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House Bills

HB 2219-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, DeBolt, Williams, and Alexander)

Expanding eligibility for urban industrial land banks.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/06)

Amends RCW 36.70A.367 relating to urban industrial land banks.

Expands the number of counties authorized to create an urban industrial land bank by allowing such land banks in counties that are: (1) Adjacent to a major railroad connection; and

(2) In close proximity to an interstate freeway.

Provides that the deadline for eligible counties to engage in the urban industrial land bank planning process is extended from December 31, 2007 until December 31, 2014.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 2 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 29 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 31 Executive session in committee.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 12 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE SENATE --

- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

HB 2334-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Woods, Sells, Eickmeyer, Flannigan, Strow, B. Sullivan, Priest, Jarrett, Chase, and Moeller)

Modifying residential density requirements in fully incorporated island cities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Recognizes that cities coterminous with, and comprised solely of, an island in qualifying counties have unique and valuable qualities that must be preserved. Recognizing the importance of preserving these qualities, as well as the continual changes that accompany population growth, the legislature finds that these island cities must have the authority to determine the residential densities, within the confines of properly accommodating growth, that are best suited to retain the agricultural, rural, residential, and historic character enjoyed by the residents.

Declares that the legislature does not intend for the provisions of this act to affirm, nullify, or otherwise affect decisions by growth management hearings boards or courts pertaining to required minimum densities in urban growth areas.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 9 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.

HB 2404-S by House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody and Morrell; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Regulating retainer health care practices.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/09/06)

Provides that a retainer health care practice may not accept periodic payment for health care services to retainer subscribers.

Authorizes a retainer practice to charge a retainer fee as consideration for being available to provide and providing primary care services to a retainer subscriber during a specified service period if the retainer health care practice deposits the fee in one or more identifiable trust accounts and distributes the fee to the retainer practice at the end of the specified service period.

Requires every retainer health care practice to maintain the following records for a period of five years, and upon request must make the following records available to the commissioner for review: (1) Forms of contracts between the retainer practice and retainer subscribers;

(2) Documents relating to the creation and maintenance of any retainer fee trust accounts;

(3) All advertising relating to the retainer practice and its services; and

(4) All records relating to retainer fees received by the retainer health care practice.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 27 Executive session in committee.
HC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 9 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 24 HEA - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 8 Referred to Rules.
By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

HB 2432-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Morrell, McCune, McCoy, Appleton, Talcott, Linville, Conway, Sump, Springer, Green, Ericks, Dunn, and Sells)

Modifying property tax exemptions for persons with disabilities related to the performance of military duties.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/07/06)

Revises property tax exemptions for persons with disabilities related to the performance of military duties.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 27 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 7 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

HB 2500-S by House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Morrell, Cody, Schual-Berke, Clibborn, and Conway; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Requiring health carriers to report certain information.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires health carriers to report certain information.

Declares it is the intent of this act to provide a method of reporting certain financial data in a user friendly format. It is also the intent of this act, to the extent possible, to utilize existing information from the annual statements when developing the additional or supplemental data statement required by this act, and to the extent possible, avoid imposing additional reporting requirements that have the unintended consequences of unduly increasing administrative costs for carriers required to file such information.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 27 Executive session in committee.
HC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 6 Placed on second reading suspension calendar.
- Feb 8 1st substitute bill substituted.
Placed on third reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 22 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 23 HEA - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

