## House Bills

**HB 1236-S2** 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)

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 2/10/16)*

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.

Requires the school counselor or administrator to: (1) Make multiple attempts to secure the parent's or guardian's signature; and

(2) If the signature is still not obtained, indicate to the office of student financial assistance the nature of the unsuccessful efforts to contact the student's parent or guardian and the reasons the signature is not available.

Allows the school counselor or administrator to witness the pledge unless the parent or guardian indicates that he or she does not wish for the student to participate in the program.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---

Jan 21 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 3 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.

Feb 4 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

Mar 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

--- 2016 REGULAR SESSION ---

Jan 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.

Feb 3 HE - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 5 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 10 2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 75; nays, 21; absent, 0; excused, 1.


Concerning the employee anti-retaliation act.

*(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)*

Addresses retaliation and discrimination against employees and providing protection for employees.

--- 2015 REGULAR SESSION ---

Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.
Jan 29  Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM.
Feb 16  Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Feb 19  Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1  Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.
Feb 4  LAWS - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority: do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM.
Feb 5  Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1525-S  by House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Caldier, Buys, Stokesbary, Wilson, Van Werven, and Riccelli)
Concerning beverage containers.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Allows the sale of a beverage container if it contains:
(1) Cider or beer and is purposefully designed to be opened by removing the entire lid of the container without leaving sharp edges so that the container is effectively transformed into a drinking cup; and
(2) Wording on the outside of the container that instructs the consumer as to the proper disposal method of the lid.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 19  Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
Feb 4  ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority: without recommendation. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.
Feb 5  Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1562-S2  by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Sullivan, Tarleton, and Orwell)
Requiring posting of allergen information in public schools.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Requires public schools to display allergen information on a conspicuous sign in a prominent place within each area where food is served.
Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to consult with the department of agriculture to develop and disseminate guidance for school districts on how and what allergen information must be displayed.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2  Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 4  LAWS - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority: do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM.
Feb 5  Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1651-S2  by House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards (originally sponsored by Representatives Ryu, Goodman, Rodne, Griffey, Van Werven, Wylie, Moscoso, Ormsby, and Santos)
Concerning definitions related to human trafficking.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Adds the following definitions for the purposes of chapter 19.320 RCW (human trafficking): Any person; forced labor; human trafficking; menace of any penalty; and work or service.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 16  Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.
Feb 19  Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 9:00 AM.
Mar 20  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.
Mar 25  Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor at 1:30 PM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4  LAWS - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM.
Feb 5  Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1918  by Representatives Shea, Orcutt, Hayes, and Scott
Modifying provisions applicable to off-road, nonhighway, and wheeled all-terrain vehicles and their drivers.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/16)
Modifies off-road vehicle provisions relating to:
(1) Liability immunity for sponsoring organizations;
(2) Certificate of title requirements;
(3) Wheeled all-terrain vehicle registration and metal tag exemptions for out-of-state owners;
(4) Equipment and declaration requirements; and
(5) Display of special year tabs on metal tags for persons with disabilities.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2  First reading, referred to Transportation (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 11  Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Feb 24  TR - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
Feb 27  Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar  9  Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Mar 10  Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 1.
   -- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 12  First reading, referred to Transportation.
Apr  1  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Apr  7  Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
Apr 15  TRAN - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
Minority; without recommendation.
Apr 16  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
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  9  By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
Jun 10  Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on third reading.
Jun 11  Third reading, passed; yeas, 86; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 9.
   -- IN THE SENATE --
Jun 15  Held for further consideration.
Jun 22  First reading, referred to Transportation.
Jun 24  Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 8:30 AM.
Jun 26  TRAN - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Jun 27  Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 29; nays, 14; absent, 0; excused, 6.
Returned to House Rules 3.

HB 2183-S by House Committee on Education
(originally sponsored by Representatives McCabe, Orwall, Dent, Senn, Caldier, Johnson, Fagan, Parker, Kagi, Gregerson, and Santos)
Concerning a curriculum for the prevention of sexual abuse for grades K-12.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the Erin's law task force for the purpose of creating and implementing a curriculum for the prevention of sexual abuse for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

HB 2368-S by House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst and Conotto)
Creating a temporary pilot program authorizing the issuance of marijuana delivery endorsements to certain retailers.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates a temporary pilot program for the issuance of a marijuana delivery endorsement to an existing marijuana retailer's license that allows an endorsement holder to deliver marijuana to a resident age twenty-one or over at a private residence.
Expires July 1, 2019.

