacEwen

Eliminating the use of common core state standards and assessments in Washington.  
Eliminates the use of common core state standards and assessments in this state and makes changes in current law to effectuate this change.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Notify the smarter balanced assessment multistate consortium that this state is no longer a participant in the consortium and will not implement the assessment developed by the consortium to assess the common core state standards;  
(2) Revise this state's essential academic learning requirements so the requirements do not align with the common core state standards developed by a multistate consortium; and  
(3) Develop assessments that are aligned with the revised essential academic learning requirements.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2166 by Representatives McCabe, Blake, Pettigrew, Wilcox, Takko, Buys, Kochmar, Hayes, and Vick

Extending the federal internet tax freedom act to Washington state by preserving the current treatment.  
Preserves internet service providers' current sales and use tax exemption for telecommunications services purchased, used, or sold to provide internet access service or to otherwise enable users to access content, information, or other services offered over the internet and preserves and limits city or town license fees or taxes in a parallel manner.
Senate Bills

SB 5098-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Billig, Litzow, Jayapal, and McAuliffe)
Increasing efficiency in child care reporting.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the working connections child care subsidy to be effective for twelve months.
Changes reporting requirements of applicants for and recipients of working connections child care benefits so the applicant or recipient no longer has to notify the department of social and health services of certain significant changes.

SB 5109-S by Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Brown)
Concerning infrastructure financing for local governments.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies provisions relating to the local revitalization financing program.
Increases the annual state contribution limit to seven million five hundred thousand dollars.
Removes the requirement of the department of revenue to award state contributions on a first-come, first-served basis.
Makes the department of commerce the approving agency responsible for selection of project awards.

SB 5133-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Baumgartner, Kohl-Welles, and Frockt)
Concerning a study of higher education cost drivers.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a study of higher education costs at the state universities, regional universities, and the Evergreen State College.
Requires the study to describe the cost drivers for each institution and the cost drivers for students over the most recent twenty-year period for which data is available.
Expires July 1, 2016.
Rivers, Brown, Mullet, Frockt, Jayapal, Angel, Cleveland, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, McAuliffe, and Habib)

Improving quality in the early care and education system.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the early start act.
Prioritizes the integration of child care and preschool in an effort to promote full day programming.
Rewards quality and creates incentives for providers to participate in a quality rating and improvement system that will also provide information to parents regarding the quality of care available in their communities.
Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 18  EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5517-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Litzow, McAuliffe, Rolfs, Keiser, and Hasegawa)

Concerning sexual harassment prevention and response through policies and training in schools.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires a school district's sexual harassment policy to:
(1) Be written in clear language and at a reading level that enables parents or guardians and secondary school students to understand the policy;
(2) Be provided to administrators, certificated staff, classified staff, volunteers, and parents or guardians, as well as students as deemed age-appropriate; and
(3) Appear in any handbook for students, parents, guardians, employees, or volunteers.
Requires administrators, certificated staff, and classified staff, upon hiring, to sign a statement of receipt of the sexual harassment policy.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 18  EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5584-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Dansel)

Concerning water quality determinations made by the department of ecology.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires water quality determinations, orders, and directives issued by the department of ecology to be based on a preponderance of actual site-based, source-specific environmental testing except for those that are issued concerning properties west of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19  AWRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Feb 20  Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5657-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet, Litzow, Billig, Frockt, McAuliffe, Keiser, Habib, and Conway)

Creating a pilot program to encourage school districts to extend the school day to provide homework assistance to middle schools.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes a pilot program to encourage school districts to provide middle school students expanded learning opportunities by extending the school day one hour beyond the regular school day for the purpose of providing homework assistance to students.
Requires the expanded learning opportunities council to monitor the progress of the pilot program.
Makes appropriations.
Expires July 1, 2018.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 18  EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5661-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Liias, Mullet, Keiser, and Benton)

Allowing the legislature to hold work sessions on state ballot measures.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Allows the legislature to hold work sessions on state ballot measures.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 18  GOS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 19  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5679-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Litzow, Dammeyer, Hasegawa, Liias, Chase, Rolfs, Jayapal, Parlette, and Conway)

Concerning transition services for special education students.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses transition planning to postsecondary settings for students with disabilities as early as the age of fourteen.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 18  EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5688-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Rolfs, McAuliffe, Fain, Hill, Kohl-Welles, Mullet, Billig, Darnelle, Jayapal, and Frockt)

Providing students with skills that promote mental health and well-being and increase academic performance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Convene a work group to recommend comprehensive social emotional learning benchmarks for grades kindergarten through high school; and
(2) Conduct a survey of schools to ascertain how many schools in the state are implementing a social emotional learning program and to understand individual districts’ capacity to implement social emotional learning.

