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House Bills

**HB 2235** by Representatives Young, Orcutt, and MacEwen

Narrowing the applicability of the prohibition on using a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle to exclude certain circumstances when a motor vehicle is temporarily stationary.

Modifies the prohibition on using a personal electronic device while operating a motor vehicle on a public highway to exclude when the vehicle is temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device, or other momentary delays.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

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

**HB 2236** by Representatives Young, MacEwen, and Condotta

Establishing driving in significant traffic delays in certain circumstances as an exemption from the prohibition on using a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle.

Modifies the prohibition on using a personal electronic device while operating a motor vehicle on a public highway to exclude a person operating the motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle during an emergency situation or extraordinary circumstances, which have temporarily caused a significant traffic delay.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

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

**HB 2237** by Representatives Young, Reeves, Orcutt, Kilduff, Irwin, J. Walsh, and Condotta

Providing tax relief to motorists by exempting certain mobile communications technology from retail sales and use tax.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for hands-free wireless communications devices whether sold as original equipment by the manufacturer of an automobile or as an aftermarket product or service.


-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

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

**HB 2238** by Representatives Klippert, Haler, McDonald, and Dent

Concerning the licensing of marijuana businesses that are located in close proximity to playgrounds, child care centers, and preschools.

Expands the definitions of playground and child care center with regard to buffer distance requirements of state-licensed marijuana businesses.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 28 First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**HB 2239** by Representatives Stanford, Springer, Blake, Tharinger, and Dolan

Addressing water availability issues created by the Washington supreme court decision in Whatcom County v. Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, also known as the Hirst decision, solely by providing immediate and temporary relief to landowners affected by the Hirst decision by ensuring that a water well report for a groundwater withdrawal exempt from permitting and not prohibited by an applicable water...
resources management rule adopted by the department of ecology may serve until December 31, 2018, as evidence of an adequate water supply for a building necessitating potable water, allowing cities and counties to rely until December 31, 2018, on water resource management rules adopted by the department of ecology in providing for the protection of surface water and groundwater.

Addresses water availability issues created by the state supreme court decision in Whatcom County v. Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board solely by providing immediate and temporary relief to landowners affected by the decision by ensuring that a water well report for a groundwater withdrawal exempt from permitting and not prohibited by an applicable water resources management rule adopted by the department of ecology may serve as evidence of an adequate water supply for a building necessitating potable water.

Allows cities and counties to rely on water resource management rules adopted by the department of ecology in providing for the protection of surface water and groundwater.

Creates a joint legislative task force on water supply to review: (1) The treatment of groundwater withdrawals that are exempt from permitting requirements; and (2) The implementation of RCW 19.27.097 and 36.70A.070 (sections 1 through 3 of this act).

Provides a June 30, 2019, expiration date for the task force.

**HB 2240** by Representative Tharinger


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**HB 2241** by Representative DeBolt

Concerning the capital budget. Adopts the capital budget.

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**HB 2242** by Representatives Sullivan, Harris, Lytton, and Taylor

Funding fully the state's program of basic education by providing equitable education opportunities through reform of state and local education contributions.

States that in chapter 548, Laws of 2009 and chapter 236, Laws of 2010 the state established a comprehensive plan for enhancing the state's program of basic education.

Declares an intent, with this act, to realize the promise of these reforms and to improve student outcomes by increasing state allocations for school staff salaries, revising state and local education funding contributions, and improving transparency and accountability of education funding.

Creates the school employees' benefits board within the state health care authority to design and approve insurance benefit plans for school employees and establish eligibility criteria for participation in the plans.

Requires the caseload forecast council to convene a technical working group to assist school districts to accurately determine the district's four-year budget plan.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to convene a technical work group to review the staffing enrichments to the program of basic education.

Creates the school employees' insurance administrative account, the school employees' benefits board medical benefits administration account, and the school employees' benefits board medical benefits administration account.

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**HB 2243** by Representatives McCaslin and Barkis

Concerning the siting of schools and school facilities.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 7/01/17)

Allows a county, planning under the growth management act, to authorize the extension of public facilities and utilities to serve a school sited in a rural area that serves students from a rural area and an urban area if certain requirements are met.