HB 2373-S by House Committee on Education
(originally sponsored by Representatives Senn, Kagi, Stambaugh, Kuderer, Jinkins, Reykdal,
Robinson, Frame, Kilduff, Sawyer, Orwell, Sells, McBride, Bergquist, and Pollet)

Making provisions to evaluate student mental health services and provide students with skills that promote mental health and well-being and increase academic performance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires each educational service district to develop and maintain the capacity to serve as a convener, trainer, and mentor for educators, administrators, and other school district staff on social and emotional learning.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct an inventory of the mental health service models available to students in schools, school districts, and educational service districts.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 4 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.
Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2414-S by House Committee on Transportation
(originally sponsored by Representatives Wylie, Pike, Moeller, Harris, Orcutt, Vick, Wilson, and McBride)

Creating a bistate bridge project legislative work group.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the bistate bridge project legislative work group and requires the work group to facilitate strong public participation and input throughout the initial development stages to identify the most affordable, efficient project that improves freight mobility and safety, relieves traffic congestion, and meets the future needs of the region and the transportation corridor.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 21 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Feb 3 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Feb 5 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2484-S by House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards (originally sponsored by Representatives Walkinshaw, Moscoso, Ortiz-Self, Sells, Reykdal, Robinson, Pollet, Kilduff, Ryu, Frame, Ormsby, Fitzgibbon, Kuderer, Sawyer, Bergquist, Gregerson, and Stanford)

Requiring inspections, specialized training, and other enhanced workplace standards on dairy farms.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of labor and industries to adopt permanent rules establishing: (1) Training requirements for dairy farm employees; and (2) A dairy safety emphasis unit within the department; and (3) Safety and health standards for dairy farms to ensure safe dairy workplaces.

Addresses discrimination, violations, complaints, remedies, and penalties with regard to dairy farms and employees of the farms.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.
Feb 4 LAWS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM.
Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations.
Feb 8 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.

HB 2511-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Pike, Scott, Vick, Shea, Walsh, and Young)

Concerning child care center licensing requirements.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/16)

Authorizes licensed child care centers to serve children enrolled in kindergarten in a mixed group or classroom, excluding classrooms which serve infants not walking independently.

Changes the definition of "school-age child," for purposes of chapter 43.215 RCW (department of early learning), by changing "a child who is between the ages of five years and twelve years" to "a child who is five years of age through twelve years of age."

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 8:00 AM.
Jan 29 ELHS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 10:00 AM.
Feb 2 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2598-S by House Committee on Transportation
(originally sponsored by Representatives Orcutt and Clibborn)

Authorizing the use of certain cargo extensions that connect to a motor home or travel trailer frame.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the connection of certain cargo extensions to motor homes and travel trailers.
HB 2980 by Representatives Kochmar, Hickel, and Manweller

Prohibiting the siting of certain new facilities that would jeopardize air quality in areas that have recently failed to meet air quality standards.

Prohibits the department of ecology or a local air authority from issuing a notice of construction permit to a new source that generates emissions of criteria pollutants from operations that refine or convert natural gas, crude oil, or other fossil fuels into other marketable products.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 10 First reading, referred to Environment (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2981 by Representative Shea

Concerning an exemption from the requirement of county treasurers to pursue collection of delinquent personal property tax assessments when the assessment is below the cost of collection.

Authorizes the county treasurer to annually calculate the added value cost of pursuing collections of personal property tax assessments and request an exemption for personal property assessment accounts below that amount from the county legislative authority.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 10 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 5624 by Senators Keiser, Honeyford, and Conway

Concerning financing essential public infrastructure.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/16)

Improves access and reliability to low-cost financing for local government infrastructure projects by authorizing public works bonds when local governments can demonstrate: (1) The importance of the project; (2) Their difficulties accessing existing private credit markets for borrowings at reasonable interest rates; and (3) The ability to reliably repay their share of the state's total cost of retiring the public works bonds.

Makes changes to the existing public works program and creates the public works financing assistance program.

Creates the public works financing assistance account and the public works financing assistance bond repayment account.

Takes effect January 1, 2017, if the proposed amendment to Article VIII, section 1 of the state Constitution, contained in 2ESJR 8204, is approved by the voters at the next general election.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 26 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 12 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 13 WM - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 3 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 10 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE HOUSE --
Mar 12 First reading, referred to Capital Budget (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Mar 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 3:30 PM.
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.
Feb 10 Rules suspended.
Returned to second reading for amendment.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.
SB 6166 by Senators Takko, Rivers, Ericksen, Chase, Roach, Becker, Sheldon, and Benton

Allowing incremental electricity produced as a result of certain capital investment projects to qualify as an eligible renewable resource under the energy independence act.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/09/16)

Revises the definition of "eligible renewable resource," for purposes of the energy independence act, to include incremental electricity produced as a result of a capital investment completed after March 31, 1999, that increases, relative to a baseline level of generation prior to the capital investment, the amount of electricity generated in a facility that generates qualified biomass energy and that commenced operation before March 31, 1999.

