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--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 13  First reading, referred to Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 2  CDHT - Executive action taken by committee.
Feb 5  CDHT - Majority; do pass.
Feb 12  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 5  Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 91; nays, 7; absent, 0; excused, 0.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---
Jan 28  LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Jan 30  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 27  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 5  1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.

HB 1123 by Representatives Blake and Buys
Regulating the minimum dimensions of habitable spaces in single-family residential areas.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/05/15)
Prohibits certain local governments from regulating or restricting the minimum gross floor area for single-family detached dwellings.

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Feb 2  CDHT - Executive action taken by committee.
Feb 5  CDHT - Majority; do pass.
Feb 12  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 5  Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 91; nays, 7; absent, 0; excused, 0.

HB 1170-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Zeiger, Tarleton, Wilcox, Springer, Jinkins, Fey, Kilduff, Fitzgibbon, Gregerson, and Tharinger)
Granting port districts certain administrative powers.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/05/15)
Authorizes a port district or two port districts that act jointly to, by resolution: (1) Create a port development authority solely to manage maritime activities of the port district or districts; and (2) Transfer to a port development authority, with or without consideration, any funds, real or personal property, property interests, or services.

HB 1236-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Johnson, Santos, Lytton, Moscoso, Pettigrew, Walkinshaw, Kilduff, Sawyer, Reykdal, Bergquist, Fey, Tarleton, and Hudgins)
Allowing certain school personnel to witness a student's college bound scholarship pledge if the student's parent or guardian is unavailable. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning witnessing a student's college bound scholarship pledge when efforts to obtain a parent’s or guardian’s signature are unsuccessful.)
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/04/15)
Requires the office of student financial assistance to make multiple attempts to secure the signature of a student's parent or guardian for the purpose of witnessing the student's college bound scholarship pledge. Authorizes the office of student financial assistance to partner with the school counselor or administrator to secure the parent’s or guardian’s signature to witness the pledge if the signature of the parent or guardian is not obtained.
Allows the school counselor or administrator to witness the pledge and indicate to the office of student financial assistance the nature of the unsuccessful efforts to contact the student's parent or guardian.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---
Feb 4  HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Feb 6  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
HB 1368-S2 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Reykdal, Stokesbary, Van De Wege, and Springer)

Removing disincentives to the voluntary formation of regional fire protection service authorities by equalizing certain provisions with existing laws governing fire protection districts and by clarifying the formation process.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Equalizes certain provisions with existing laws governing fire protection districts and clarifies the formation process with regard to the voluntary formation of regional fire protection service authorities.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 25 FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 27 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

HB 1541-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (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.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/05/15)
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) Strengthen student transitions at each stage of the education development pathway; and (8) Incorporate integrated student services and family engagement.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1633 by Representatives Zeiger, Jinkins, Young, Fey, Appleton, Hargrove, Sawyer, Walsh, Stanford, Johnson, Riccelli, Kochmar, Muri, Pollet, Kagi, and Wylie

Giving preferences to housing trust fund projects that involve collaboration between local school districts and housing authorities or nonprofit housing providers to help children of low-income families succeed in school.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/04/15)
Requires the department of commerce to give preference to housing trust fund projects involving collaborative partnerships between local school districts and either public housing authorities or nonprofit housing providers, that help children of low-income families succeed in school.

Requires a local school district, in order to receive this preference, to provide an opportunity for community members to offer input on the proposed project at the first scheduled school board meeting following submission of the grant application to the department.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 23 First reading, referred to Capital Budget Committee.
Feb 10 CB - Majority; do pass.
Feb 12 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 4 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 92; nays, 6; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 6 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

HB 1639-S by House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Taylor, Goodman, Morris, Shea, Walkinshaw, Smith, Ryu, Appleton, Condotta, Moscoso, Kagi, Muri, Young, Scott, Schmick, G. Hunt, and Farrell)

Concerning technology-enhanced government surveillance.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/04/15)
Prohibits a state agency, including the Washington state patrol and the department of natural resources, from procuring an extraordinary sensing device unless money is expressly appropriated by the legislature for this specific purpose.

Prohibits a local agency from procuring an extraordinary sensing device without the explicit approval
of the governing body of the locality, given for that specific extraordinary sensing device to be used for a specific purpose.

Requires the governing body for each local agency and the elected or appointed official in charge for each state agency to develop and make publicly available, written policies and procedures for the use of any extraordinary sensing device procured, and provide notice and opportunity for public comment before adoption of the written policies and procedures.

Requires the office of the chief information officer to construct a web site publicly listing every agency's written policies and procedures.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13  PS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 17  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 27  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 4  1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 73; nays, 25;
absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 6  First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

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.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/05/15)

Requires a list of subcontractors who will perform work on the building envelope to be provided to a public entity at the time the public entity establishes the low responsive bidder.

Allows the public entity to void the contract if the prime contract bidder: (1) Fails to provide the list of the names of the subcontractors;

(2) Names itself to perform the work; or

(3) Names two or more subcontractors to perform the same work.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17  CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 20  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 4  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 5  1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0;
absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 6  First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

HB 1868 by Representatives Lytton and Morris
Expanding county road fund purposes for certain counties.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/04/15)

Expands the use of county road funds to counties that consist entirely of islands or have tidally influenced islands.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 30  First reading, referred to Local Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 18  LG - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 20  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 27  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 4  Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 75; nays, 21;
absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --

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.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/04/15)
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.
Termiues the revision of the definition effective August 1, 2019.

