### House Bills

**HB 1773-S** by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Robinson, and Blake; by request of Department of Agriculture)

Concerning device registration, civil penalties, and service agent registration for the weights and measures program.

 *(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)*

Modifies weights and measures program provisions regarding device registration, civil penalties, and service agent registration.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Feb 9  Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

Feb 16  AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 17  Referred to Appropriations.

Feb 23  Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.

Feb 24  Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.

**HB 1782-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Stonier, Harris, Cody, Schmick, and Caldier)

Concerning dental laboratories.

*(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/03/17)*

Requires a dental laboratory that is operating, doing business, or intending to operate or do business in this state to register with the state dental quality assurance commission and pay a fee.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Feb 14  Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.

Feb 17  HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 24  APP - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Health Care & Wellness.

Mar 3  1st substitute bill substituted.

Mar 7  First reading, referred to Health Care.

Mar 20  Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**HB 1813-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Kloba and Harmsworth; by request of Department of Licensing)

Aligning existing definitions and practices to establish a uniform process for updating addresses of record and make conforming amendments to statutes administered by the department of licensing.

*(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/27/17)*
Establishes a uniform process for updating addresses of record and makes conforming amendments to statutes administered by the department of licensing by aligning existing definitions and practices.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Feb 15 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 24 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration.
Placed on second reading suspension calendar.
Feb 27 Committee recommendations adopted and the 1st substitute bill substituted.
Placed on third reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 1 First reading, referred to Transportation.
Mar 13 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Mar 14 TRAN - Majority; do pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
Mar 16 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1854-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Schmick, and Tharinger)
Concerning the transition of medicaid enrollees to skilled nursing facility care.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the state health care authority and the department of social and health services to convene a work group consisting of representatives of skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, and managed health care systems to identify barriers that may prevent skilled nursing facilities from accepting and admitting enrollees from acute care hospitals in a timely and appropriate manner.
Expires June 30, 2018.
-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 10:00 AM.
Feb 16 CDHT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
Feb 17 Referred to Appropriations.
Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
Feb 24 APP - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.

HB 1930-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Frame, Rodne, and Jinkins)
Concerning child custody.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/07/17)
Modifies child custody provisions regarding nonparental actions for child custody and temporary custody orders and temporary parenting plans.
-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
Feb 16 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:00 PM.
Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Mar 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 50; nays, 47; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 9 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.
HB 1944-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Condotta and Hayes)

Exempting certain law enforcement officers from the hunter education training program.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/06/17)

Exempts the following from the firearms skills portion of the hunter education instruction course: (1) Members of the United States military; (2) Current or retired general authority Washington peace officers; (3) Current or retired limited authority Washington peace officers; (4) Current or retired specially commissioned Washington peace officers; and (5) Current or retired Washington peace officers.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 10:00 AM.

Feb 16 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 24 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 6 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 8 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Parks.

Mar 14 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks at 1:30 PM.

HB 1976-S by House Committee on Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Pellicciotti, Hayes, Riccelli, Irwin, Ortiz-Self, Holy, and Ormsby)

Creating a pilot program for the supervision of offenders who commit motor vehicle-related and property offenses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a pilot program for the supervision of offenders convicted of felonies relating to the theft or taking of a motor vehicle.

Authorizes Spokane county superior court or Federal Way municipal court to sentence an offender to community custody for up to one year when the court sentences the offender for theft of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, taking a motor vehicle without permission in the first or second degree, or an offense under chapter 9A.56 RCW (theft and robbery) with a prior conviction for one of the preceding motor vehicle crimes.

Places responsibility with the department of corrections for the supervision of a defendant when a municipal court participating in the pilot program places a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor on community custody.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Public Safety at 1:30 PM.
Feb 16 PS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Public Safety at 8:00 AM.
Feb 17 Referred to Appropriations.
Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
Feb 24 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.

HB 1981-S by House Committee on State Govt, Elections & IT (originally sponsored by Representatives Farrell, Ormsby, Slatter, Pollet, and Jinkins)

Estimating the effective tax rate of proposed ballot measures and legislation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the office of financial management to prepare a revenue equity statement for certain state ballot measures.

Requires the director of the department of financial management, in consultation with the legislature, the department of revenue, and other appropriate state or local agencies, to establish a procedure for the provision of a tax rate equity statement for legislative bills.

Requires information on the revenue equity statement to be included in the voters' pamphlet for statewide issues on the ballot.

Changes the day from "the tenth day of August" to "the last business day of July" for filing fiscal impact statements with the secretary of state.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 1:30 PM.
Feb 17 SEIT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Appropriations.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 10:00 AM.
Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
Feb 24 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.

HB 1984-S by House Committee on State Govt, Elections & IT (originally sponsored by
Representatives Hudgins and Volz; by request of Lieutenant Governor)

Concerning the association of Washington generals.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Includes the following as one of the purposes of the association of Washington generals: To expand educational and/or employment opportunities for youth, veterans, uniformed service members, military families, and people with disabilities in the state.

