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


House Bills

**HB 1211-S** by House Committee on Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives G. Hunt, Reykdal, Sawyer, Manweller, Vick, S. Hunt, and Buys)
Addressing fees and costs related to methods of wage payment.

*(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/11/15)*

Requires an employer to: (1) Offer a method of wage payment that allows an employee to obtain his or her wages in legal tender of the United States without fees or costs for the transaction; and
(2) Offer an employee at least one other method of receiving wages that does not require the employee to maintain or open an account for purposes of direct deposit if the employer credits employee wages to a payroll card account.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10  LAB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 12  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 3  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 11  1st substitute bill substituted.
  Floor amendment(s) adopted.
  Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
  Third reading, passed; yea(s), 98; nay(s), 0;
  absent, 0; excused, 0.

**HB 1472-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Peterson, Goodman, McBride, Springer, Fey, Farrell, Hudgins, Kagi, Walkinshaw, Gregerson, S. Hunt, Jinkins, Tharinger, and Pellet; by request of Governor Inslee)
Concerning using chemical action plans to require safer chemicals in Washington.

*(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/11/15)*

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.

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: (1) Persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals as defined in chapter 173-333 WAC (persistent bioaccumulative toxins); and
(2) Chemicals that have been addressed by a completed chemical action plan that has included a recommendation that the state adopt a purchasing and procurement policy for products and products in packaging that do not contain the chemical.

Prohibits an agency from knowingly purchasing products or products in packaging containing the aforementioned chemicals.

Provides for termination and review, under the sunset act, of the authority of the department of ecology to do the following with regard to this act: (1) Require manufacturers to provide information on chemicals and conduct alternatives assessments;
(2) Prepare summary reports on alternatives assessments;
(3) Prohibit the use of chemicals and the sale, offer for sale, or distribution of a product containing a prohibited chemical; and
(4) Assess penalties.

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.
Mar 5  Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Mar 11  2nd substitute bill substituted.
  Floor amendment(s) adopted.
  Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Subjects to a referendum, a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city to assume jurisdiction of all or part of a water-sewer district.

Exempts a city legislative authority from the referendum requirement if it assumes jurisdiction of all or part of a water-sewer district through a contract with a water-sewer district or through an interlocal agreement with a water-sewer district.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 GOS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 23 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 11 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 28; nays, 21; absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5153 by Senators Billig, Roach, Sheldon, Fain, Lias, Mullet, Fraser, Dansel, McCoy, Rolfs, Cleveland, Darnell, Habib, Padden, Nelson, Benton, Chase, Keiser, Jayapal, Hasegawa, and Prockt

Increasing transparency of campaign contributions.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/11/15)

Establishes the dark money elimination act.

Increases transparency and accountability in the election process and requires the disclosure of contributions and expenditures by nonprofit organizations that participate significantly in Washington state elections.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 GOSS - Majority; do pass.
Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 11 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5282-S by Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Baumgartner, and Warnick)

Concerning residential security system installations.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/11/15)

Expands the definition of "class A basic electrical work," for purposes of chapter 19.28 RCW (electricians and electrical installations).

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 11 1st substitute bill substituted.

Senate Bills

SB 5048-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security (originally sponsored by Senators Chase, Roach, Hatfield, and Miloscia)

Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/11/15)
SB 5407-S

by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Pearson, Bailey, and Benton)

Concerning the effects of instream flow rules on water use.

Addresses the effects of instream flow rules on water use.

Requires the department of ecology to review the Skagit river basin instream resources protection program rule to determine whether the rule has set aside sufficient water reservations to satisfy year-round human domestic needs in designated water resource inventory areas 3 and 4.

SB 5843-S

by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Parlette, Pearson, Rolfes, Hewitt, Litzow, Conway, Hasegawa, and McAuliffe)

Concerning outdoor recreation.

Addresses registration and regulation of pharmacy benefit managers.

SB 5854

by Senators Braun, Baumgartner, and Dammeier

Requiring employee organizations to submit digital copies of their collective bargaining agreements to the public employment relations commission.

SB 5857-S

by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Conway, Becker, and Pearson)

Requiring employee organizations to submit digital copies of collective bargaining agreements to the public employment relations commission.
SB 5874 by Senators Ericksen and Ranker
Concerning regulatory and financial mechanisms and means to promote the retirement of coal-fired electric generation facilities. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED; Requires the energy division of the department of commerce, in consultation with the appropriate committees of the legislature, to study the costs and benefits of retiring an eligible coal plant.)
(Absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5884-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Darneille, Padden, Keiser, Conway, Chase, and Hasegawa)
Concerning the trafficking of persons.
(Absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5915-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Angel, Miloscia, Braun, Dansel, Schoesler, Hewitt, and Chase)
Addressing fiscal notes and fiscal impact statements.
(Absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5921 by Senators Honeyford, Hatfield, Chase, and Brown
Preserving the common law interpretation and application of the vested rights doctrine. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Increasing certainty and predictability in the land use permit process.)
(Absent, 0; excused, 0.
SB 5954-S  by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
  (originally sponsored by Senators Braun,
  Bailey, Hill, Becker, Fain, Miloscia, Parlette, Angel,
  Schoesler, Brown, Litzow, Warnick, Honeyford, Sheldon,
  Rivers, Roach, and Benton)

Reducing tuition.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/11/15)
  Establishes the college affordability program to reduce tuition.
  -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
  Feb 27  WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
        substituted, do pass.
        Minority; do not pass.
        Minority; without recommendation.
        Passed to Rules Committee for second
        reading.
  Mar 4   Placed on second reading by Rules
        Committee.
  Mar 11  1st substitute bill substituted.
        Floor amendment(s) adopted.
        Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
        Third reading, passed; yeas, 37; nays, 12;
        absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 6081  by Senators Baumgartner, Hasegawa, Conway,
  and Braun

Creating a labor and industries ombuds within the
  department of commerce.
  Creates the ombuds for employers in the department of commerce.
  Authorizes the ombuds to: (1) Act as an advocate for
  employers in interactions with the department of labor and
  industries;
        (2) Offer and provide information on department of
            labor and industries programs as appropriate to employers;
        (3) Identify, investigate, and facilitate resolution of
            employer complaints relating to department of labor and
            industries programs; and
        (4) Maintain a statewide toll-free telephone number for
            the receipt of complaints and inquiries.
  -- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
  Mar 12  First reading, referred to Commerce &
        Labor.