House Bills

HB 1441-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sawyer, Appleton, Gregerson, Robinson, S. Hunt, Reykdal, Fitzgibbon, Ormsby, Jinkins, and Pollet)
Concerning dental health services in tribal settings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses the provision of dental health aide therapists with regard to Indian communities.
Requires the department of health to: (1) Conduct a study on the outcomes of treatment by all dental health aide therapists authorized to practice in the state; and (2) In preparing the study, consult with tribes, tribal organizations, and urban tribal organizations, who employ, contract, or otherwise use dental health aide therapist services.
Provides that dental health aide therapist services are eligible for medicaid funding in order to promote increased dental care access for persons served in settings operated by Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations.
Requires the state health care authority to coordinate with the centers for medicare and medicaid services to provide that dental health aide therapist services are eligible for federal funding of up to one hundred percent.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
Jan 21 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 8:30 AM.

Feb 4 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Feb 9 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 26 House Rules “X” file.

HB 1713-S3 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Harris, Jinkins, Moeller, Tharinger, Appleton, Ortiz-Self, and Pollet)
Integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 3RD SUBSTITUTE)
Estabishes Ricky Garcia’s act.
Requires the department of social and health services to combine the functions of a designated mental health professional and designated chemical dependency specialist by establishing a designated crisis responder who is authorized to conduct investigations, detain persons up to seventy-two hours to the proper facility, and carry out the other functions identified in chapter 71.05 RCW (mental illness) and chapter 71.34 RCW (mental health services for minors).
Requires the behavioral health organizations to provide training to persons converting to designated crisis responder, as required by the department of social and health services, which must include both mental health and chemical dependency training applicable to the designated crisis responder role.
Requires the state institute for public policy to evaluate the effect of the integration of the involuntary treatment systems for substance use disorders and mental health services in the state.
Protecting taxpayers by providing for accountability and transparency in government contracting.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the taxpayer protection act.
Provides for accountability and transparency in government contracting.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government at 1:30 PM.
Feb 18 Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.
Feb 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 12 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 52; nays, 43; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Feb 16 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
Feb 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor at 1:30 PM.

HB 1999-S4 by House Committee on Appropriations
(originally sponsored by Representatives Carlyle, Kagi, Lytton, Walsh, Sawyer, Pettigrew, Ortiz-Self, Dent, Parker, Caldier, Goodman, and Jinkins)
Coordinating services and programs for foster youth in order to improve educational outcomes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 4TH SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes the department of social and health services, for purposes of providing for the educational success of youth in foster care, to disclose only those confidential child welfare records that pertain to or may assist with meeting the educational needs of foster youth to another state agency or state agency’s contracted provider responsible under state law or contract for assisting foster youth to attain educational success.
Requires the department of social and health services to contract with the office of the superintendent of public instruction, which in turn must contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to administer a program of education coordination for youth, kindergarten through twelfth grade, who are dependent under the juvenile court act.
Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) In consultation with the department of social and health services, comply with all requirements necessary to maximize federal reimbursement for the program of education coordination for youth; and
(2) Contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to improve the educational outcomes of students at two
sites by providing individualized education services and monitoring and supporting dependent youths’ completion of educational milestones, remediation needs, and special education needs.

Requires the department of social and health services children’s administration to proactively refer all eligible students thirteen years of age or older, within the site areas, to the contractor for educational services.

Requires the student achievement council, with input from the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the department of social and health services, to contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to develop, implement, and administer a program of supplemental educational transition planning for youth in foster care in the state.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 8:00 AM.
Feb 20 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 10:00 AM.
Feb 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.
Feb 27 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM.
Mar 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 1:30 PM.
Jan 15 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 10:00 AM.
Feb 4 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Feb 9 APP - Majority; 4th substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 50; nays, 47; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2429-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Caldier, Reykdal, Magendanz, Ortiz-Self, Young, McBride, McCaslin, Muri, Kilduff, Pollet, and Santos)
Concerning the provision of assessment results to students and their parents or guardians.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the superintendent of public instruction to develop and implement a process for ensuring that school districts are able to provide students and their parents or guardians with the results of the following state assessments no later than the subsequent June 15th after the student takes the assessment: (1) The tenth grade English language arts assessment developed by the superintendent of public instruction; and
(2) The English language arts assessment and the comprehensive mathematics assessment developed with the multistate consortium.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 4 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.
Feb 8 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
Feb 9 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 15 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --
Feb 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

HB 2449-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwell, Magendanz, Kagi, Santos, Senn, Peterson, Appleton, Moscoso, Goodman, Jinkins, Walkinshaw, Stanford, Clibborn, Sells, Fitzgibbon, Kilduff, Ryu, Bergquist, Pollet, and S. Hunt)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the keeping kids in school act.

