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House Bills

HB 2829 by Representatives Chandler and Manweller

Addressing collective bargaining.

Requires certain collective bargaining sessions involving contract negotiations to be open to the public.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2830 by Representative Chandler

Addressing fiscal notes and fiscal impact statements.

Requires the office of financial management, in consultation with the economic and revenue forecast council, to establish the process and methodology for dynamic fiscal impact statements and dynamic impact estimates.

Prohibits dynamic fiscal impact statements from being updated when a bill or resolution is substantively amended during a legislative session.

Requires fiscal notes dealing with corrections, child welfare, and mental health issues to include an estimate of the fiscal impact of expenditure reductions or increases on other state or local program expenditures as well as any return on investment as a result of the legislation.

Requires the director of the office of financial management and the director of the state institute for public policy to convene a work group to explore the establishment of a nonpartisan agency to conduct objective, impartial fiscal analysis on behalf of the legislature.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2831 by Representative Hurst

Assisting small businesses licensed to sell liquor in Washington state.

Revises alcoholic beverage control provisions with regard to: (1) Penalties imposed on licensees for failure to pay the license issuance fee;

(2) Offering price and volume discounts to purchasers for resale;

(3) Subjecting certain spirits retail licensees to provisions regarding the payment of license issuance fees;

(4) Locations in which a retailer, authorized to sell both wine and spirits for consumption off the licensed premises, can accept delivery of wine and spirits; and

(5) The establishment of a wine retailer reseller endorsement to a beer and/or wine specialty shop license.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Jan 26 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Gaming at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

HB 2832 by Representatives Tharinger and Riccelli; by request of Department of Health

Concerning physician limited licenses.

Addresses the medical quality assurance commission's issuance of limited licenses for physicians.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2833 by Representatives Young, Santos, Magendanz, Stanford, and Ortiz-Self

Establishing a competitive educational grant program to promote confidence, public speaking, and leadership skills in students.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to establish a competitive grant program to award grants to school districts for the promotion of confidence, public speaking, and leadership skills in students in grades two through five.

Expires June 30, 2019.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2834 by Representatives Senn, Walsh, Kagi, Fey, Kilduff, Stanford, and McBride; by request of Washington State Department of Commerce

Concerning implementation of the homeless youth prevention and protection act of 2015.

Authorizes the department of social and health services, for the purpose of providing for the service needs of youth who are in foster care, to disclose to the department of commerce, and its contractors, those confidential child welfare records that pertain to or may assist with meeting the service needs of youth admitted to crisis residential centers or HOPE centers under contract to the office of homeless youth prevention and protection.

Authorizes a person thirteen years of age or older to give consent for the collection of his or her personally identifying information for purposes of the Washington homeless client management information system.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2835 by Representatives Tharinger, Cody, Johnson, Harris, Appleton, Fey, Kilduff, and Goodman

Creating a public information system regarding people with dementia.

Requires the department of social and health services to develop a purple card alert system for caregivers of individuals with dementia to use to alert others they encounter while caring for a person with dementia about their companion's dementia condition.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2836 by Representatives Farrell, Frame, Senn, Peterson, S. Hunt, and Pollet

Concerning liability insurance requirements for firearm owners and purchasers.

Prohibits a person from purchasing a firearm unless, at the time of the purchase, he or she presents to the seller proof that he or she is covered by a qualified liability insurance policy.

Prohibits a person from selling a firearm unless, at the time of the sale, he or she verifies that the purchaser is covered by a qualified liability insurance policy.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2837 by Representatives Farrell, Pollet, Frame, and Walkinshaw

Establishing a legislative task force on common school class size in school districts with more than forty-five thousand students.

Creates the legislative task force on common school class size in school districts with more than forty-five thousand students.

Requires the task force to review the following issues: (1) Discrepancies, if any, between class sizes established in allocation provisions in RCW 28A.150.260 and actual class sizes in the elementary, middle, and high schools of school districts with more than forty-five thousand students; and

(2) Barriers, if any, to better aligning class sizes established in allocation provisions in RCW 28A.150.260 with actual class sizes of schools in districts with more than forty-five thousand students.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2838 by Representatives Klippert and Hayes; by request of Department of Corrections

Clarifying the department of corrections' authority to impose conditions prohibiting contact with other persons, even if the offender is not a sex offender.