Requires educational service districts to develop and maintain the capacity to serve as a convener, trainer, and mentor for educators and other school district staff on social emotional learning.

Authorizes school districts to use specific funding to develop and update school specific action plans to implement multitiered systems of support frameworks and curriculum aligned with the frameworks.

SB 5721-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Billig, Dammeier, and Jayapal)

Concerning the membership of the expanded learning opportunities council.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes the composition of the expanded learning opportunities council.
Expires August 31, 2019.

SB 5735-S by Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Ericksen, Rivers, Angel, Baumgartner, Brown, Hewitt, Bailey, Schoesler, Parlette, Honeyford, Braun, Padden, Becker, Hatfield, and Sheldon)

Providing incentives for carbon reduction investments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the energy independence act to provide incentives for carbon reduction investments.

SB 5744-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Fain, Hill, Rivers, Schoesler, Braun, and Becker)

Regarding school employee workforce reductions and assignments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses certificated classroom teachers with regard to: (1) Performance-based reduction in force due to enrollment decline or revenue loss; and
(2) Teacher and principal agreement on staffing placements.

SB 5748-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Mullet, Fain, Dammeier, Hill, Rivers, Becker, King, Braun, Warnick, and Bailey)

Clarifying the teacher and principal evaluation process with the intent of strengthening the process.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the evaluation process for: (1) Teachers who teach reading or language arts or mathematics in a grade in which the federally mandated statewide student assessments are administered; and
(2) Principals assigned to a school in which reading or language arts or mathematics are taught in at least one of the grades in which the federally mandated statewide assessments are administered.

Addresses certificated classroom teachers with regard to: (1) Performance-based reduction in force due to enrollment decline or revenue loss; and
(2) Teacher and principal agreement on staffing placements.

SB 5761-S by Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Pearson, Hobbs, McCoy, Bailey, and Benton)

Providing for property tax exemption for the value of new construction of industrial/manufacturing facilities in targeted urban areas.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes governing authorities, that plan under the growth management act meeting certain criteria where the governing authority has found there is insufficient family living wage jobs for its wage earning population, to designate a portion of the governing authority’s industrial and manufacturing zoned and undeveloped land to receive an ad valorem tax exemption for the value of new construction of industrial/manufacturing facilities within the designated area.
SB 5804-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Liias, Benton, Hasegawa, Dammeier, and Angel)

Modifying the procedure for adoption and amendment of the Washington state energy code.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies state energy code provisions relating to adoption and amendment procedures.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 18 GOS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5839-S by Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Darneille, O'Ban, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Corrections)

Making technical corrections to processes for persons sentenced for offenses committed prior to reaching eighteen years of age.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Makes technical corrections to processes for persons sentenced for offenses committed before reaching eighteen years of age.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 18 HSMH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5916-S by Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Chase, Angel, Kohl-Welles, Hatfield, Benton, and McAuliffe)

Enacting the tourism marketing act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the statewide tourism marketing act.
Establishes the framework and funding for a statewide tourism marketing program.

Creates the Washington tourism marketing authority to act as a business management organization on behalf of the citizens of the state to manage financial resources and contract for statewide tourism marketing services.

Creates the statewide tourism marketing account.
Imposes a charge of fifteen cents per occupied room per night on every lodging business in this state and requires the revenue from the charge, including penalties and interest on delinquent lodging charges, to be deposited in the statewide tourism marketing account.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 TRED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.

SB 5934-S by Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Warnick, and Chase)

Creating a joint legislative task force on fostering innovation and retaining and creating jobs in Washington.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the legislative task force on middle market business and retaining and creating jobs in Washington and requires the task force to review current efforts to promote business expansion and job retention and creation in this state and compare those programs to other states and regions to find best practices.
Expires June 30, 2016.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 TRED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6044 by Senators Ericksen and Hobsbs

Requiring the consideration of public access when designing a transportation facility adjacent to or across a waterway.

Requires the department of transportation, during the design process for state highway projects that include the construction of a new bridge across a navigable river or another transportation facility that is adjacent to or crosses a waterway, to consider and report on the feasibility of providing a means of public access to the navigable river or waterway for public recreational purposes.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 20 First reading, referred to Transportation.