House Bills

HB 1169-S3 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Pollet, Appleton, Goodman, Tarleton, Bergquist, Stanford, Fitzgibbon, Doglio, and Wylie)

Enacting the student opportunity, assistance, and relief act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 3RD SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the student opportunity, assistance, and relief act to address student education loan debt, the repeal of statutes regarding professional license or certificate suspensions, private student loan default, and exemptions for bank account and wage garnishments.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

Jan 25 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Jan 26 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Jan 31 3rd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
            Third reading, passed; yeas, 79; nays, 15; absent, 0; excused, 4.
            -- IN THE SENATE --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

HB 1600-S2 by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Santos, Pettigrew, Harris, Young, Stonier, Pike, Appleton, Johnson, Fey, Bergquist, Hudgins, Kraft, Slatter, and Tarleton)

Increasing the career and college readiness of public school students.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the work-integrated learning initiative to promote work-integrated learning experiences for students.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Contract with a statewide nonprofit organization to establish a matching grant program to fund projects implemented by local applicant schools; and

(2) In consultation with the employment security department and the workforce training and education coordinating board, convene a work-integrated learning advisory committee to provide advice to the legislature and the education and workforce sectors on creating opportunities for students.

Requires the center for the improvement of student learning and the state institute for public policy to jointly review and analyze the reports and data submitted in
accordance with this act to evaluate the work-integrated learning project programs.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 14 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.
Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
Feb 24 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
Mar 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.
Mar 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.
Mar 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Apr 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Jan 18 ED - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.
Jan 22 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1622-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Senn, Springer, Tharinger, Ormsby, and Fey)

Concerning the state building code council.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the state building code council to: (1) Adopt a revised process for the review of proposed statewide amendments and a process for the review of proposed or enacted local amendments to the codes enumerated in RCW 19.27.031; and
(2) In consultation with the office of the chief information officer, assess the costs and benefits of the potential acquisition and implementation of open public access information technologies to enhance the council's code adoption process.

Changes the composition of the state building code council.

Requires the department of enterprise services, with the advice and input from the members of the state building code council, to: (1) Employ permanent and temporary staff and contract for services;
(2) Contract with an independent, third-party entity to perform an energy code baseline economic analysis and economic analysis of code proposals; and
(3) Provide all administrative and information technology services required for the state building code council.

Imposes a fee of six dollars and fifty cents on each residential building permit and twenty-five dollars for each commercial building permit.

Imposes a fee of six dollars and fifty cents, for licensing of registered architects and entities engaged in the practice of architecture, on each certificate of registration, renewal of a certificate of registration, certificate of authorization, and renewal of a certificate of authorization, issued by the director of the department of licensing.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 7 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government at 10:00 AM.
Feb 15 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Local Government at 9:00 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.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Jan 18 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Jan 24 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Jan 26 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.


Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.
Feb 13 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 LAWS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 8:00 AM.

Jan 22 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 1740-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives McBride, Fey, and Jinkins)

Using the state environmental policy act to encourage development that is consistent with forward-looking growth plans.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Changes the time frame in which a proposed development may not be challenged in administrative or judicial appeals for noncompliance with the state environmental policy act.

Authorizes money in the growth management planning and environmental review fund to be used to cover costs associated with the adoption of optional elements of comprehensive plans consistent with provisions of the state environmental policy act.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.
Feb 9 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Jan 17 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Jan 18 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

Jan 23 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Jan 26 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

HB 1831-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Macri, Santos, Ortiz-Self, Frame, Kagi, Fitzgibbon, Stanford, Ormsby, and Pollet)

Revising resource limitations for public assistance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Revises the definition of "resource" for purposes of eligibility requirements for an exemption of a resource in order to qualify for public assistance.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 8:00 AM.
Feb 17 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 10:00 AM.
Feb 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.

