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House Bills

HB 1003 by Representatives Hawkins, Lytton, Magendanz, Bergquist, Hayes, Robinson, Parker, Ortiz-Self, Harris, Reykdal, Johnson, Senn, Muri, Farrell, Klippert, Pollet, Nealey, Manweller, Kretz, Hargrove, Appleton, Gregerson, Condotta, Kilduff, and Walkinshaw

Concerning the development of a model policy on natural disaster school infrastructure recovery.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 1/27/16)

Requires the state school directors' association to: (1) Develop a model policy addressing restoration of the safe learning environment disrupted by natural disaster impacts to school district infrastructures; and

(2) Distribute the model policy to school districts, with encouragement to adopt the model policy locally and review the safe school plan.

Expires September 1, 2017.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Dec 5 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 12 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Jan 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 26 ED - Executive action taken by committee.
ED - Majority; do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 29 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 5 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 9 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE SENATE --

- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- Mar 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.
- Apr 24 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.
-- 2015 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Apr 29 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
-- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --
- May 29 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
-- 2015 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
- Jun 28 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 11 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
- Jan 22 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on third reading.
- Jan 27 Returned to second reading for amendment.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2929 by Representatives Parker, Ormsby, and Pollet
Concerning temporary homeless housing by religious organizations.

Addresses a religious organization's hosting of temporary encampments for the homeless on property owned and/or controlled by the religious organization.

Prohibits a city, town, code city, or county from enacting an ordinance or regulation or taking any other action that: (1) Requires the installation of fire sprinklers

or any structural modification to the size of windows or doors in buildings that were built in accordance with the laws at the time of construction; or

(2) Changes the certificate of occupancy for a building.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2930 by Representatives Parker and Riccelli

Reducing the population requirement in a consortium of counties in order to operate a juvenile correctional facility.

Addresses exceptions to juvenile probation counselor and detention services being administered by the superior court.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2931 by Representatives Stanford and Ormsby

Restricting the use of noncompetition agreements.

Modifies certain labor regulations provisions with regard to noncompetition agreements.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 1 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)
Feb 2 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

HB 2932 by Representatives Blake, Rossetti, and Condotta

Authorizing cities and counties to approve the use of alternatives to the state building code.

Authorizes the city or county legislative authority to adopt requirements for alternative materials, alternative nationally recognized standards, or innovative designs and methods of construction and allow for their approval as a recognized alternative in compliance with the requirements of the state building code and the state building code act.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2933 by Representatives Gregerson, Santos, and Ryu

Concerning small works rosters.

Requires the office of minority and women's business enterprises to identify state agencies and educational institutions: (1) In the lowest quintile of utilization of minority and women-owned contractors as a percentage of all contracts issued by the agency;

(2) In the lowest quintile of the dollar value awarded to minority and women-owned contractors as a percentage of the dollar value of all contracts issued by the agency; and

(3) That are performing significantly below their established goals, as determined by the office.

Establishes an investigation unit within the office for the purpose of detecting and investigating fraud and violations.

Modifies small works roster contract procedures and the limited public works process.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2934 by Representatives Moscoso, Manweller, Gregerson, Klippert, Tarleton, Pike, Morris, Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Haler, Ormsby, and Condotta

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 28 First reading, referred to Transportation (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2935 by Representatives Van Werven, Klippert, Caldier, Short, Buys, Wilson, Hargrove, Haler, Zeiger, and Shea

Concerning human rights commission rules on gender segregated facilities.

Requires the human rights commission to repeal WAC 162-32-060 (gender-segregated facilities).

Prohibits the human rights commission from initiating a rule-making procedure that involves the subject of gender-segregated facilities.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2936 by Representatives Senn and Chandler; by request of State Treasurer

Concerning public investments.

Modifies provisions relating to public investments.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2937 by Representative Klippert

Encouraging the department of licensing and other licensing entities to ask vehicle owners about purchasing a discover pass upon registration.