Allows the expansion and modernization of an existing school in the rural area or the placement of portable classrooms at an existing school in the rural area.
HB 2244  by Representative Shea

Recognizing fundamental parental rights.

States that: (1) The parents and legal guardians who have legal custody of minor children have a fundamental right to make decisions concerning the care, custody, education, and control of their children; and

(2) The parents and legal guardians shall retain these fundamental rights regardless of whether they continue to be recognized or articulated as constitutional rights by federal or state courts.

HB 2245  by Representative Shea

Concerning overtrial in family law cases.

Authorizes the court that has jurisdiction in an action brought under Title 26 RCW (domestic relations) to award reasonable attorneys’ fees and guardian ad litem fees incurred by one party as a result of overtrial of an issue or issues by the other party, upon written finding by the judge that one party’s unreasonable approach to litigation caused the other party to incur extra and unnecessary fees.

HB 2246  by Representative Shea

Concerning parenting plans.

Revises provisions relating to parenting plans under chapter 26.09 RCW (dissolution proceedings and legal separation).
SB 5251-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Takko, Warnick, Rolfes, McCoy, Zeiger, and Chase)

Concerning tourism marketing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the statewide tourism marketing act. Creates the Washington tourism marketing authority to contract for statewide tourism marketing services that promote tourism on behalf of the citizens of the state and manage the authority's financial resources.

Requires the department of commerce to provide administrative assistance to the authority and serve as the fiscal agent of the authority for money appropriated for purposes of the authority.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct an evaluation of the performance of the authority to determine the extent to which the authority has contributed to the growth of the tourism industry and economic development of the state.

Creates the statewide tourism marketing account.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
Feb 9 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.
Feb 14 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.
-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jun 30 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Placed on second reading by Rules Committee. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.

SB 5883-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Braun)


(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 6/30/17)

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jun 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Placed on second reading by Rules Committee. 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 39; nays, 10; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE HOUSE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, adopted.

-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.

-- 2017 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

SB 5939-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ericksen and Palumbo)

Promoting a sustainable, local renewable energy industry through modifying renewable energy system tax incentives and providing guidance for renewable energy system component recycling.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 7/01/17)
Modifies renewable energy system tax incentives and provides guidance for renewable energy system component recycling to promote a sustainable, local renewable energy industry.

-- 2017 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --
Jun 14 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 10:00 AM.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jun 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 74; nays, 19; absent, 0; excused, 5.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.
Jul 1 President signed.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.
-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
Delivered to Governor.

SB 5947-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Pearson)
Concerning the Columbia river salmon and steelhead endorsement program.
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 6/30/17)
Delays, until June 30, 2019, the expiration of the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement program.
Prohibits program funds from being used to acquire land.
-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jun 21 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks at 9:00 AM.
Jun 30 W/M - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 87; nays, 6; absent, 0; excused, 5.
-- IN THE SENATE --
President signed.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.

SB 5965-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford)
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 7/01/17)
-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jun 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 93; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 5.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.
Jul 1 President signed.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
Delivered to Governor.
Governor signed.
Chapter 3, 2017 Laws 3rd Special Session.
Effective date 6/30/2017.

SB 5965-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford)
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 7/01/17)
-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jun 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 93; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 5.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.
 Jul 1 President signed.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
Delivered to Governor.
Governor signed.
Chapter 4, 2017 Laws 3rd Special Session.
Effective date 7/1/2017.
SB 5975-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fain, Liias, Keiser, Saldana, Miloscia, Cleveland, McCoy, Nelson, Ranker, Conway, Mullet, Hobbs, Takko, Palumbo, Pedersen, and Chase)

Addressing paid family and medical leave.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 6/30/17)

States that the legislature declares it to be in the public interest to create a family and medical leave insurance program to provide reasonable paid family leave for the birth or placement of a child with the employee, for the care of a family member who has a serious health condition, and for a qualifying exigency under the federal family and medical leave act, and provide reasonable paid medical leave for an employee's own serious health condition.

Requires the employment security department to establish and administer the family and medical leave program and pay family and medical leave benefits as specified in this act.