Puts in place consistent practices and procedures, beginning in kindergarten, in which schools share information with families about the importance of consistent attendance and the consequences of excessive absences, involves families early, and provides families with information, services, and tools that they may access to improve and maintain their children's school attendance.

Requires an initial stay of truancy petition in order to allow for appropriate intervention and prevention before using a court order to enforce attendance laws.

Encourages efforts by county juvenile courts and school districts to establish and maintain therapeutic truancy boards and employ other best practices.

Increases the number of beds in HOPE centers and crisis residential centers in order to facilitate their use for truant students.

HB 2453-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Jinkins, Rodne, Cody, Schmick, Chandler, Dunshee, Muri, Kilduff, and Ormsby)

Improving oversight of the state hospitals.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the joint legislative executive psychiatric state hospital collaborative task force and requires the task force to receive updates, monitor, and make recommendations to the governor, the office of financial management, and the legislature in certain areas, with respect to the state hospitals.

Creates the governor's behavioral health innovation fund.

Requires long-term planning for the state hospitals and recommendations for the use of funds from the governor's fund to be informed by certain consultants who shall make recommendations to the governor, the legislature, and the task force by October 1, 2016.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to apply to the office of financial management to receive funds from the governor's fund.

Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Provide quarterly implementation progress reports to the task force and the office of financial management; and

(2) Assure that the state hospitals have adopted and implemented certain best practice policies and include information regarding the status of the adoption and implementation of these policies in its quarterly reports.

Expires July 1, 2019.

HB 2524-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Orcutt, Fey, and McBride; by request of Office of Financial Management)


(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/25/16)

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 26 HSMH - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 24 Placed on second reading.
Feb 25 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 84; nays, 13; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2530-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, McCabe, Appleton, Wylie, Tarleton, Senn, McBride, Kagi, Ryu, Hudgins, S. Hunt, Gregerson, Reykdal, Farrell, Pollet, Ortiz-Self, Harris, Bergquist, Lytton, Kochmar, Blake, Cody, Stambaugh, Wilson, Jinkins, Kuderer, Muri, Van De Wege, Frame, Hargrove, Ormsby, Sells, Pettigrew, and Stanford)
Protecting victims of sex crimes.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the Washington state patrol to create and operate a statewide sexual assault kit tracking system.
Requires local law enforcement agencies, a sheriff and his or her deputies, the Washington state patrol bureau of forensic laboratory services, certain hospitals, and prosecuting attorneys to participate in the statewide sexual assault kit tracking system.
Creates the Washington sexual assault kit program within the department of commerce for the purpose of accepting private funds for conducting forensic analysis of sexual assault kits in the possession of law enforcement agencies but not submitted for analysis as of July 24, 2015.

Imposes a four-dollar fee on the admission to a sexually oriented live adult entertainment establishment.
Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Personally identifiable records and information contained within the statewide sexual assault kit tracking system.
Creates the Washington sexual assault kit account and the Washington sexually oriented business fee account.

HB 2652-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Schmick, Ciblorn, and Frame)
Concerning the disclosure of health care declarations on drivers' licenses and identicards.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes an applicant for a new or renewal driver's license or identicard to request that the application designate whether he or she: (1) Has executed a health care declaration; and
(2) Has executed a health care declaration that is stored in the health care declarations registry.
Requires the department of licensing to issue an original or renewed driver’s license or identicard: (1) That denotes the existence of a health care declaration through a symbol or abbreviation, if the person has indicated on his or her application that he or she has a health care declaration; or
(2) That denotes the existence of a health care declaration through a symbol or abbreviation as well as a code that, when electronically scanned, directs an authorized health care provider or facility to the person's health care declaration in the health care declarations registry, if the person has indicated on his or her application that he or she has a health care declaration that is stored in the health care declarations registry.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 83; nays, 14; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --
Feb 18 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.
Feb 26 LAW - Majority: do pass with amendment(s).
And refer to Ways & Means.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.

