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House Bills

HB 2289-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers and Cody)

Relating to hospital efficiencies. Revised for 1st Substitute: Limiting hospital participation for medical assistance programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, beginning on the effective date of this act, a moratorium shall be placed on additional hospital participation in critical access hospital payments under this act. However, rural hospitals that applied for certification to the centers for medicare and medicaid services prior to January 1, 2005, but have not yet completed the process or have not yet been approved for certification, remain eligible for medical assistance payments under this act.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 2 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second Apr 4 reading.

HB 2304-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers, McCoy and Williams; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Recovering debts owed to the state for medical assistance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that when an individual receives medical assistance subject to recovery under RCW 43.20B.080 and the individual is the holder of record title to real property or the purchaser under a land sale contract, the department of social and health services may present to the county clerk for recording in the deed and mortgage records of a county a request for notice of transfer or encumbrance of the real property. The department shall adopt a rule providing prior notice and hearing rights to the record title holder or purchaser under a land sale contract.

Requires the department to present to the county clerk for recording a termination of request for notice of transfer or encumbrance when, in the judgment of the department, it is no longer necessary or appropriate for the department to monitor transfers or encumbrances related to the real property.

Provides that, if the department of social and health services has filed a request for notice of transfer or encumbrance under this act: (1) A title insurance company or agent that discovers the presence of a request for notice of transfer or encumbrance when performing a title search on real property shall disclose the presence of the request for notice of transfer or encumbrance in any report preliminary to, or any commitment to offer, a certificate of title insurance for the real property; and

(2) Any individual who transfers or encumbers real property shall provide the department of social and health services with a notice of transfer or encumbrance.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

- Apr 2 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
- Passed to Rules Committee for second Apr 4 reading.

HB 2309-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Linville; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Modifying water right fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the fees associated with various actions of the department of ecology relating to the processing and administration of water rights are outdated and are insufficient even to recover the cost of handling the funds submitted. Additionally, water right processing fees are currently collected at three different stages of the water rights process, whereas reducing the number of instances of fee collection to two stages of the process would increase efficiency and reduce administrative costs. Furthermore, several current statutory fees are archaic or are otherwise covered by other general statutes, including the public disclosure act.

Declares an intent to update and modernize the fee schedule associated with water right-related actions of the department of ecology.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

- Apr 2 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
- Passed to Rules Committee for second Apr 4 reading.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4022 by Representatives Dunn, Newhouse, Curtis, Walsh, Orcutt and Buri

Requesting Congress to pass the Nonresident Income Tax Freedom Act.

Requests Congress to pass the Nonresident Income Tax Freedom Act.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

First reading, referred to Finance.

Senate Bills

SB 6086-S by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Hewitt, Poulsen, Morton, Mulliken and Rasmussen)

Concerning the retrofitting of wells during drought conditions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 43.83B.410 relating to allowing retrofitting of domestic wells to maintain agricultural irrigation purposes during drought.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 1 WEE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Apr 5 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6094-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser and Hewitt; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for capital improvements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 1 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 45; nays, 0; absent, 4.

- IN THE HOUSE -

Apr 5 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

SB 6103 by Senators Haugen and Swecker

Providing funding and funding options for transportation projects.

Provides funding and funding options for transportation projects.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6104 by Senators Haugen and Swecker; by request of Department of Transportation

Expediting new vessel construction for Washington State Ferries.

Establishes procedures to expedite new vessel construction for Washington State Ferries.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8023 by Senators Kline, Jacobsen and Prentice

Requesting an audit of the performance of the International Commission on Holocaust-Era Insurance Claims.

Requests an audit of the performance of the International Commission on Holocaust-Era Insurance Claims.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 4 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 8409-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles and Parlette)

Creating a joint select committee on workers' compensation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a joint select committee on workers' compensation.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 31 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Apr 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

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