Requires the facility to demonstrate that the incremental electricity resulted from the capital investment, which does not include expenditures on operation and maintenance in the normal course of business, through direct or calculated measurement.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 11 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.
Jan 14 EET - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Public hearing, executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy, and Environment & Telecommunications at 1:30 PM.
Jan 15 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 2 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 9 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 35; nays, 13; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Feb 10 First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

SB 6391-S by Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Fraser, McCoy, Hasegawa, and Chase)

Concerning background checks in emergency placement situations requested by tribes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows an authorized agency of a federally recognized tribe, during an emergency situation when a child must be placed in out-of-home care due to the absence of appropriate parents or custodians, to request a federal name-based criminal history record check of each adult residing in the home of the potential placement resource.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 2 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 4 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 5 HSMH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 9 WM - Majority; without recommendation.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

SB 6411-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Angel, Bailey, Rivers, Becker, Warnick, and Padden)

Expanding the eligibility of certain representatives and transferees to serve as directors, officers, and shareholders of professional service corporations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies professional service corporation provisions with regard to eligibility requirements and timelines for representatives and transferees to serve as directors, officers, and shareholders.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.
Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 5:30 PM.
Feb 5 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6429-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe and Litzow)

Creating the sandman act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the sandman act.

Creates the sandman act.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.
Providing continuity of care for recipients of medical assistance during periods of incarceration.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the state health care authority to: (1) Suspend, rather than terminate, medical assistance benefits by July 1, 2017, for persons who are incarcerated or committed to a state hospital; and (2) Collaborate with the department of social and health services, the Washington state association of counties, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, 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.

Allowing the records of a person confined in jail to be made available to federal, state, or local agencies to determine eligibility for services such as medical, mental health, chemical dependency treatment, or veterans' services, and to allow for the provision of treatment to inmates during their stay or after release.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 1 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 2 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 4 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 5 HSMH - Majority: 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. And refer to Ways & Means. Minority; without recommendation.
Feb 8 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 9 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Human Services, Mental Health & Housing. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

SB 6438-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler and Hargrove)
Concerning improvements to tax and licensing laws administered by the department of revenue.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the department of revenue’s administration of tax and licensing laws regarding: (1) Real estate excise tax exemption for inheritance transfers; (2) Pet adoption fees; (3) Automated sales suppression devices and phantom-ware; (4) Annual surveys and reports for tax preferences; (5) Private school bus operators; (6) Estate tax return filing relief; (7) Clarification that licensing information may not be disclosed for commercial purposes; (8) Background investigations; and (9) Revision of the date by which the department of revenue is required to provide estimates of the amount of public forestland that is available for timber harvesting.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
SB 6455-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Dammeier, Rolfes, Litzow, Billig, Rivers, Conway, and McAuliffe)

Expanding the professional educator workforce by increasing career opportunities in education, creating a more robust enrollment forecasting, and enhancing recruitment efforts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows retired teachers to reenter the workforce without penalty of pension benefits, adequate student enrollment forecasting, additional funding for the alternative routes and educator retooling programs, and enhancements to recruitment.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with school districts, educational service districts, and other state agencies, to develop and implement a comprehensive, statewide initiative to increase the number of qualified individuals who apply for teaching positions in the state.

Makes an appropriation.

SB 6477-S by Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Dammeier, Conway, O'Ban, Darneille, and Angel)

Concerning a business and occupation tax deduction for chemical dependency services provided by a health or social welfare organization.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a business and occupation tax deduction to health or social welfare organizations for providing chemical dependency services.

Requires the following to be deposited in the developmental disabilities community trust account: (1) All net proceeds from the use of operating or previously operating residential habilitation centers that would not impact current residential habilitation center operations; and (2) Fifty percent of the proceeds from the sale of property formerly used as a residential rehabilitation center.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 4 WM - Majority: 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority: without recommendation.
Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6656 by Senators Hill, Hargrove, Ranker, Darnelle, Parlette, Becker, Braun, Fain, and Bailey

Concerning state hospital practices.
Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Charge certain behavioral health organizations or entities for each day of care provided at a state hospital; (2) Evaluate its current staffing structure and assignment of work to increase its use of psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners; (3) Hire psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners for vacant positions or to perform work and tasks that may be performed by other job classifications and professions at the state hospitals; (4) Identify and discharge at least thirty patients at western state hospital to alternative settings; and (5) In order to address safety at the state hospitals, examine staffing patterns, best practices, and discrepancies in staffing practices between the state hospitals and prevailing business practices in other hospitals, and adjust staffing practices where appropriate.
Requires a behavioral health organization to manage the utilization of long-term civil commitment beds purchased at a state hospital or other facility by patients within the catchment area of the behavioral health organization who receive civil commitments and ensure that the patients efficiently transition into the community.
Develops placement for geriatric and long-term care patients at western state hospital and reduces current demands on state hospital staff.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8204 by Senators Keiser, Honeyford, and Conway

Amending the Constitution to allow the state to guarantee debt issued on behalf of a political subdivision for essential public infrastructure. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Amending the Constitution to allow the state to guarantee debt issued to local governments for infrastructure projects.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/16)

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to allow the state to guarantee debt issued to local governments for infrastructure projects.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 26 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 12 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 13 WM - Majority: do pass.
Minority: do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 10 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE HOUSE --
Mar 12 First reading, referred to Capital Budget Committee (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Mar 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 3:30 PM.
Apr 24 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2015 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --
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.
Feb 10 Rules suspended.
Returned to second reading for amendment.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 42; nays, 7; absent, 0; excused, 0.