Changes the composition of the board of directors of the association of Washington generals.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 1:30 PM.

Feb 17 SEIT - Majority: 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 10:00 AM.

Feb 27 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 13 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.

HB 1987-S by House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives McBride, Macri, Robinson, Stanford, Slatter, Senn, Santos, Chapman, Ortiz-Self, and Jinkins)

Concerning allowing affordable housing development on religious organization property.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes an affordable housing development created by a religious organization to be constructed to two times the density as other structures based on its location in certain cities, code cities, counties, and urban growth areas.

Prohibits certain cities, code cities, counties, and local governments from restricting the density more than what is permitted above for any affordable housing development of any single-family or multifamily residence located on real property owned or controlled by a religious organization if certain conditions are met.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 10:00 AM.

Feb 16 CDHT - Majority: 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority: do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Mar 3 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 13 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.

HB 1988-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Santos, McBride, and Frame)

Implementing a vulnerable youth guardianship program.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/01/17)

Authorizes a vulnerable youth to petition the court to have a vulnerable youth guardianship established for him or her by filing a petition in juvenile court.

Gives jurisdiction to the juvenile division of superior courts to appoint a guardian for a consenting vulnerable youth who has been abandoned, neglected, or abused by one or both parents, or for whom the court determines that a guardian is otherwise necessary as one or both parents cannot adequately provide for the youth such that the youth risks physical or psychological harm if returned to the youth's home.

Requires the Washington state task force against the trafficking of persons to: (1) Evaluate whether vulnerable youth guardianships have the unintended impact of placing youth at greater risk of being trafficked; and (2) Compile a list of service providers and available resources for survivors of human trafficking that a court issuing a vulnerable youth guardianship order can provide to a vulnerable youth applying for a guardian.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 16 JUDI - Majority: 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority: do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:00 PM.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 24 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 1 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 92; nays, 6; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 3 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

Mar 14 HSMH - Majority: do pass with amendment(s).
Minority: without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 1:30 PM.

Mar 16 On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2004-S by House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representative Klippert)

Concerning the retirement age for state guard members.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows the renewal of an extension of service age, for a state guard member, beyond age sixty-four, subject to the discretion of the adjutant general.
HB 2013-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Dent, McDonald, Senn, Klippert, Kagi, Griffey, Jinkins, and Johnson)

Providing for the use of administrative law judges as mediators to address adverse child care licensing decisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the department of early learning to include the following in a written notice for the denial of an application or the revocation, suspension, or modification of a license: A description of the appeal process and the option to engage in mediation.

Authorizes a licensee or applicant who receives a denial, modification, suspension, or revocation of a license to request a prehearing conference for the purpose of mediating the case as part of the adjudicative proceeding.

Requires the mediation to be conducted by an administrative law judge who has received training in dispute resolution techniques or has a demonstrated history in resolving disputes.

HB 2014-S by House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives McBride, Peterson, Robinson, Orwell, Chapman, Kloba, Santos, and Pollet)

Concerning the hosting of the homeless by religious organizations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Places restrictions and requirements on certain local governments, and religious organizations who host the homeless on property owned or controlled by the organization.

HB 2018-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representative Blake; by request of Department of Agriculture)

Concerning livestock inspection.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTION)
Requires a licensee, when a livestock inspection is required, to collect from the consignor and pay to the department of agriculture a per head inspection fee for each animal inspected or a time and mileage fee, whichever is greater.

Increases fees for the following: (1) Inspection of cattle at a processing plant where the United States department of agriculture maintains a meat inspection program; (2) Issuance of an inspection certificate by the director; and (3) The time and mileage fee.

Requires the department of agriculture to submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature having oversight over agriculture and to the livestock identification advisory board.

HB 2045-S by House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Sawyer, Ryu, Robinson, Stokesbay, and Ormsby)

Concerning transfer of jurisdiction from a tribe in dependency cases involving Indian children.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the state court, if a tribal court orders transfer of jurisdiction from the tribe in dependency cases involving Indian children, to hold a hearing to determine
if accepting jurisdiction is consistent with any applicable state or federal laws or court rules.

Requires the tribal court to transfer a copy of the entire court file to the state court for its consideration.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Feb 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 8:00 AM.

Feb 16 CDHT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2099-S by House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representative Blake)

Streamlining distillery licensing and fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Streamlines distillery licensing and fees.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Feb 16 COG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Commerce & Gaming at 8:30 AM.

Feb 17 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2106-S by House Committee on State Govt, Elections & IT (originally sponsored by Representatives Koster, Hudgins, Taylor, and Shea)

Concerning election year restrictions on state legislators.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/22/17)

Allows legislators to actively engage with the public on official legislative business in a timely and effective manner by changing mailed, e-mailed, and web site communication deadlines to the same time periods.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Feb 17 SEIT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Rules suspended.

Placed on second reading.

Public hearing, executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government, and Elections & Information Technology at 10:00 AM.

Feb 22 1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.

--- IN THE SENATE ---

Feb 23 First Reading.

Placed on second reading.

