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House Bills

**HB 1364-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives S. Hunt, Johnson, Bergquist, Walsh, Hunter, Zeiger, Harris, Kagi, Stanford, Ormsby, and Farrell)

Establishing a citizens' initiative review pilot program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a pilot program for a citizen's review of initiatives in 2016.

Creates the citizens' initiative review oversight committee and requires the committee to: (1) Select two initiatives to be voted on at the 2016 general election for review by a citizen panel; and

(2) Review the work of the review panels to determine compliance with legislative intent.

Requires the voters' pamphlet to include statements submitted by citizens' initiative review panels.

Requires the state institute for public policy to: (1) Administer the initiative review process;

(2) No earlier than February 2016, begin the process of selecting the members of the citizen panels; and

(3) After the 2016 general election, contract for an evaluation of the effectiveness of the review process.

Expires July 1, 2017.

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Feb 27 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 3 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**HB 1390-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Holy, Jinkins, Kagi, Moscoso, Ormsby, and Pollet)

Concerning legal financial obligations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses legal financial obligations.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 1410-S** by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Muri, Kilduff, Zeiger, Manweller, Pike, Stanford, and Condotta)

Modifying provisions governing the competitive bidding process of water-sewer districts.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/03/15)

Increases the estimated cost threshold, from twenty thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars, in which work ordered by a water-sewer district must be let by contract and competitive bidding.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 LG - Majority: 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 9 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 3 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**HB 1439-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives
Establishing an online alternative credit model at Central Washington University.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE
 Creates an online alternative credit model that awards degrees.
 Requires Central Washington University to:
   (1) Host the online alternative credit model;
   (2) Consult with the department of early learning to target students who are early learning providers and to develop programs; and
   (3) Develop and launch a bachelor of arts in early childhood education using the online alternative credit model.
 Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27  APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
    Minority; do not pass.
    Minority; without recommendation.
    Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Mar 3  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

HB 1443  by Representatives G. Hunt, S. Hunt, Condotta, Shea, Taylor, Scott, Riccelli, and Jinkins
Concerning fees charged by commercial parking businesses and requiring notice to customers.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/03/15)
Prohibits a commercial parking business from charging a parking charge unless a sign is posted at the entrance to the parking lot that clearly states specific information.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 21  First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 4   BFS - Executive action taken by committee.
         BFS - Majority; do pass.
Feb 6   Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 12  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 3   Floor amendment(s) adopted.
        Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
        Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 4.

HB 1491-S2  by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Walsh, Hunter, Johnson, Ormsby, MacEwen, Senn, Magendanz, Farrell, Hayes, Ortiz-Self, Hudgins, Appleton, Fitzgibbon, S. Hunt, Ryu, Jinkins, Bergquist, Goodman, Tharinger, and Riccelli)
Improving quality in the early care and education system.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND 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.
Creates the early start account.
Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27  APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
    Minority; do not pass.
    Minority; without recommendation.
    Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1495-S by House Committee on Education
(originally sponsored by Representatives Reykdal, Magendanz, Springer, S. Hunt, Pollet, and Stanford)
Enacting the student user privacy in education rights act.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/03/15)
Establishes the student user privacy in education rights act or SUPER act.
Requires school service providers to:
   (1) Provide information about the types of student personal information they collect and how they use and share the information; and
   (2) Maintain a comprehensive information security program designed to protect the security, privacy, confidentiality, and integrity of student personal information.
Authorizes school service providers to collect, use, and share student personal information only for purposes authorized by the relevant educational institution or teacher, or with the consent of the student or the student’s parent or guardian.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19  ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 20  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 27  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 3   1st substitute bill substituted.
        Floor amendment(s) adopted.
        Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
        Third reading, passed; yeas, 90; nays, 7; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1546-S2  by House Committee on Appropriations
Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.

DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE
Modifies provisions relating to the college in the high school program and the running start program.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27  APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
    Minority; do not pass.
    Minority; without recommendation.
    Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1715-S2  by House Committee on Appropriations
Protecting Puget Sound through funding and implementing local on-site sewage program management plans.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the local board of health in the twelve counties bordering Puget Sound to: (1) Collect an annual charge or a rate for each on-site sewage system located in the basin of Puget Sound for the purpose of implementing the on-site sewage program management plan; and (2) Collect the charge or rate in areas of the county located outside the Puget Sound basin.