Feb 24 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
Mar 14 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 1:30 PM.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Jan 18 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

HB 2029-S2 by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Santos, Tarleton, Fey, Farrell, McBride, Wylie, Peterson, Kloba, Gregerson, Clibborn, Jinkins, Kagi, Bergquist, Ormsby, Hudgins, Stanford, Tharinger, and Macri)

Providing a referral resource for those seeking information and assistance for immigration and citizenship related matters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the human rights commission, in consultation with relevant state agencies, and individuals or groups having experience and knowledge of immigration law and the provision of immigration and citizenship related assistance, including those with experience providing culturally appropriate services to populations that have traditionally been underserved or unserved, to establish a toll-free telephone hotline and a web site to refer callers and users to sources of information and assistance for victims of hate crimes or harassment due to their actual or perceived immigration, national origin, or citizenship related status.

Exempts the following personal information from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Information revealing the identity of a person or entity requesting information or assistance via the hotline or web site.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
Feb 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:00 PM.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 JUDI - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Jan 22 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
HB 2177-S by House Committee on Higher Education
(originally sponsored by Representatives Chapman, Steele, Frame, and Tharinger)
Creating a rural county jobs program.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the rural county high employer demand jobs program to: (1) Meet the workforce needs of business and industry in rural counties by assisting students in earning certificates, associate degrees, or other industry-recognized credentials necessary for employment in high employer demand fields; and
(2) Provide qualifying student awards in the amount equal to tuition fees and required services and activities fees when the student enrolls in a community or technical college program that prepares him or her for a high employer demand field.
Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to: (1) Administer the program and adopt rules necessary to implement the program;
(2) In consultation with a community or technical college located in an eligible county, and the county's workforce development council, identify high employer demand fields within the eligible counties; and
(3) Award grants to certain students in the amount equal to the cost of tuition fees and required services and activities fees,
Creates the rural jobs program account.
-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.
Jan 17 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.
Jan 19 Referred to Appropriations.
Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

HB 2251-S by House Committee on Local Government
(originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Johnson, Young, and Ormsby)
Concerning public facilities districts.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses a public facilities district's authority with regard to: (1) Including an aquatics facility in its definition of "regional center"; and
(2) Ascertaining the order projects are executed through the use of an advisory ballot that reflects the preference of the voting public.
Prohibits certain public facilities districts created by a city or town bordered by both the Columbia and Snake rivers from making a facility, constructed after the effective date of this act, available to a prospective user for an event that is not open to the public if reasonably comparable private facilities are available within the boundaries of the public facilities district.
-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government at 1:30 PM.
Jan 18 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Local Government at 1:30 PM.
Jan 23 Referred to Capital Budget.
Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 10:00 AM.
Feb 5 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 9:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 2288-S by House Committee on Education
(originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Harris, Dolan, Stonier, Goodman, Tarleton, Bergquist, Johnson, McBride, Fitzgibbon, Slatter, Vick, Lytton, Hargrove, Macri, Kloba, Appleton, Ortiz-Self, Ormsby, Lovick, and McCaslin)
Concerning the Washington history day program.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Transfers the responsibility for administering the Washington history day program from the Washington state historical society to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.
Creates the Washington history day account.
-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 8 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Jan 18 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.
Jan 22 Referred to Appropriations.
Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

HB 2292-S by House Committee on Local Government
(originally sponsored by Representatives Stonier, Harris, Kraft, and Frame)
Providing greater certainty in association with selling city-owned property used for off-street parking.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Changes certain requirements for cities when selling city-owned property that is no longer necessary for off-street parking purposes.
-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 16 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government at 10:00 AM.
Jan 18 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Local Government at 1:30 PM.
Jan 22 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2419-S by House Committee on Commerce & Gaming
(originally sponsored by Representatives Hargrove, Muri, and Haler)
Regarding beer, wine, cider, and mead at farmers markets.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses the sale of beer, wine, cider, and mead, in bottles, cans, and growlers, at farmers markets.
with regard to real estate excise taxes: A qualified transfer
Correcting the use tax exemption for self-produced fuel.
Tharinger, Chapman, Kilduff, Macri, Robinson, Appleton,
remodeling and improvements
subject to certain conditions.
Exempts the following from the definition of "sale"
Includes the following as an activity that is eligible for

HB 2448-S  by House Committee on Finance (originally
Increasing the availability of housing for developmentally
Exempts the following from the definition of "sale" with regard to real estate excise taxes: A qualified transfer or residential property by a legal representative of a person with developmental disabilities to a qualified entity subject to certain conditions.
Includes the following as an activity that is eligible for assistance from the housing trust fund and other legislative appropriations: Remodeling and improvements as required to meet building code, licensing requirements,
vessels against the will of the pilot, and for other services as may be determined by the commission; and
(2) As an element of the Puget Sound piloting district tariff, consider pilot retirement expenses incurred in the prior year in either piloting district.
Prohibits the state from being obligated to fund or pay for any portion of retirement payments for pilots or retired pilots.