Encourages the department of licensing, county auditors or other agents, or subagents appointed by the director of the department of licensing to ask a vehicle owner who registers a vehicle whether he or she would like to purchase a discover pass.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to General Government & Information Technology (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2938 by Representatives Orcutt and Walkinshaw

Encouraging participation in Washington trade conventions by modifying tax provisions related to establishing substantial nexus.

Prohibits the department of revenue, for purposes of business and occupation taxes, state retail sales and use taxes, and local retail sales and use taxes, from considering the mere attendance of one or more representatives of a person at a single trade convention per year in this state in determining if the person is physically present in this state for the purposes of establishing substantial nexus with this state.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2939 by Representatives Stokesbary and Pollet

Requiring the department of social and health services to collect and publicly report information on the safe surrender of newborn children.

Requires the department of social and health services to collect and compile information concerning: (1) The number and medical condition of newborns transferred by the parent to a qualified person after the effective date of this act;

(2) The number and medical condition of newborns abandoned within the state who were not transferred after the effective date of this act; and

(3) Report its findings to the public annually, which may be on its web site.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2940 by Representatives McCabe, Cody, Klippert, Dent, Wilson, Harris, Kochmar, McBride, Johnson, Pike, Haler, Ormsby, and Shea

Establishing the crime of voyeurism in the second degree. Creates the crime of voyeurism in the second degree.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Public Safety (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4014 by Representatives Stanford, Blake, Van De Wege, Pettigrew, Ryu, Lytton, and Pollet

Concerning the reintroduction of salmon and steelhead above blocked areas of the Columbia river.

Urges the federal government and the region to pursue the reintroduction of salmon and steelhead above the Chief Joseph and Grand Coulee dams through a pragmatic and science-based phased approach.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 5145-S by Senate Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Dammeier, Frockt, Becker, Bailey, Rivers, and Brown)

Concerning the membership of the health technology clinical committee. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning the health technology clinical committee membership and rotating experts.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 1/27/16)

Requires at least one member of the health technology clinical committee to be appointed from nominations submitted by the Washington state medical association or the Washington state osteopathic medical association.

Requires any rotating clinical expert selected to advise the committee to be a nonvoting member of the committee.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 9 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 10 HLTH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 3 Placed on second reading consent calendar. 1st substitute bill substituted.

- Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Mar 5 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Mar 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.
- Mar 26 HCW - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.
- Mar 31 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Apr 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Apr 15 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Apr 24 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.
-- 2015 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Apr 29 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
-- 2015 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --
- May 29 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
-- 2015 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
- Jun 28 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 11 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
- Jan 20 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.
- Jan 27 Rules suspended.
Returned to second reading for amendment.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- SB 6590** by Senators Fraser and Liias
Authorizing certain public transportation benefit areas to impose a sales and use tax increase approved by voters.
Authorizes the legislative body of a public transportation benefit area located in a county with a population of more than two hundred fifty thousand but less than four hundred thousand, that also contains two or more cities with a population of at least forty thousand, to submit an authorizing proposition to the voters and if approved, impose a sales and use tax.
-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6591** by Senators Hobbs, Fain, Jayapal, and Liias; by request of Department of Licensing
Concerning the issuance of nondomiciled commercial drivers' licenses and commercial learners' permits to nonresidents.
Revises the definition of "to drive, operate, or be in physical control of a vehicle" for purposes of the uniform commercial driver's license act.
Exempts the following from providing a social security number: An applicant for a nondomiciled commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit who is domiciled in a foreign country and who has not been issued a social security number.
Authorizes the department of licensing to issue a nondomiciled commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit to a person who is a nonresident if certain conditions are met.
-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6592** by Senators Jayapal, Miloscia, Darneille, Cleveland, Frockt, Conway, Chase, Hasegawa, Keiser, and McAuliffe
Modifying notice requirements for rent increases under the residential landlord-tenant act.
Authorizes a new rule of tenancy, including a change in rent, to become effective upon completion of the term of the rental agreement and after thirty days' written notice to each affected tenant, unless otherwise agreed to by mutual consent.
Authorizes a city, town, county, or municipal corporation that is required to develop a comprehensive plan under the growth management act to require, after reasonable notice to the public and a public hearing, up to ninety days' written notice for a change in rent exceeding five percent of the tenant's current rent.
-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.
- SB 6593** by Senators Carlyle, Rivers, Keiser, Conway, Roach, and Jayapal
Promoting greater fairness for taxpayers in prescription drug costs by pursuing prices that are aligned with or lower than the negotiated prices available to the United States veterans administration.
Requires a state agency entering into an agreement with the manufacturer, distributor, or pharmacy benefit manager of any prescription drug to: (1) Ensure that the purchase price of the drug reflects all available rebates, cash discounts, volume discounts, donations, and other discounts or credits available to the agency; and
(2) In making this determination, consider the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States department of veterans affairs and seek a price for the prescription drug that is the same as or less than the price paid by the department of veterans affairs.
Requires the office of financial management to provide a report to the legislative fiscal committees on: (1) The total dollar amount spent on prescription drugs during the previous fiscal year; and