Requires the commissioner of the employment security department to: (1) Appoint an advisory committee to review issues and topics of interest related to this act; and (2) Establish an ombuds office for family and medical leave within the department to: (a) Offer and provide information on family and medical leave to employers and employees; and (b) act as an advocate for employers and employees in their dealings with the department.

Declares an intent to assist small businesses with the costs of an employee's use of family or medical leave.

Repeals chapter 49.78 RCW (family leave) and chapter 49.86 RCW (family leave insurance).

Creates the family and medical leave enforcement account and the family and medical leave insurance account.

SB 5977 by Senator Rossi

Relating to revenue.

(Substituted for - See 1st Sub)

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

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means. WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Placed on second reading by Rules Committee. 1st substitute bill substituted. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.

SB 5977-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Rossi)

Concerning revenue.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 6/30/17)

Addresses revenue provisions as follows: (1) Provides tax credits to businesses in main street communities; (2) Reduces the general manufacturing business and occupation tax rate and the processing for hire rate; (3) Creates a business and occupation tax exemption for agricultural fertilizer and seed; (4) Extends preferential business and occupation tax rates for manufacturers and wholesalers of specific solar energy material and parts and for manufacturers and processors for hire of semiconductor materials; (5) Extends preferential sales and use tax rates for gases and chemicals used in the production of semiconductor materials; (6) Provides sales and use tax exemptions to encourage coal-fired electric generation plants to convert to natural gas-fired plants or biomass energy facilities; (7) Provides a public utility tax credit, a business and occupation tax credit, and an exemption from the brokered natural gas use tax for silicon smelters; (8) Extends the sales tax deferral on construction and expenditure costs of up to two new manufacturing facilities per calendar year; (9) Extends the sales and use tax deferral for historical auto museums; (10) Exempts land removed from the designated forest land program, due to certain natural disasters, from payment of compensating taxes; (11) Increases the business and occupation tax credit for qualifying activities to attract additional motion picture and film projects;
(12) Exempts martial arts from retail sales taxes and makes it subject to service and other business and occupation tax;
(13) Provides a leasehold excise tax credit to the University of Washington and Washington State University; and
(14) Provides a leasehold excise tax exemption for certain leasehold interests in facilities owned or used by community or technical colleges.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jun 30    WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 33; nays, 16; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 83; nays, 10; absent, 0; excused, 5.
-- IN THE SENATE --
President signed.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.
Jul 1    Delivered to Governor.

SB 5978    by Senators McCoy and Hunt

Creating an office of the state ombuds.

Creates the office of the state ombuds in the office of the governor. The office will be readily available to the public, responsible to the legislature, and empowered to investigate the acts of state administrative agencies; and will recommend appropriate changes toward the goals of safeguarding the rights of persons and promote higher standards of competency, efficiency, and justice in the administration of state laws.

Requires the office of financial management to study the duties and salary of the chief executive officer of the office of the state ombuds.

Transfers certain functions and duties of the following to the office of the state ombuds: The office of the family and children's ombuds, the office of the education ombuds, the office of the state long-term care ombuds, the office of the developmental disabilities ombuds, and the office of the ombuds for workers of industrial insurance self-insured employers.

Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Records and files maintained by the state ombuds, other than final investigation reports.

SB 5979    by Senators Hasegawa, Saldaña, McCoy, Hobbs, Conway, and Hunt
Concerning nonresident beneficiaries of wrongful death actions.
Removes the requirement that beneficiaries of wrongful death actions must be resident within the United States.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jul 3    First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8013    by Senators Warnick, Honeyford, Keiser, King, Chase, Hasegawa, Short, Becker, Schoesler, Hobbs, and Billig
Requesting that the TRACON facilities at the Grant County International Airport be made permanent.
Requests that the terminal radar approach control facilities (TRACON) at the Grant County International Airport be made permanent.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jul 3    First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8210    by Senators Palumbo, Kuderer, and Billig
Requiring bills to be available to members and the public for seventy-two hours prior to final passage.
Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution requiring bills to be available to members and the public for seventy-two hours before final passage.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --
Jul 3    First reading, referred to State Government.