Clarifies the authority of the department of corrections to impose conditions prohibiting contact with other persons, even if the offender is not a sex offender.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Public Safety (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2839 by Representatives Springer and Nealey

Providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain new building construction to be used by maintenance repair operators for airplane repair and maintenance.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on charges for labor and services rendered in respect to the constructing of new buildings made to: (1) Eligible maintenance repair operators engaged in the maintenance of airplanes; or

(2) Port districts, political subdivisions, or municipal corporations, if the new building is to be leased to an eligible maintenance repair operator engaged in the maintenance of airplanes.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2840 by Representatives Pettigrew, Chandler, Blake, and Buys

Establishing a water discharge permit for concentrated animal feeding operations that is issued under the sole authority of state law.

Establishes the dairy farm and water resource sustainability act.

Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of agriculture, to establish a general permit that is available to concentrated animal feeding operations that discharge exclusively to groundwater.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2841 by Representatives Senn and Buys

Concerning the state building code council.

Imposes a temporary surcharge of one dollar on each residential building permit issued by a county or a city and a temporary surcharge of five dollars and fifty cents for each nonresidential building permit issued by a county or a city.

Changes the composition and duties of the state building code council.

Requires the department of enterprise services to employ permanent and temporary staff and contract for services for the state building code council.

Creates the legislative task force on the state building code council's administration and operations.

Requires the task force to review certain issues with regard to the state building code council and the state building code.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Local Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2842 by Representatives Schmick, Wylie, Nealey, Reykdal, Dye, and Walsh

Financing of improvements for state-owned lands to be transferred for private development.

Authorizes a city to finance public improvements using state land improvement financing subject to certain conditions.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2843 by Representatives McBride, Stanford, Walkinshaw, and Santos

Supporting affordable housing.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit and a public utility tax credit for approved contributions that are made by a person to the affordable housing account.

Requires an application for tax credits to be made to the department of revenue before making a contribution to the affordable housing account.

Creates the Washington affordable housing account.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2844 by Representatives Ormsby, Sells, Frame, Gregerson, Moscoso, Bergquist, Jinkins, Cody, Peterson, Robinson, Farrell, Riccelli, Sawyer, Pollet, Reykdal, Kilduff, Stanford, Walkinshaw, McBride, and Santos

Adding training on public works and prevailing wage requirements to responsible bidder criteria.

Requires a bidder, before award of a public works contract, to also meet the following responsibility criteria to be considered a responsible bidder and qualified to be awarded a public works project: Have attended training from the department of labor and industries or a training program approved by the department relating to the requirements associated with public works and prevailing wage under chapters 39.04 and 39.12 RCW.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Jan 28 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 2845 by Representatives Ormsby, Sells, Frame, Gregerson, Moscoso, Bergquist, Jinkins, Cody, Peterson, Robinson, Farrell, Riccelli, Sawyer, Pollet, Appleton, Reykdal, Kilduff, Stanford, and Walkinshaw

Addressing the time period for workers to recover wages under prevailing wage laws.

Provides that the time period for recovery of wages owed to a worker affected by a determination of the prevailing rate of wage is tolled until the prevailing wage determination is final.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Jan 28 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace

Standards at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 2846 by Representatives Ormsby, Sells, Frame, Gregerson, Moscoso, Bergquist, Jinkins, Cody, Peterson, Robinson, Farrell, Riccelli, Sawyer, Pollet, Appleton, Reykdal, Kilduff, Stanford, Walkinshaw, and Santos

Addressing compliance with apprenticeship utilization requirements.

Modifies public works provisions with regard to bidding on public works contracts and compliance by apprentices of labor hour requirements.