Creates the marine piloting tariff setting account.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Transportation (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 5074-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Frockt, Hasegawa, Carlyle, McCoy, Rolfes, Mullet, and Palumbo)
Concerning eligibility for state financial aid programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Aligns residency requirements for certain state financial aid programs.

Authorizes an institution of higher education to award a state need grant to an eligible student on a provisional basis if the student completes the free application for federal student aid or, if he or she is ineligible to apply for federal student aid, completes a state financial aid application as approved by the office of student financial assistance.

Modifies the definition of "resident student" to include a person who has: (1) Been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status regardless of whether he or she is no longer or will no longer be granted the deferred action due to the termination, suspension, or modification of the deferred action for childhood arrival program; and
(2) Met certain domicile requirements.

Modifies the definition of "nonresident student" as a person who: (1) Meets and complies with applicable requirements and is a lawful permanent resident, is a temporary resident, or holds a certain nonimmigrant status with the United States citizenship and immigration services;
(2) Has been issued an employment authorization document by the United States citizenship and immigration services that is valid as of the date the person's residency status is determined; or
(3) Is otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law, including deferred action status.

Jan 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:10 AM.
Jan 18 HEWD - Majority: 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.
Jan 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5251-S3 by Senate Committee on Economic Development & International Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Takko, Warnick, Rolfes, McCoy, Zeiger, and Chase)
Concerning tourism marketing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 3RD 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.
Requires 0.2 percent of taxes collected on retail sales of lodging, car rentals, and restaurants to be deposited in 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 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 8:00 AM.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 EDIT - Majority: 3rd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development & International Trade at 8:00 AM.
Jan 19 Referred to Ways & Means.
Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
SB 5295-S by Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Braun, Ranker, Hasegawa, Keiser, and Chase; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Adding the use of shared leave for employees who are sick or temporarily disabled because of pregnancy disability or for the purposes of parental leave to bond with the employee's newborn, adoptive, or foster child.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Allows an agency head to permit an employee to receive leave, under the state leave sharing program, if the employee: (1) Needs the time for parental leave; or (2) Is sick or temporarily disabled because of pregnancy disability.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.
Jan 19 SGTE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.
Jan 22 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5624-S by Senate Committee on Energy, Environment & Technology (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa and Fortunato)

Concerning transparency in retail electrical customer billing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires an electric utility to: (1) Provide written or electronic notice of public hearings where changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the utilities and transportation commission or governing body; and (2) Disclose on each billing statement the rate of tax imposed on the electric utility, if any, and the amount of the tax to be paid directly by the retail electric customer through the billing statement.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 14 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 10:00 AM.
Feb 16 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 10:00 AM.
-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 10 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Technology at 8:00 AM.
Jan 18 EENT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Technology at 10:00 AM.
Jan 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Jan 31 Placed on second reading consent calendar.

SB 5627-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Kuderer, Hunt, Saldaña, and Keiser)

Concerning the sale of manufactured/mobile home communities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Extends, until December 31, 2026, the real estate excise tax exemption on a qualified sale of a manufactured/mobile home community.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:30 AM.
Jan 18 FL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority: without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:30 AM.
Jan 19 Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5928-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers, Palumbo, and Hasegawa)

Making financial services available to marijuana producers, processors, retailers, qualifying patients, health care professionals, and designated providers as authorized under chapters 69.50 and 69.51A RCW.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
States that a financial institution, an armored car service, or a person providing certain financial services that receives deposits, extends credit, conducts funds transfers, or provides other financial services for a marijuana producer, processor, or retailer or a qualifying patient, health care professional, or designated provider, does not commit a crime solely by virtue of providing those financial services.
States that a certified public accountant or firm engaged in the practice of public accounting does not commit a crime solely for providing professional accounting services for a marijuana producer, processor, or retailer.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
Jan 18 FL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority: do not pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:30 AM.
Jan 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5989-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senator Padden)