Authorizes counties and the department of health, in order to assist homeowners with the repair and replacement of on-site sewage systems, to consult with the department of ecology to capitalize and administer a sustainable unified low-interest loan program through the department of ecology's established water quality financial assistance program.

Provides that a person exempt from paying property taxes is also exempt from the on-site sewage program charge.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1783-S by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Walkinshaw, Bergquist, Moscoso, Hudgins, Pollet, and Santos)

Expanding dual language and bilingual instruction for early learners through secondary students.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the K-12 dual language expansion grant program to build and expand dual language programs and to create state-level infrastructure dedicated to dual language instruction.

Creates the dual language teacher pipeline scholarship program to build capacity for bilingual and dual language programming by developing a pipeline for dual language teachers, from early childhood to K-12 education.

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

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 4 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 64; nays, 34; absent, 0; excused, 0.

HB 1875-S by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives Walsh, Kagi, Johnson, Sawyer, Pettigrew, Moscoso, Zeiger, Ormsby, Appleton, and Young)

Concerning the definition of work activity for the purposes of the WorkFirst program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the definition of "work activity," for purposes of the WorkFirst program, to increase the threshold from twelve months to twenty-four months for vocational educational training, with respect to any individual.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

HB 1916-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives Cody and Harris)

Integrating administrative provisions for chemical dependency and mental health.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the integration of chemical dependency and mental health administrative provisions.

Designates the department of social and health services as the state behavioral health authority which includes recognition as the single state authority for substance use disorders and state mental health authority.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1989 by Representatives Dent and Takko

Concerning water storage asset management services.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/03/15)

Requires each municipality to publish, in advance, its requirements to procure asset management service of its water storage assets.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 First reading, referred to Local Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 18 LG - Majority; do pass.
Feb 20 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 3 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1999-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives
Coordinating services and programs for foster youth in order to improve educational outcomes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to: (1) Administer a program of education coordination for youth, kindergarten through twelfth grade, who are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW (juvenile court act--dependency and termination of parent-child relationship); and (2) Improve the educational outcomes of students at two sites by providing individualized education services and monitoring and supporting dependent youths’ completion of educational milestones, remediation needs, and special education needs.

Requires the student achievement council, with input from the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the department of social and health services, to contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to develop, implement, and administer a program of supplemental educational transition planning for youth in foster care in the state.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27  APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2041-S2  by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives Hansen and Pollet)

Creating a pilot project on performance-based scholarships in the state need grant program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the state need grant performance-based scholarship pilot project to determine: (1) Whether additional financial aid improves student academic performance and completion rates without performance benchmarks; or (2) If performance benchmarks need to be attached to additional financial aid in order to increase academic performance.

Requires the student achievement council, in consultation with the state board for community and technical colleges, to: (1) Administer the pilot project; and (2) Select at least two institutions of higher education, one public baccalaureate institution and one community or technical college, to participate in the pilot project.

Expires August 1, 2019.

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

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27  APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.

SB 5006-S2  by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Angel)

Authorizing the termination of all legal responsibilities of a nonparent if genetic testing shows by clear and convincing evidence that a man is not the genetic father of a child.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the termination of legal responsibilities of a nonparent if genetic testing shows that a man is not the genetic father of a child.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27  WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5098-S2  by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Billig, Litzow, Jayapal, and McAuliffe)

Increasing efficiency in child care reporting.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of early learning to establish and implement a policy that provides working connections child care authorizations for up to three thirty-day periods when a recipient experiences a gap in his or her employment or approved activity.
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.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---
Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5111 by Senator Brown
Concerning projects of statewide significance for economic development and transportation.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/03/15)
Establishes the community prosperity and revitalization act.
Provides a mechanism for local governments and state and federal agencies to perform a coordinated and comprehensive review of projects of statewide significance and encourages their expeditious completion.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 14 First reading, referred to Trade & Economic Development.
Jan 28 TRED - Minority; do pass. Minority; do not pass.
Jan 29 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 3 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 30; nays, 19; absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5127-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Angel, Roach, and O'Ban)
Revising a property tax exemption for veterans with total disability ratings and their surviving spouses or domestic partners.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Provides more extensive property tax relief to veterans with total disability ratings and their surviving spouses or domestic partners.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---
Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5158-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators McCoy and Fraser)
Requiring call location information to be provided to law enforcement responding to an emergency.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/03/15)
Establishes the Kelsey Smith act.
Requires a wireless telecommunications provider to provide information in its possession concerning the current or most recent location of a telecommunications device and call information of a user of the device when requested by a law enforcement agency.
Requires the Washington state patrol to maintain a database containing emergency contact information for all wireless telecommunications providers registered to do business in the state and make the information immediately available upon request to facilitate a request from law enforcement for call location information.
Authorizes the secretary of state to make records in an address confidentiality program participant's file available to the Washington state patrol for inspection or copying, under certain circumstances.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---
Feb 10 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. And refer to Ways & Means.
Feb 11 Referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 13 WM - Majority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 23 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 3 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