HB 2681-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Stambaugh, Manweller, Short, Kochmar, Wilson, Magendanz, Griffey, Riccelli, Cody, and Robinson)
Authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense contraceptives.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Feb 3 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Feb 8 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
Feb 9 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 26 House Rules "X" file.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the state health officer or a county health officer to enter into agreements with a pharmacist in order for the pharmacist to initiate or modify drug therapy related to self-administered hormonal contraception in accordance with written guidelines and protocols previously established and approved for the pharmacist's practice by the state health officer or a county health officer.

Requires the pharmacy quality assurance commission, in order to increase awareness of the availability of contraceptives in pharmacies, to develop a sticker or sign to be displayed at a pharmacy that initiates or modifies drug therapy related to self-administered contraception.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
Feb 3 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
Feb 8 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
Feb 9 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
Feb 11 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading. 2nd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 67; nays, 30; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.
Feb 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM.
Feb 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM.
Feb 26 HLTH - Majority; do pass with amendment(s). Minority; without recommendation.

HB 2997 by Representative Pike

Requiring voter approval for any agreement between a public transportation benefit area and certain entities in adjoining states.

Requires a public transportation benefit area to, before entering into a contract or other agreement with an adjoining state or a state agency, county, city, metropolitan municipal corporation, special district, or other governmental agency in an adjoining state, submit an authorizing proposition to the voters or include the authorization in a proposition to the voters, and enter into the contract or other agreement only if the authorizing proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting on the proposition.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 26 First reading, referred to Transportation (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2998 by Representatives Hurst, Condotta, and Sawyer

Facilitating the orderly development of the legal marijuana market and eliminating the illicit marijuana market.

Establishes the youth protection, crime reduction, and collateral education funding act of 2016.

Lowers the marijuana excise tax from thirty-seven percent to twenty-five percent of the selling price on each retail sale in this state of marijuana concentrates, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products.

Provides that the state fully occupies and preempts the entire field of regulating the production, processing, and retail sale of useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, and marijuana concentrates under the uniform controlled substances act.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 26 First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Mar 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Gaming at 9:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 2999 by Representative Pike

Improving the availability and accuracy of advanced breast cancer screening through targeted tax incentives for advanced digital imaging technologies.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on digital breast tomosynthesis and for labor and services rendered in respect to installing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving digital breast tomosynthesis.

Requires the administrator of the state health care authority to select the health technology digital breast tomosynthesis for review by the health technology clinical committee by July 1, 2024.

Requires the review to include information on the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of digital breast tomosynthesis as a means of breast cancer screening. Expires July 1, 2016.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 26 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 3000 by Representative Springer

Relating to education.

Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to education.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 26 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
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SB 6097-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Dammeier, Rolfs, Litzow, Billig, Hargrove, Nelson, McAuliffe, and Conway)

Modifying the future teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment program to increase the number of early elementary teachers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Revises the future teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment program to: (1) Increase statewide early elementary teachers in kindergarten through third grade; (2) Increase applications for the program for early elementary education certifications; (3) Attract candidates who are successfully employed in the education field for more than five years; and (4) Determine if the alternative route conditional scholarship program or the future teachers scholarship program provided the most successful teacher applicants.
Expires July 1, 2026.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 8 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 9 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file.

SB 6154-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Miloscia, Rolfs, Pearson, O’Ban, Conway, and McAuliffe)

Creating an office of the corrections ombuds.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the office of the corrections ombuds to: (1) Work for improved conditions and programs; and (2) Support fair treatment of inmates in the state. Requires the governor to: (1) Convene an ombuds advisory council with several purposes in support of the ombuds function; and (2) Designate, by a competitive bidding process, the nonprofit organization that will contract to operate the office of the corrections ombuds.