Requires the supervisor of apprenticeship to monitor compliance by contractors and awarding agencies of apprenticeship utilization requirements.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Jan 28 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 2847 by Representative Rossetti

Creating an exemption to the definition of substantial development in chapter 90.58 RCW relating to the retrofitting of existing structures to accommodate physical access by individuals with disabilities.

Excludes from the definition of "substantial development," for purposes of the shoreline management act, the external or internal retrofitting of an existing structure with the exclusive purpose of compliance with the Americans with disabilities act of 1990 or to otherwise provide physical access to the structure by individuals with disabilities.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Environment (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2848 by Representatives Frame, Kuderer, Cody, Reykdal, Kilduff, Peterson, Van De Wege, Springer, Ortiz-Self, Bergquist, Farrell, S. Hunt, Pollet, Walkinshaw, and McBride

Addressing the influence of corporations and money in our political system.

Establishes the government of, by, and for the people act.

Declares that the legislature supports amending the United States Constitution to eliminate the undue influence of concentrated money and political power on elections and governmental policy. The amendment would overturn decisions by the United States supreme court extending constitutional rights to corporations and other artificial legal entities as well as those decisions equating the spending of money with free speech. It also provides for the regulation and disclosure of political contributions and spending.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2849 by Representatives Goodman, Springer, Stambaugh, Sullivan, and Kilduff

Adding certain commissioned court marshals of city police departments to the definition of uniformed personnel for the purpose of public employees' collective bargaining.

Revises the definition of "uniformed personnel," for purposes of public employees' collective bargaining, to include certain commissioned court marshals of city police departments.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2850 by Representatives Walkinshaw, Robinson, Riccelli, Peterson, Stanford, Ortiz-Self, McBride, and Goodman

Providing continuity of care for recipients of medical assistance during periods of incarceration.

Requires the state health care authority to: (1) Suspend, rather than terminate, medical assistance benefits by July 1, 2017, for persons who are incarcerated; and

(2) Collaborate with the department of social and health services, the Washington state association of counties, and accountable communities of health to improve population health and reduce avoidable use of intensive services and settings by requesting expenditure authority from the federal government to provide behavioral health services to persons who are incarcerated in local jails.

Requires the department of social and health services and the state health care authority to publish written guidance and provide trainings to behavioral health organizations, managed care organizations, and behavioral health providers related to how they can provide outreach, assistance, transition planning, and rehabilitation case management reimbursable under federal law to persons who are incarcerated, involuntarily hospitalized, or in the process of transitioning out of one of these services.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2851 by Representatives Frame, Magendanz, Bergquist, Hargrove, Pollet, Harris, Moscoso, Muri, S. Hunt, Pettigrew, Springer, Kagi, Kuderer, Clibborn, Sawyer, Cody, Stanford, Ormsby, Senn, Farrell, Hudgins, Moeller, Kochmar, and Santos

Increasing compensation for school directors in districts enrolling twenty thousand or more students.

Authorizes each member of the board of directors of a school district that enrolls twenty thousand students or more to receive compensation for attending board meetings and for performing other services on behalf of the school district.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2852 by Representatives Hudgins, S. Hunt, and Stanford

Establishing standards for election data and reporting.

Requires the secretary of state to develop statewide election data and reporting standards for how election-related data is maintained and reported by each county auditor.

Requires records of ballots counted and rejected to be made available to the public at the end of each day that the county auditor has processed ballots during and after an election.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2853 by Representatives Hudgins and S. Hunt

Addressing certification requirements for elections administrators.

Authorizes elections professionals who meet certain qualifications to participate in training and certificate programs and testing administered by the secretary of state.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2854 by Representatives Hudgins, S. Hunt, and Stanford

Requiring the secretary of state to conduct and publish a statewide survey of ballot rejection practices.

Requires the secretary of state to conduct and publish a statewide survey of voted ballot rejection rates and reasons for those rejections by county auditors and canvassing boards.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to State Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2855 by Representatives Sells and Kilduff

Addressing prior military service credit for members of the teachers' retirement system, plans 2 and 3.