-- 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.
Mar 4  1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 90; nays, 6;
absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 6  First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

HB 2187 by Representatives Dunshee and DeBolt
Relating to state general obligation bonds and related accounts.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to state general obligation bonds and related accounts.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Mar 6  First reading, referred to Capital Budget
(Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
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.
(REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning a review of higher education costs.)
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/05/15)
Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a review of the available data on higher education costs at the state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College.
Requires the study to: (1) Describe the available cost data for each institution and the available cost data for students over the most recent twenty-year period; and (2) Compare whether this data is available for institutions and students in the global challenge states.
Expires July 1, 2016.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 13 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 23 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 4 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.
Mar 6 -- IN THE HOUSE --
Mar 6 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

SB 5504 by Senators Hewitt and Hasegawa
Allowing additional liquor distributor employees to stock liquor under certain circumstances.
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/04/15)
Authorizes nonretail class liquor licensees to allow their employees between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one to stock, merchandise, and handle liquor on or about the licensee's premises, except between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., as long as there is an adult at least twenty-one years of age, employed by the retail licensee, and present at the retail licensee's premises during the activities.
-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 22 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
Feb 4 CL - Majority; do pass. Minority; without recommendation.

SB 5316-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Dammeyer, Rolfs, Rivers, Hasegawa, Brown, Frockt, Dansel, Braun, Chase, Angel, and Kohl-Welles)
Concerning privacy and security of personally identifiable student information.
Feb 5  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 3  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 4  Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 0.
   -- IN THE HOUSE --
Mar 6  First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

SB 5523  by Senators Sheldon, Rivers, Angel, Schoesler, Padden, Becker, Warnick, Honeyford, and Roach

Removing the requirement that a process server disclose a social security number when registering. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Declaring that social security numbers of process servers are confidential and not disclosable except as required under federal law.)

Prohibits a county auditor who collects social security numbers from process servers from displaying or releasing the social security numbers on a document or web site issued or maintained by the auditor.

Exempts social security numbers of process servers from public inspection and copying.

   -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 23  First reading, referred to Law & Justice.
Feb 11  LAW - Majority; do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation.
Feb 12  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 23  Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
Mar 3  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 4  Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.
   -- IN THE HOUSE --
Mar 6  First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

SB 5623-S  by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Angel, Miloscia, Becker, Warnick, and Conway)

Modifying the operation of motorcycles on roadways laden for traffic. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/05/15)

Allows an operator of a motorcycle to, under certain circumstances, overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

Expires July 31, 2017.

   -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 27  TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

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. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning the involuntary treatment act.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/04/15)

Requires a court, when construing the requirements of the involuntary treatment act, to focus on the merits of the petition, except where requirements have been totally disregarded.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to use a single bed certification process to provide additional treatment capacity for a person or for a minor suffering from a mental disorder for whom an evaluation and treatment bed is not available.

Requires regional support networks to administer and provide for the availability of an adequate network of evaluation and treatment services to ensure access to treatment pursuant to the involuntary treatment act.

Requires the department of social and health services to collaborate with regional support networks or behavioral health organizations and the state institute for public policy to estimate the capacity needs for evaluation and treatment services within each regional service area.

Modifies involuntary outpatient mental health treatment provisions relating to persons in need of assisted outpatient treatment.

Provides that sections 201 through 210 of this act are 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.
Mar 4  2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 0.
   -- IN THE HOUSE --
Mar 6  First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

SB 5673  by Senators Padden, Kohl-Welles, Roach,
Miloscia, Pearson, and Darneille
Concerning the distribution of synthetic cannabinoids and bath salts.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/04/15)
Prohibits distributing, dispensing, manufacturing, or selling a product that contains any amount of a synthetic cannabinoid, cathinone, or methcathinone.
Requires the Washington state patrol to create a pilot program that uses technologies and protocols to instantly identify synthetic drugs, as well as other illicit drugs.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.
Feb 11 LAW - Majority; do pass.
Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 26 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 4 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE HOUSE --
Mar 6 First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Promoting the use, acceptance, and removal of barriers to the use and acceptance of electronic signatures.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/05/15)
Requires, for governmental affairs and governmental transactions with state agencies, each state agency, electing to send and accept, to establish the method that must be used for electronic submissions and electronic signatures.
Requires the chief information officer, in coordination with state agencies, to establish standards, guidelines, or policies for the electronic submission 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.
Mar 3 Placed on second reading consent calendar.
Mar 5 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5959 by Senator Hatfield
Concerning agreements with the federal government, such as those available under the endangered species act, affecting the state’s management of its natural resources.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/05/15)
Requires the commissioner of public lands, within thirty days of the effective date of this act, to withdraw the draft aquatic lands habitat conservation plan then under review by the United States fish and wildlife service and national marine fisheries service from further consideration by the federal agencies.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.
Feb 20 NRP - Majority; do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 5 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 34; nays, 14; absent, 1; excused, 0.

SB 6044 by Senators Ericksen and Hobbs
Requiring the consideration of public access when designing a transportation facility adjacent to or across a waterway.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/05/15)
Requires the department of transportation, during the design process for state highway projects that include the construction of a new bridge or the rehabilitation or reconstruction of an existing 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.
Feb 27 TRAN - Majority; do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 5 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.