Concerning small claims court.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Increases the monetary limit, in which a small claims department may have jurisdiction, from five thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 9 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
Jan 18 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
Jan 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Jan 24 Placed on second reading consent calendar.
Jan 25 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yea, 49; nay, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Jan 29 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 9 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 6025-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Dhingra, Darneille, Frockt, Lias, Keiser, Pedersen, Hunt, Chase, Padden, Palumbo, O’Ban, Saldaña, Kuderer, and Hasegawa)

Increasing success in therapeutic courts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Allows the use of a portion of the criminal justice treatment account to provide services to foster increased success in drug courts.

Requires the state treasurer, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and each subsequent fiscal year, to transfer 8.25 million dollars from the general fund to the criminal justice treatment account, divided into four equal quarterly payments.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
Jan 18 LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
Jan 19 On motion, referred to Ways & Means.
Jan 29 WM - Majority; without recommendation.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6029-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Llias, Ranker, Fain, Frockt, Billig, Darneille, Palumbo, Rolfs, Keiser, Cleveland, Pedersen, Hunt, Wellman, Conway, Chase, Saldaña, Kuderer, Hasegawa, and Mullet; by request of Attorney General)

Establishing a student loan bill of rights.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the Washington student education loan bill of rights.

Requires the student achievement council to designate a student loan advocate within the office of student financial assistance to provide timely assistance to a student education loan borrower with a student education loan.

Requires the director of the department of financial institutions to establish fees sufficient to cover the costs of administering the department’s program for student education loan servicers and the student achievement council’s student loan advocate.

Requires the state institute for public policy to conduct a study on the impact and cost-effectiveness of establishing a student loan authority to refinance existing federal and private undergraduate and graduate student loans from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds.

Creates the student loan advocate account.

Requires the state treasurer, beginning in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, to annually transfer from the financial services regulation fund to the student loan advocate account, the greater of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars or twenty percent of the annual assessment derived from student education loan servicing.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:10 AM.
Jan 18 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.
Jan 19 Referred to Ways & Means.
Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

SB 6035-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet, Carlyle, and Kuderer; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Allowing property insurers to assist their insureds with risk mitigation goods or services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes a personal property insurer to: (1) With prior approval of the insurance commissioner, include certain goods and services intended to reduce the probability of loss or the extent of loss from a covered event as part of a policy of personal property insurance; and

(2) Conduct a pilot program as a risk mitigation strategy through which the insurer offers or provides risk mitigation goods and services in connection with a personal insurance policy covering property risks.
Limits the value of goods and services to one thousand dollars in value in the aggregate in any twelve-month period.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 9  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:00 AM.
Jan 18  FI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
        Minority; without recommendation.
        Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 8:30 AM.
Jan 19  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6041-S by Senate Committee on Law & Justice
(originally sponsored by Senators Pedersen, Rivers, Frockt, Fain, Hasegawa, Hunt, Saldaña, Dhintra, Darmeille, Hobbs, McCoy, O’Ban, Lias, Keiser, Conway, Palumbo, and Kuderer; by request of Office of Civil Legal Aid)
Concerning civil legal aid.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Finds that the prevalence of civil legal problems experienced by low-income people in the state exceeds the capacity of the state-funded legal aid system to address.
Modifies civil legal aid provisions regarding: (1) The duty of the director of civil legal aid services to periodically assess the most prevalent civil legal problems experienced by low-income people in the state and the capacity of the state-funded legal aid system to meet the legal needs arising from the problems; (2) The appropriation of public funds for civil representation of indigent persons; and (3) The distribution of funds to persons appointed in dependency proceedings.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 9  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
Jan 18  LAW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
        Minority; without recommendation.
        Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.
Jan 19  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6056-S by Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Hunt and Kuderer)
Concerning broadcasters during a proclamation of emergency.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides a definition of "broadcaster" and "first informer broadcaster" for purposes of chapter 38.52 RCW regarding the state military department and emergency management.
Provides immunity from liability to federal, state, and local agencies, and their employees, for any action, or failure to act, when facilitating access of a first informer broadcaster to an area affected by an emergency or disaster.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 12  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.
Jan 19  SGTE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
        Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.
Jan 22  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6097-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Van De Wege, and Rolfs)
Creating a task force on the outdoor recreation industry.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the institutions of higher education, the council of presidents, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the student achievement council to collaborate to: (1) Identify talent pipeline gaps within the outdoor recreation industry in the state; and (2) Develop recommendations for institutions of higher education to create master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees and certificate programs that meet the needs of the outdoor recreation industry.
Creates the task force on talent pipeline gaps in the outdoor recreation industry to coordinate and implement the goals in (1) and (2) above.
Expires December 31, 2018.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 16  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.
Jan 18  HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
        Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.
Jan 19  On motion, referred to Ways & Means.
Jan 30  WM - Majority; without recommendation.
        Minority; do not pass.
        Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
Feb 1   Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6101-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Frockt, Palumbo, Dhintra, Kuderer, McCoy, Cleveland, Saldaña, Billig, Van De Wege, Hunt, and Hasegawa)
Establishing the evergreen free college act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Establishes the evergreen free college act.
Creates the evergreen free college program to help make four years of college affordable and accessible to the
citizens of the state by offering a tuition waiver for eligible students.