Modifies plans 2 and 3 of the teachers' retirement system as follows: A member is also entitled to retirement system service credit for up to five years of service as an

active duty member of the uniformed services of the United States before employment by an employer.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2856 by Representatives DeBolt, Tharinger, Van De Wege, and Stanford

Establishing the office of Chehalis river basin flood risk reduction.

Creates the office of Chehalis river basin flood risk reduction in the department of ecology to administer funding for an integrated strategy of long-term flood damage reduction and aquatic species restoration in the Chehalis river basin.

Requires the department of ecology, in operating the office, to work collaboratively with the governor's Chehalis basin work group and follow, to the greatest extent practicable, the model being used to administer the Columbia river basin water supply program established in chapter 6, Laws of 2006.

Creates the Chehalis river basin flood risk reduction account.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Capital Budget (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2857 by Representatives Blake, Harris, Rossetti, Walsh, Wilcox, Fey, and Kilduff

Concerning tax incentives that will promote the manufacturing and use of sustainable wood materials.

Provides a business and occupation tax deduction for amounts derived from the manufacturing or sale of cross-laminated timber.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for the charges made for labor and services rendered by any person with respect to the constructing of a new building that meets certain conditions, or the charges for sales of tangible personal property that becomes an ingredient or component of a building during the course of the constructing of a new building that meets certain conditions.

Expires July 1, 2023.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2858 by Representatives S. Hunt, Hudgins, Appleton, Kilduff, Stanford, Pollet, and Santos

Creating an office of the developmental disabilities ombuds.

Creates the office of the developmental disabilities ombuds within the department of commerce to inform individuals with disabilities of their rights and responsibilities.

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

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2859 by Representatives S. Hunt, Hudgins, and Santos

Concerning credit report security freezes.

Addresses the placement of a security freeze on a consumer credit report.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 6486 by Senator Rivers

Concerning penalties for marijuana offenses.

Addresses the possession and delivery of useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana concentrates.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 6487 by Senators Becker, Baumgartner, Angel, Dansel, Braun, Brown, Bailey, Warnick, Honeyford, King, Hewitt, and Dammeier

Addressing the use of force in self-defense.

Provides that homicide is justifiable when committed in the event the slayer had a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself, herself, or another person in a dwelling, residence, other place of abode, or occupied vehicle.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 6488 by Senators Becker, Parlette, Dammeier, Schoesler, Brown, Bailey, Honeyford, and King

Directing the health care authority to apply for a federal innovation waiver to expand an employer-based coverage option with a portable health care account.

Requires the state health care authority to: (1) In consultation with the office of the insurance commissioner, apply to the federal government for a waiver to permit employers in this state to integrate certain employer health care arrangements with individual market policies; and

(2) In preparing the application, provide public notice and a comment period before submitting the application.

Requires the process to include a separate process for meaningful consultation with the federally recognized Indian tribes.

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

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 6489 by Senators Becker, Liias, Rivers, Bailey, Parlette, Braun, Angel, Brown, Schoesler, Warnick, Honeyford, Dammeier, Pearson, Billig, King, and Hewitt

Concerning fire suppression volunteers.

Requires the department of natural resources, in order to maximize the effective use of qualified wildland fire suppression volunteers, to: (1) Compile and maintain a master list of qualified wildland fire suppression volunteers who have valid incident qualifications for the kind of volunteer work to be performed;

(2) Make the lists of volunteers available to county legislative authorities, emergency management departments, and local fire districts;

(3) Cooperate with federal wildland firefighting agencies to maximize, based on predicted need, the efficient use of local resources in close proximity to wildland fire incidents;

(4) Provide all necessary safety and fire suppression equipment at no cost to each volunteer; and

(5) Maintain its inventory of safety and fire suppression equipment for volunteers in good condition and conduct periodic inspections to ensure safety.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 6490 by Senators Becker, Pearson, Bailey, Parlette, Dansel, Dammeier, and Honeyford

Concerning fire suppression methodologies.

Requires the department of natural resources to report the following to the legislature: (1) Information on long-term fire retardants, foams, and gels; and

(2) Recommendations for necessary legislative action to improve the protection of structures from wildfires.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 6491 by Senators Pedersen and Roach; by request of Secretary of State

Concerning apostille or other signature or attestation services by the secretary of state.