(2) To the extent permitted by federal law, monthly costs of prescriptions, broken down by state agency or program.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 6594 by Senators Liias, Rivers, Fain, Habib, and King

Expanding requirements for certain driver's license applicants and intermediate license holders.

Requires a person eighteen to twenty-one years of age, who is applying for his or her first Washington state driver's license and who did not complete a course in traffic safety education, to complete a young driver risk prevention traffic safety course offered by a licensed driver training school.

Creates the young driver safety education program within the department of licensing to provide financial assistance to indigent persons who are required to enroll in a young driver risk prevention traffic safety course.

Requires a licensed driver training school to offer a young driver risk prevention traffic safety course.

Requires the department of licensing to establish standards and requirements to ensure timely access to high-quality, affordable young driver risk prevention traffic safety courses throughout the state.

Requires an applicant for an intermediate license to have possessed a valid instruction permit for a period of not less than one year.

Creates the young driver safety education account.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6595 by Senators Liias, Rivers, Rolfes, Fain, and King

Concerning driver regulation programs.

Requires the department of licensing, in consultation with the traffic safety commission and other traffic safety stakeholders, to: (1) Develop a program for a driver improvement course for habitual offenders nearing suspension of their driving privilege; and

(2) Develop and submit to the legislature a program for vehicle insurance verification as part of the process of licensing and regulating drivers in the state.

Requires the department of licensing to: (1) Contract with a local provider or providers for a driver improvement course to be offered to habitual offenders; and

(2) Develop options for a subsidy program for indigent people to access the driver improvement course.

Creates the high-risk driver improvement account.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6596 by Senators Hill and Hargrove; by request of State Treasurer

Concerning public investments.

Modifies provisions relating to public investments.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6597 by Senator Keiser

Creating a task force on injured workers' independent medical exams.

Creates the joint legislative task force on injured workers' independent medical exams and requires the task force to: (1) Collect and review data on the frequency and use of independent medical exams for state fund exams and self-insurer exams;

(2) Oversee a survey of workers, attending medical providers, independent medical examiners, and other critical stakeholders to identify areas of needed improvement;

(3) Examine options for increased communication with injured workers regarding the purpose and need for independent medical exams and with claims adjusters and attending medical providers with the goal of decreasing the need for some independent medical exams;

(4) Review current independent medical exam certification and exam processes; and

(5) Examine the statutes and regulations from other jurisdictions as they relate to reducing the frequency of independent medical exams.

Expires July 31, 2017.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

SB 6598 by Senators Rivers, Billig, Litzow, and McAuliffe

Concerning working connections child care eligibility for vulnerable children.