Requires the office of student financial assistance to administer the program for resident students seeking a bachelor's degree, an associate degree, or certificate from an institution of higher education under certain terms and conditions.

Requires the student achievement council to develop a plan to provide program students, who are enrolled at an institution of higher education, with a student success course that is one quarter long or the equivalent in semester hours, that teaches essential skills for college success.

Requires the state institute for public policy to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the program.

Requires the caseload forecast council to estimate the anticipated caseload of the program.

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Jan 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:10 AM.

Jan 18 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.

Jan 19 Referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 5 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 6219-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Saldaña, Dhingra, Ranker, Carlyle, Takko, Kuderer, Hasegawa, Palumbo, Chase, Nelson, Frockt, Keiser, Wellman, Darnelle, Mullet, Billig, Pedersen, Rolfs, Hunt, and Liias)

Concerning health plan coverage of reproductive health care.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a health plan that is issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2019: (1) To provide coverage for contraceptive drugs, devices, and other products; voluntary sterilization procedures; and certain necessary consultations, examinations, procedures, and medical services; and
(2) That provides coverage for maternity care or services, to also provide substantially equivalent coverage to permit the abortion of a pregnancy.

Requires the governor's interagency coordinating council on health disparities to conduct a literature review on disparities in access to reproductive health care based on socioeconomic status, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, geography, and other factors.

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Jan 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Jan 22 HLTC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.

SB 6245-S by Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Senators Saldaña, Ranker, Conway, Hasegawa, McCoy, Hunt, and Keiser)

Concerning spoken language interpreter services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Centralizes and consolidates the procurement of spoken language interpreter services and expands the use of language access providers.

Excludes interpreter services for sensory-impaired persons from the provisions of this act.

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Jan 12 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.

Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce at 1:30 PM.

Jan 22 LBRC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce at 1:30 PM.

Jan 24 Referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

SB 6592 by Senator Nelson

Relating to state government.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to state government.

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Feb 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6593 by Senator Ranker
Relating to higher education.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to higher education.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6594 by Senator Carlyle
Relating to climate.
Introduced by title and introductory section only, relating to climate.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6595 by Senators Warnick, Schoesler, Honeyford, Baumgartner, Takko, Fortunato, and Short
Concerning affordable housing policy.
Establishes the housing efficiency and fairness act.
Requires the state auditor, in auditing the housing finance commission, to examine the performance of the commission in meeting its housing finance objectives for the state in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.
Requires the housing finance commission, if it determines that it has not received an adequate number of suitable applications for nonrural projects during a given funding cycle, to allocate unused money for predevelopment, feasibility studies, and capacity building projects in nonrural areas of the state.
Prohibits a jurisdiction that accepts payment of money or property in lieu of low-income housing units from being eligible for money from the housing trust fund.

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Feb 2 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8016 by Senator Ranker
Requesting that the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to rename the state ferry vessel the "Yakama."
Requests that the state transportation commission commence proceedings to rename the state ferry vessel the Yakama.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Transportation.