Authorizes the secretary of state to attest to: (1) The authenticity of the signature of a public official in the state; and

(2) The authenticity of, or certify a signature of, a notary public under certain circumstances.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 6492 by Senators Pedersen and Roach; by request of Secretary of State

Concerning filing documents with the corporations division of the secretary of state's office.

Revises secretary of state provisions with regard to:
(1) Electronic signatures on and transmission of certified documents required or authorized to be filed;

(2) Summary face sheets and cover sheets and expedited review of a document filed by a limited liability company;

(3) The domestic partnership registry; and

(4) The repeal of bureau of statistics statutes.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Held at the Desk.

SB 6493 by Senators Ranker, Pedersen, McCoy, Frockt, Keiser, Takko, Nelson, Cleveland, Carlyle, Rolfes, Chase, Darneille, Mullet, and Conway

Declaring that it is an unfair practice for any employer who provides health insurance to its employees as part of an employee's benefit package to not include contraceptive coverage as part of the benefit package, to fail to comply with federal rules adopted under the affordable care act relating to the provision of contraceptive coverage, or to discriminate against any employee based on that employee's use of any reproductive health care service, drug, or device.

Establishes the employee reproductive choice act.

Declares an intent to clarify that, in this state, barrier-free access to birth control remains a fundamental right and that discriminating against women through limitations on access to essential health benefits is against the public policy of this state and subject to the jurisdiction of the human rights commission and the state's law against discrimination.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 6494 by Senators Darneille, Frockt, Rivers, O'Ban, Conway, Carlyle, Rolfes, Keiser, McAuliffe, and Hasegawa

Increasing access to adequate and appropriate mental health services for children and youth.

Creates the children's mental health work group to identify barriers to access of mental health services for children and families and to advise the legislature on statewide mental health services for this population.

Requires the state health care authority and the department of social and health services to report to the appropriate legislative committees on the status of access to behavioral health services for children from birth through age seventeen.

Requires the state health care authority to require universal screening and provider payment for depression for children ages eleven through twenty-one as recommended by the bright futures guidelines of the American academy of pediatrics.

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

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 22 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

SB 6495 by Senators O'Ban, Darneille, and Pedersen; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Concerning notification requirements for the department of social and health services.

Addresses the notification requirements of the department of social and health services.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

SB 6496 by Senators King, Conway, Warnick, Keiser, and Hewitt; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Concerning the compliance of certain conversion vending units and medical units with certain department of labor and industries requirements.

Addresses conversion vending units and medical units and their compliance with certain requirements of the department of labor and industries.

Requires the department of labor and industries to convene an advisory committee to identify any additional conversion vending units to exempt from plan review under section 1(1) of this act.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

SB 6497 by Senators Hargrove, O'Ban, Darneille, Miloscia, Litzow, McAuliffe, and Conway

Providing court-based and school-based intervention and prevention efforts to promote attendance and reduce truancy.

Promotes attendance and reduces truancy by providing court-based and school-based intervention and prevention efforts.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

SB 6498 by Senators Fain, Frockt, Pedersen, Angel, and Rolfes

Creating a testamentary privilege for alcohol or drug addiction recovery sponsors.

Prohibits an individual who acts as a sponsor providing guidance, emotional support, and counseling in an individualized manner to a person participating in an alcohol or drug addiction recovery fellowship from testifying in a civil action or proceeding about any communication made by the sponsee to the individual except with the written authorization of the sponsee or, in the case of death or disability, the sponsee's personal representative.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 6499 by Senators Pedersen and O'Ban; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Concerning electronic payments to the division of child support when remitting funds in response to an order to withhold income.

Requires an employer or other business that has received an income withholding order from the department of social and health services requiring payment to the Washington state support registry to remit payments through electronic funds transfer when certain conditions apply.