SB 5186-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, Hasegawa, Sheldon, and Keiser)
Concerning property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Increases the income thresholds that are used to determine senior citizens, disabled persons, and veterans qualifications for property tax exemptions.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---
Feb 27 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5243-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, King, Keiser, Conway, and Chase)
Concerning services provided by residential habilitation centers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the Yakima Valley School to operate crisis stabilization beds and respite service beds as the capacity of the school allows and as the needs of the community require.
Prohibits the census of permanent residents in the residential habilitation center from exceeding the number of permanent residents in place as of the effective date of this act, with no new long-term admissions permitted.
Requires the department of social and health services to continue to: (1) Provide respite services in residential habilitation centers; and
Develop respite care in the community with a goal of allowing clients to access services where they choose.

Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5303-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Frockt, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, and Benton)
Creating the Washington academic, innovation, and mentoring (AIM) program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the Washington academic, innovation, and mentoring (AIM) program act.
Creates the Washington academic, innovation, and mentoring program to enable eligible neighborhood youth development entities to provide out-of-school time programs for youth ages six to eighteen years of age.
Requires the department of commerce to administer the program.
Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Feb 27 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5452-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Billig, Fain, Dammeier, Hargrove, Hill, 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 2ND 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.

Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5477-S by Senate Committee on Health Care
Requiring substances intended for use in a vapor product to satisfy child-resistant effectiveness standards, adopting warning standards, and prohibiting the use of vapor products in schools.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/03/15)
Requires child-resistant packaging for substances intended for use in a vapor product that is sold at retail in this state.
Requires a manufacturer that sells or distributes a vapor product to label the vapor product with a warning regarding the harmful effects of nicotine and a warning to keep away from children.
Prohibits the sale or distribution of vapor products at retail by any means other than vendor-assisted sales if certain conditions exist.
Prohibits the use of vapor products at public schools.
Requires retail and wholesale licensees who sell vapor products to display a sign concerning the prohibition of vapor product sales to minors.

SB 5564-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban, Darneille, Miloscia, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Fain, Jayapal, Brown, Habib, Dammeier, Frockt, Litzow, Warnick, Hasegawa, and McAuliffe)
Concerning the sealing of juvenile records and fines imposed in juvenile cases.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Eliminates most nonrestitution legal financial obligations for juvenile offenders.

Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 3 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 5649-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Darneille, Miloscia, Fraser, Keiser, Parlette, Benton, McCoy, and Dammeier)
Concerning involuntary outpatient mental health treatment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies involuntary outpatient mental health treatment provisions relating to persons in need of assisted outpatient treatment.
Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority: without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5740-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Fain, Billig, Litzow, McAuliffe, Frockt, Miloscia, Darneille, and Jayapal)
Concerning extended foster care services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses the maintenance of a dependency proceeding for the delivery of extended foster care services for any youth who is dependent in foster care at the age of eighteen years and who, at the time of his or her eighteenth birthday, is unable to meet specified requirements due to a medical condition.