Feb 24 On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

Public hearing, executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 11:00 AM.

Feb 27 WM - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 1 Committee amendment(s) adopted with no other amendments.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

--- IN THE HOUSE ---

Mar 15 House concurred in Senate amendments.

Passed final passage; yeas, 95; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 2.

HB 2165 by Representatives Harris, Cody, Pollet, Doglio, Kagi, Ryu, and Slatter

Concerning vapor products, e-cigarettes, and nicotine products taxation.

Addresses requirements for and the sale and taxation of vapor products, e-cigarettes, and nicotine products.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Mar 15 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Mar 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 3:30 PM. (Subject to change)

Mar 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

Senate Bills

SB 5356-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Fain, Palumbo, Miloscia, Frocket, Bailey, Rolfes, Angel, Keiser, Conway, Pedersen, and Wilson)

Concerning the humane treatment of dogs.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/28/17)

Addresses the unlawful tethering of a dog.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Feb 15 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.

Feb 16 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.

Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 24 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
SB 5362-S by Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor & Sports (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Mullet, Baumgartner, Lias, and Rossi)

Providing an exemption from unemployment compensation for certain providers of commercial transportation services.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/07/17)

Exempts services performed by a driver providing commercial transportation services from the definition of "employment" for purposes of Title 50 RCW (unemployment compensation).

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.

Feb 15 CLS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 5:45 PM.

Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 6 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

SB 5426-S by Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor & Sports (originally sponsored by Senator Warnick)

Increasing the number of tasting rooms allowed under a domestic winery license.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/06/17)

Changes the number of tasting rooms allowed, from two to four, for a domestic winery license.

SB 5481-S by Senate Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Becker, Kuderer, Keiser, Carlyle, and Saldaña)

Requiring the insurance commissioner to educate breast cancer patients about the availability of insurance coverage for breast reconstruction and breast prostheses.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/01/17)

Requires the state health care authority, in coordination with the department of health, to create and implement a campaign to educate breast cancer patients about the availability of insurance coverage for breast reconstruction and breast prostheses.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 16 HLTH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 21 On motion, referred to Rules Green Sheet for second reading.

Feb 24 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 1 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
the Fircrest School campus will transfer from the
department of natural resources to the department of social and health services.

SB 5554-S by Senate Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Rivers, Cleveland, Fain, Keiser, and Conway)
Addressing private health plan coverage of contraceptives.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires a health benefit plan that includes coverage for contraceptive drugs to provide reimbursement for a twelve-month refill of contraceptive drugs obtained at one time by the enrollee.

SB 588 by Senators Baumgartner, Hobbs, Takko, Sheldon, and Padden
Lowering the ceiling of the business and occupation manufacturing tax rate to 0.2904 percent.

SB 589 by Senators Rossi, Brown, Braun, Rivers, and Sheldon
Concerning the consolidation of residential habilitation centers and expansion of home and community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
States that ownership of the charitable, educational, penal, and reform institutions land on the Fircrest School campus will transfer from the department of natural resources to the department of social and health services.
Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Close Fircrest School residential habilitation center; and
(2) Complete an appraisal of the charitable, educational, penal, and reformatory institutions land on the Fircrest School campus.
Requires net proceeds from the use of excess property at the Fircrest School residential habilitation center, including the sale of property, to be deposited in the developmental disabilities community trust account.

SB 5887 by Senator King
Concerning the future use of residential habilitation centers.
Intends that the ownership of the charitable, educational, penal, and reformatory institutions land on the Fircrest School campus will transfer from the department of natural resources to the department of social and health services.
Requires the Yakima Valley School to: (1) Operate crisis stabilization beds and respite service beds as the capacity of the school allows and as the needs of the community require; and
(2) Continue to provide mental health treatment services and secure detoxification services as the capacity of the school allows and as the needs of the community require.
Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Continue to provide respite services in the residential habilitation centers and continue to develop respite care in the community; and
(2) Complete an appraisal of the charitable, educational, penal, and reformatory institutions land on the Fircrest School campus.
Requires the net proceeds from the use of excess property at the Fircrest School residential habilitation center, including the sale of property, to be deposited in the developmental disabilities community trust account.
considering a request for continuance of a review hearing or a permanency planning hearing and grant a continuance only after making a finding that the continuance is in the best interest of the child.

Authorizes the secretary of the department of social and health services, in order to encourage adoption of children between the ages of fourteen and eighteen, to include continued eligibility for the Washington college bound scholarship as part of a new negotiated adoption agreement.

Requires the governor to regularly acknowledge the contributions of foster parents to the state with, at a minimum, a letter signed by the governor.

Creates the foster parent shared leave pool to allow employees to donate leave to be used as shared leave for an employee who is a foster parent needing to care for or preparing to accept a foster child in their home.

Creates the child welfare system improvement account.

Repeals the child and family reinvestment account.

SB 5891 by Senators Zeiger and Conway
Eliminating the use of the high school science assessment as a graduation prerequisite.
Changes graduation requirements by eliminating the use of the high school science assessment.