Authorizes the division of child support to issue a notice of noncompliance to any person, firm, entity, or agency of state or federal government that it believes is not complying with the duty of a business, employer, or payroll processor that has received an income withholding order from the department of social and health services requiring payment to the Washington state support registry to remit withheld funds by electronic means.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 6500 by Senator Miloscia

Concerning aquatic lands management.

Requires the state auditor's office to conduct a performance audit of the department of natural resources focused on its contract management procedures for state-owned aquatic lands.

Prohibits the department of natural resources from granting any easement or other right in aquatic lands unless certain conditions are met.

Requires the department of natural resources to study the application of the Baldrige quality management framework or equivalent performance management system to its own activities and report its findings to the governor and the relevant legislative policy and fiscal committees.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Accountability & Reform.

SB 6501 by Senator Braun

Authorizing the use of certain cargo extensions that connect to a recreational vehicle frame.

Authorizes recreational vehicles to use certain cargo extensions.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Jan 27 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM. (Subject to change)

SB 6502 by Senators Hargrove and Frockt

Concerning forest fire prevention and suppression.

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Impose an annual per parcel assessment of four dollars and ninety-five cents for every taxable parcel of land within the state that is not subject to the forest fire protection assessment;

(2) Transfer ten percent of the revenue collected from the parcel assessments specified above into the military department active state service account; and

(3) Create a prescribed burn manager certification program for those who practice prescribed burning in the state.

Requires Central Washington University to develop: (1) A bachelor of science degree program for wildfire behavior forecasting; and

(2) A specialized wildfire management certification course to train wildfire professionals.

Makes appropriations.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 6503 by Senators Padden and Frockt

Concerning the reliability of incentivized evidence and testimony.

Allows the court, unless waived by the defense and at the discretion of the court, before the state may introduce any live or prior testimony of an informant in a trial or other criminal proceeding, to assess the informant's statement to determine whether the time and place, substance, and circumstances provide sufficient indicia of reliability to be considered by the jury.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

Jan 26 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 6504 by Senators Hargrove, Ranker, and Hasegawa; by request of Office of Financial Management

Making appropriations from the budget stabilization account.

Makes appropriations from the budget stabilization account as follows: (1) To the department of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife for fire suppression costs incurred during the 2015 fire season; and

(2) To the Washington state patrol for state fire service resource mobilization costs incurred in response to certain emergencies or disasters.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6505 by Senators Chase and Hasegawa

Addressing the influence of corporations and money in our political system.

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Declares that the legislature supports amending the United States Constitution to eliminate the undue influence of concentrated money and political power on elections and governmental policy. The amendment would overturn decisions by the United States supreme court extending constitutional rights to corporations and other artificial legal entities as well as those decisions equating the spending of money with free speech. It also provides

for the regulation and disclosure of political contributions and spending.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 6506 by Senators Chase, Darneille, and Hasegawa

Establishing the legislative task force for rail transportation in Washington state.

Creates the legislative task force for rail transportation in Washington state.

Requires the task force to develop recommendations that include a short-term action plan and a long-term action plan for the legislature to support and sustain the rail industry and passenger rail.

Provides for termination and review, under the sunset act, of the legislative task force for rail transportation in Washington state.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Jan 27 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM. (Subject to change)

SB 6507 by Senators Chase and Hasegawa

Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.

Addresses exposures to pesticides and notifications of pesticide applications.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6508 by Senator Chase

Concerning public works assistance account loan repayment.

Authorizes local governments owing repayment amounts, in any fiscal year during which no new loans from the public works assistance account are authorized by the legislature, to not remit those payments, and the principal of those payments are forgiven.

Requires those local governments choosing to not make the payments to deposit the amount of the payment in the jurisdiction's capital projects account.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 6509 by Senator Baumgartner

Concerning contingency planning for the state route number 99 Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project.

Prohibits the department of transportation from tearing down the state route number 99 Alaskan Way viaduct structure.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6510 by Senators Parlette and Pearson

Concerning the smoke management plan.

Requires the department of natural resources, in consultation with the department of ecology, other relevant state and federal agencies, and public and private landowners engaged in silvicultural forest burning, to update the smoke management plan to increase transparency and predictability for prescribed burns.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 6511 by Senators Parlette, Hargrove, Pearson, and Conway

Concerning forest health through prudent wildfire prevention.

