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HB 2474-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Murray; by request of Governor Locke)

Making supplemental transportation appropriations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes supplemental transportation appropriations.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 27 Placed on second reading.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 85; nays, 10; absent, 3.

HB 3205-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Murray)

Funding homeland security for transportation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, in addition to the fees set forth in RCW 46.16.070, there shall be paid and collected annually upon renewal registration, a fee of seventy-five cents for each truck, motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, tractor, bus, auto stage, or for hire vehicle with seating capacity of more than six, notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.16.070.

Provides that the additional fee under this act shall be deposited into the homeland transportation security account, created in this act, to be used solely for homeland transportation security funding.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 27 Placed on second reading.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 55; nays, 40; absent, 3.

HB 3206 by Representatives Chase, Cooper, Upthegrove and Mastin

Establishing requirements for the transfer of residents of residential habilitation centers.

Provides that the secretary may not transfer, change, or otherwise alter a placement decision of a resident of any residential habilitation center as defined in RCW

71A.20.020 except as provided in this act.

Requires that, if the secretary deems a change of placement is appropriate for a resident of a residential habilitation center, the secretary shall give written notice of the decision to change placement and reasons for the change in placement as provided in RCW 71A.10.060. The notice shall include a statement advising the recipient of his or her right to object to the change of placement.

Provides that, if the resident objects to the change in placement, the secretary shall not transfer, change, or otherwise alter the placement of the resident.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 3207 by Representatives Carrell, Bailey, McMahan, Bush, Hinkle, Cairnes, Kristiansen, Talcott, Crouse, Delvin, Orcutt, Sump, Pearson, Mielke, Condotta, Benson, Roach, Boldt, Shabro, Newhouse, Holmquist, Priest, Ahern, Alexander, Chandler, Armstrong, Clements, Skinner, Buck, Woods, Nixon, McDonald, Cox, Schindler, Schoesler and Rodne

Providing for omnibus civil liability reform.

Finds that counties, cities, other governmental entities, professionals, health care providers, businesses, individuals, and nonprofit organizations are finding it increasingly difficult to find affordable liability insurance. One of the drivers increasing the cost of liability insurance is the potential liability beyond one's proportionate share of fault that a defendant must be insured against.

Declares an intent of the legislature to enact reforms that create a more equitable distribution of liability based upon one's proportionate share of fault.

Finds, notwithstanding the tort reform measures it has enacted in the past, that in many instances defendants continue to pay more than their proportionate share of a claimant's total damages. The legislature in the 1986 tort reform act adopted as the policy of this state that several, or proportionate, liability is the general rule, subject to certain limited exceptions.

Declares an intent to limit further the exceptions to the general rule of several or proportionate liability.

Requires the secretary of state to submit this act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to facilitate its operation.

-- 2004 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Judiciary.