Requires the children's administration to invite representatives from the division of behavioral health and recovery, the disability services administration, the economic services administration, and the juvenile justice and rehabilitation administration to the youth's shared planning meeting that is used to develop a transition plan for youth who will be aging out of foster care.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority: without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5755-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Hill, Ranker, Dammeyer, Braun, Keiser, Billig, Becker, Brown, Kohl-Welles, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Hasegawa, Fain, Habib, Hewitt, Pedersen, Jayapal, and McAuliffe)
Addressing and mitigating the impacts of property crimes in Washington state.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Responds to the findings of the state justice reinvestment task force by: (1) Changing sentencing policy to require supervision of certain people convicted of property offenses;
(2) Providing treatment, if needed, and programs to reduce recidivism; and
(3) Providing additional support to local governments and victims of property crime.
Changes the duties and composition of the sentencing guidelines commission.
Provides for termination and review, under the sunset act, of the sentencing guidelines commission's authorities as established in this act.
Requires the sentencing guidelines commission, if requested by a legislator, to prepare a racial and ethnic impact analysis that describes the effects of proposed legislation on the racial and ethnic composition of the criminal offender population or recipients of human services.
Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Establish a law enforcement grant program and a pretrial grant program;
(2) Use an advisory committee to evaluate grant applications and monitor the effectiveness of grant projects in terms of property crime reduction;
(3) Consult with counties and local law enforcement agencies when determining grant eligibility requirements and criteria; and
(4) Report to the sentencing guidelines commission on the effectiveness of the grant programs.
Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5771-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Liias, Pearson, Dansel, Hatfield, Rivers, Hobbs, and Fain)
Addressing investigations under the ethics act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides for due process during an ethics investigation.
Requires the staff of an ethics board from discussing the results of an investigation with the board until the ethics board meeting in which staff presents recommendations to the board that there is or is not reasonable cause to believe that a violation has been or is being committed.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority: without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5803-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education
(originally sponsored by Senators Dammeyer, McAuliffe, and Keiser)
Concerning the notification of parents when their children are below basic on the third grade statewide English language arts assessment.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/03/15)
Requires elementary schools, before the return of the results of the statewide student assessment in English language arts, to require meetings between teachers and parents of students in third grade who are reading below grade-level or who, based on formative or diagnostic assessment, and other indicators, are likely to score in the below basic level on the third grade statewide student assessment in English language arts.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 19 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
SB 5888-S2  by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban and Miloscia)
Addressing near fatality incidents of children who have received services from the department of social and health services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes Aiden's act.
Republicans: Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Notify the office of the children and family ombuds in the event of a near fatality of a child who is or has been in the care of or receiving child welfare services from the department or a supervising agency within three months preceding the near fatality or who was the subject of an investigation by the department for possible abuse or neglect; (2) Conduct a review of the near fatality; and (3) Conduct a review of a social worker's and his or her supervisor's files and actions taken during an initial report of alleged child abuse or neglect, when certain conditions exist and there is a subsequent allegation of abuse or neglect resulting in a near fatality within one year of the initial allegation that is screened in and open for investigation.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27  WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6076  by Senators Bailey, Litzow, Benton, Baumgartner, Sheldon, Becker, Schoesler, Angel, Miloscia, Honeyford, Braun, and Fain
Garnishing public pensions to pay for the costs of incarceration of a public employee convicted of a felony for misconduct associated with such person's service as a public employee.
Addresses the department of retirement systems' compliance with an order to garnish up to fifty percent of the gross monthly benefit for costs of incarceration, probation, parole, or restitution imposed on a member, former member, or retiree as a result of a conviction of or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to the commission of a felony for misconduct associated with the person's service as a public employee for which credit in the plan was earned or accrued, for felonies committed on or after July 1, 2015.

SB 5893  by Senators Fain, Mullet, Litzow, Liias, and Hargrove
Addressing the nonemployee status of athletes affiliated with the Western Hockey League.)

(as of Senate 2nd reading 3/03/15)
Excludes from the definition of "employee," for purposes of industrial welfare provisions, the Washington industrial safety and health act, and the minimum wage act, an individual training or playing as an athlete for a team affiliated with the Western Hockey League.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9  First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
Feb 19  CL - Majority; do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Feb 20  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 23  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 3  Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

SB 5999-S  by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Darneille)
Addressing the caseload forecast council.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the first forecast of children eligible for, and the number of children actually served by, the early childhood education and assistance program to be prepared by the caseload forecast council in time to facilitate the development of budget proposals by the governor for the 2016 legislative session.
Authorizes the caseload forecast council to also request data, information, and data processing assistance as it may need to accomplish its duties from the department of early learning, the department of corrections, the state health care authority, the superintendent of public instruction, the student achievement council, and other agencies with caseloads forecasted by the council.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27  WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
SB 6077 by Senators Bailey, Litzow, Benton, Baumgartner, Sheldon, Becker, Angel, Schoesler, Hewitt, Miloscia, Braun, and Fain

Authorizing the forfeiture of the pension of a public employee convicted of a felony for misconduct associated with such person’s service as a public employee.

Requires a court, if a member of a state retirement system or plan is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to an offense that is a class 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 felony that was committed in the course of, or was related to, the member’s employment as a public official or public employee, to order the person’s membership terminated and the person shall forfeit all rights and benefits earned under the state retirement system or plan.