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) In order to ensure the most efficient and effective mobilization of the state's fire prevention resources, identify: (a) Communities most vulnerable during wildfire season; (b) lands protected by the department that are geographically positioned to potentially threaten the vulnerable communities in case of wildfire; and (c) lands located outside of the department's fire protection responsibilities that are geographically positioned to potentially threaten the vulnerable communities in case of wildfire;

(2) Develop a twenty-year strategic plan to treat the 2.7 million acres of forestland identified by the department as being in poor forest health condition;

(3) Create a prescribed burn manager certification program for those who practice prescribed burning in the state; and

(4) Encourage mechanical thinning and prescribed burning when appropriate for forest health improvement and fire prevention.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 6512 by Senators Baumgartner and Conway

Requiring that a certain percentage of state need grant recipients be pursuing degrees in STEM subjects.

Requires at least twenty-five percent of the funding appropriated for state need grants to be awarded to students pursuing degrees in STEM subjects.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 6513 by Senators Warnick, Hobbs, Parlette, Takko, Hargrove, and Honeyford

Concerning reservations of water.

Requires the department of ecology to act on all water rights applications which may rely on reservations of water established under the authority of RCW 90.54.020(3)(a) included in a rule, setting minimum instream flows and levels for water resource inventory area 45.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6514 by Senator Billig

Concerning county commissioner elections.

Addresses the elections of county commissioners.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 6515 by Senators O'Ban, Dammeier, and Warnick

Requiring the superintendent of public instruction to develop an elective firearms safety and hunter education course for high school students.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the department of fish and wildlife, to develop a program of instruction for firearms safety and hunter education for students in grades nine through twelve that satisfies hunting license prerequisite requirements.

Authorizes a school district to adopt the program as an elective one-half credit course to instruct students in grades nine through twelve, or grades ten through twelve if grade nine is not offered at the high school, in the content area addressed by the curriculum.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6516 by Senators Fraser, Sheldon, Nelson, McCoy, Hasegawa, and Chase

Recognizing the month of September as the month of the kindergartener.

Declares the month of September as the month of the kindergartener.

Encourages elementary schools to determine a method to celebrate new kindergarteners as they begin their life in education.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6517 by Senators Keiser, Rolfes, Chase, Habib, Frockt, and Conway

Increasing equitable gender representation on state boards and commissions.

Requires the office of financial management to submit a report to the governor and both houses of the legislature describing the gender composition of all boards and commissions in which the governor possesses appointment power and the boards of trustees of institutions of higher education.

Requires, by January 1, 2022, each board and commission in which the governor possesses appointment power and each board of trustees of an institution of higher education to have no fewer than one-third of its membership comprising females and no fewer than one third of its membership comprising males.

Requires, by January 1, 2032, each board and commission in which the governor possesses appointment power and each board of trustees of an institution of higher education to demonstrate substantial equity standards and have no fewer than one-third of its

membership comprising females and no fewer than one-third of its membership comprising males.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.

SB 6518 by Senators Miloscia, Jayapal, and Chase

Creating a department of housing.

Creates the department of housing to ensure that every citizen has a place to call home.

Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of commerce pertaining to housing, including homelessness, to the department of housing.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

SB 6519 by Senators Becker, Cleveland, Dammeier, Frockt, Brown, Angel, Rivers, Bailey, Keiser, Conway, Fain, Carlyle, Rolfes, Chase, and Parlette

Expanding patient access to health services through telemedicine and establishing a collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine.

Creates the collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine to enhance the understanding and use of health services provided through telemedicine and other similar models in the state.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 First reading, referred to Health Care.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8019 by Senators Conway, Dammeier, Hobbs, Darneille, King, O'Ban, Roach, and Hasegawa

Requesting that a portion of state route number 509 be named the Philip Martin Lelli Memorial Highway.

Requests that a portion of state route number 509 be named the Philip Martin Lelli Memorial Highway.

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