-- 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 8 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 9 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 16 2nd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yea, 36; nays, 13; absent, 0; excused, 0.
Feb 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs at 9:30 AM.
Feb 25 CDHT - Majority; do pass with amendment(s). Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

SB 6239-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fain, Frockt, Cleveland, Rolfs, Keiser, Darnelle, McAuliffe, and Chase)

Providing local governments with options to preserve affordable housing in their communities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes city governing authorities to adopt a property tax exemption program, and county governing authorities to adopt a property tax exemption program for unincorporated areas of the county, to preserve affordable housing that meets health and quality standards for very low-income households at risk of displacement or that cannot afford market-rate housing.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 10:00 AM.
Feb 4 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 9 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 16 2nd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yea, 36; nays, 13; absent, 0; excused, 0.
Feb 25 CDHT - Majority; do pass with amendment(s). Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
Feb 25 CDHT - Majority; do pass with amendment(s). Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 9:30 AM.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file.
February 26
Referred to Finance.

February 29
Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.

(Schedule subject to change)

SB 6243-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Fain, McMullin, Dammeier, Rivers, O’Ban, Bailey, Hill, Warnick, Becker, Hewitt, Keiser, Carlyle, Darneille, Rolfs, Conway, and Mullet)

Regarding a training program for educators and parents concerning students’ mental health.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the educational service districts to work with Forefront at the University of Washington to develop a two-day youth suicide prevention training program for middle and high school administrators, teachers, counselors, psychologists, social workers, and parents or guardians.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create and maintain an online social and emotional training module for educators, administrators, and other school district staff.

February 1
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

February 4
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM.

February 8
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

February 9
WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

February 15
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

February 17
2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

February 18
First reading, referred to Education (Not officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

February 22
Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.

February 25
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.

SB 6244-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Fain, Dammeier, Rivers, Becker, Hill, and Bailey)

Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the closing the educational opportunity gap act.

Addresses the following: Student data, expanding nutrition opportunities, student discipline, recruitment and retention of educators, educator cultural competence, and instructing English language learners.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

January 19
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

February 4
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM.

February 8
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

February 9
WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

February 25
Senate Rules "X" file.

SB 6246-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Hill and Hargrove; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Making 2016 supplemental operating appropriations. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Makes 2016 supplemental operating appropriations.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --

January 11
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

February 24
Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

February 25
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

February 26
WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
1st substitute bill substituted.

SB 6264-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Dammeier, Conway, Bailey, Rivers, Hasegawa, O’Ban, Frockt, Schoesler, Darneille, Litas, and Rolfs; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board)

Allowing certain Washington state patrol retirement system and law enforcement officers’ and firefighters’ members to purchase annuities. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the purchase of annuities by certain members of the law enforcement officers’ and firefighters’ retirement system and the Washington state patrol retirement system.
SB 6297-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators King and Takko)

Concerning the disposition of penalties paid for failure to comply with recreational site or lands pass/permit requirements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the disposition by a county treasurer of monetary penalties for natural resource infractions with regard to discover pass, vehicle access pass, and day-use permit requirements.

SB 6307-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Hobbs, and Lias; by request of Office of Financial Management)


(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)


SB 6322-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pearson and Hewitt)

Concerning the payment of health services by hospitals for inmates.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses health services payments for inmates. Requires the department of corrections to pay an enhanced rate of one hundred fifty percent of the amount payable under the medicaid reimbursement structure to hospitals that meet certain criteria.

SB 6408-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hill, McAuliffe, Litzow, Hobbs, Mullet, Benton, Rolfes, Frockt, and Conway)

Concerning paraeducators.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Specifies the minimum employment standards for a paraeducator who works in the special education program, the basic education program, the learning assistance
requires the professional educator standards board to design and implement a training program for teachers and principals as it relates to their role working with paraeducators.

Requires the state institute for public policy to conduct a study on the effectiveness of paraeducators in improving student outcomes.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM.
Feb 2 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 4 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 9 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 15 2nd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 43; nays, 5; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Feb 17 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 25 ED - Majority; do pass with amendment(s). Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.

SB 6497-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored 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.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Promotes attendance and reduces truancy by providing court-based and school-based intervention and prevention efforts.

-- 2016 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and 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 8 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 9 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 16 2nd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Feb 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.
Feb 26 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.

SB 6669 by Senators Brown and Braun
Consolidating business assistance programs and services.
Creates the office for regulatory innovation and assistance in the department of commerce.
Abolishes the office of regulatory assistance and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the office for regulatory innovation and assistance.
Requires the department of commerce to operate the office to continually improve the function of environmental and business regulatory processes by identifying conflicts and overlap in the state's rules, statutes, and operational practices and to ensure ongoing coordination among regulatory agencies to reduce costs for both government and business.

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