Provides that the legislature: (1) Finds that beginning July 1, 2016, authorizations for the working connections child care subsidy will be effective for twelve months; and

(2) Intends to allow certain populations of vulnerable children to be eligible for the working connections child care subsidy for a minimum of twelve months.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

Feb 4 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 6599 by Senators Liias, Roach, Hobbs, and McAuliffe

Extending the refund period for the overpayment of business and occupation taxes for certain assisted living facilities.

Authorizes the department of revenue, following the expiration of a waiver period, to extend the time, by another four years, for making a refund or credit of taxes paid by an assisted living facility licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW with a medicaid contract or a nursing home licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW with a medicaid contract, if the taxpayer's application persuades the department that the overpayment of taxes properly due may impair the ability of the facility to continue offering medicaid care or to maintain or enhance staffing.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 6600 by Senator Darneille

Establishing a conservation district online election pilot project.

Creates the conservation district online election pilot project and allows two conservation districts, to be located within counties of different populations, to participate in the online election pilot project.

Requires a conservation district electing to participate in the online election pilot project to: (1) Provide notification to the county auditor and the conservation commission by December 31, 2016; and

(2) Set a regular yearly election date for elections conducted under the pilot project.

Requires a county auditor to: (1) Provide the conservation district with a list of known and recognized vendors of online voting systems; and

(2) Open a voting center for each election conducted under the pilot project.

Prohibits a primary election from being held for a conservation district commissioner position under the pilot project.

Makes an appropriation.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Security.
 Feb 4 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 6601 by Senators Frockt, Bailey, Braun, Mullet, Carlyle, and McAuliffe

Creating the Washington college savings program.

Creates the Washington college savings program to: (1) Provide an additional financial option for individuals, organizations, and families to save for college; and

(2) Make distributions from individual college savings program accounts for beneficiaries' attendance at public or private institutions of higher education.

Creates the Washington college savings plan account.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
 Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

SB 6602 by Senators Braun, Mullet, and Hargrove

Addressing industrial insurance claims made to self-insurers.

Requires a self-insurer who: (1) Has determined to allow or deny an industrial insurance claim, to issue an order allowing or denying the claim to the injured worker and the department of labor and industries within sixty days from the date of notice of a claim; and

(2) Requires additional time to determine whether to allow or deny the claim, to issue an interlocutory order to the injured worker and the department within sixty days from the date of notice of the claim.

Authorizes the department to review a protest by the injured worker to the order denying the claim.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

SB 6603 by Senators Fain, Rivers, Litzow, Mullet, O'Ban, Hill, Keiser, Carlyle, Pedersen, McAuliffe, and Dammeier

Providing for suicide awareness and prevention education for safer homes.

Creates the safe homes task force to raise public awareness and increase suicide prevention education among new partners who are in key positions to help reduce suicide.

Requires Forefront at the University of Washington school of social work to administer and staff the task force and convene the initial meeting of the task force.

Requires the department of health to develop and administer a safe homes project to provide financial incentives to firearms dealers to encourage participation in a program to implement suicide awareness and prevention strategies.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit for a licensed firearms dealer that is certified as a safe homes partner.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to update the pamphlet to incorporate information on suicide awareness and prevention.

Requires a licensed pharmacist or a person holding a retired active pharmacist license to complete a one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.

Requires the schools of pharmacy at the University of Washington and Washington State University to convene a work group to jointly develop a curriculum on suicide assessment, treatment, and management for pharmacy students.

Requires the department of health and the pharmacy quality assurance commission to jointly develop written materials on suicide awareness and prevention that pharmacies can post or distribute to customers.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

SB 6604 by Senators Ericksen, Schoesler, Dammeier, and Roach

Providing limitations in respect to tax raises and fee increases by the legislature.

States that an action or combination of actions by the legislature that raises taxes may be in effect for no more than one year after the effective date of the action unless approved by a two-thirds vote in both the house and the senate.

Prohibits legislative approval, for the imposition or increase of a fee, from occurring in an omnibus appropriations act.

Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