- Mar 1 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Mar 4 House concurred in Senate amendments.
Passed final passage; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- Mar 6 Speaker signed.
-- IN THE SENATE --
President signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
- Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.
- Mar 17 Governor signed.
Chapter 104, 2006 Laws.
Effective date 6/7/2006.
- HB 2540-S** by House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke and Morrell)
Revising provisions addressing access to individual health insurance coverage.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/06)
Revises provisions addressing access to individual health insurance coverage.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 17 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 27 Executive session in committee.
HC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 6 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.
- Feb 13 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 24 HEA - Majority; do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.
- HB 2565-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilmer, Haler, Wallace, Strow, Clibborn, Morrell, McCoy, Appleton, Ericks, Linville, Simpson, Green, and Springer)
Modifying the worker training business and occupation tax credit.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/06)
Revises the worker training business and occupation tax credit.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 2 Public hearing in committee.
Referred to Finance.
- Feb 6 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Executive action taken by committee.
FIN - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 13 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
- Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 24 LCRD - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 27 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
WM - Majority; do pass with amendments(s) by Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 28 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 8 Referred to Rules.
By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.
- HB 2571-S** by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Cody, Conway, Blake, Eickmeyer, Wallace, Flannigan, Roberts, and Hasegawa)
Collecting health care services debt under the homestead exemption.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/09/06)
Provides that, where the homestead is subject to execution, attachment, or seizure by or under any legal process whatever to satisfy a judgment in favor of any judgment creditor to pay for health care services, as defined in RCW 48.43.005, in which event the dollar limit on the value of the exemption shall be: (1) The sum of one hundred thousand dollars in the case of lands, mobile home, and improvements, or
(2) The sum of fifty thousand dollars in the case of other personal property described in RCW 6.13.010.

Provides that, on July 1st of each year, beginning on July 1, 2007, the administrator for the courts shall adjust the dollar limit on the exemption specified in this act by a rate of five percent over the previous year's exemption limit and shall publish the adjusted figure in the Washington state register.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 17 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Feb 9 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
 Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 24 JUD - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

HB 2572-S by House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Clibborn, Green, Flannigan, Eickmeyer, Conway, Dickerson, Blake, Cody, Wallace, Roberts, Appleton, Hasegawa, McCoy, Linville, Simpson, Chase, Darneille, O'Brien, Murray, B. Sullivan, Ormsby, Springer, Moeller, and Kagi)

Establishing the small employer health insurance partnership program.

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent through establishment of a small employer health insurance partnership program, to remove economic barriers to health insurance coverage for low-wage employees of small employers by building on the private sector health benefit plan system and encouraging employer and employee participation in employer-sponsored health benefit plan coverage.

Provides that, to the extent funding is appropriated in the operating budget for this purpose, the small employer health insurance partnership program is established.

Provides that, beginning July 1, 2007, the administrator shall accept applications from eligible employees, on behalf of themselves, their spouses, and their dependent children, to receive premium subsidies through the small employer health insurance partnership program.

Requires the administrator to report biennially to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the legislature on the effectiveness and efficiency of the small employer health insurance partnership program, including the services and benefits covered under the purchased health benefit plans, consumer satisfaction, and other program operational issues.

Requires the department of social and health services to submit a request to the federal department of health and human services by October 1, 2006, for a state children's health insurance program section 1115 demonstration waiver. The waiver request shall seek authorization from the federal government to draw down Washington state's unspent state children's health insurance program allotment to finance basic health plan coverage, as provided in chapter 70.47 RCW, for parents of children enrolled in medical assistance or the state children's health insurance program. The waiver also shall seek authorization from the federal government to utilize the resulting state savings to finance expanded basic health plan enrollment, or subsidies provided to low-wage workers through the small employer health insurance partnership program established in this act.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the health services account to the health care authority for the small employer health insurance partnership program.

Appropriates the sum of eighteen million three hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the health services account to the health care authority to fund additional subsidized enrollment of up to ten thousand enrollees in the basic health plan.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 17 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 27 Executive session in committee.
 HC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Feb 1 Referred to Appropriations.
 Feb 3 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 4 Executive session in committee.
 APP - Executive action taken by committee.
 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Feb 7 Placed on second reading.
 Feb 8 2nd substitute bill substituted.
 Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 27 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

HB 2576-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Green, O'Brien, Kirby, Hunt, Ericks, Simpson, Lovick, McCoy, Lantz, Ormsby, Springer, and Conway)

Creating sexual assault protection orders.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that a petition for a sexual assault protection order may be filed by a person: (1) Who is a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration, including a single incident of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration; or

(2) On behalf of any of the following persons who is a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration: (a) A minor child; (b) a vulnerable adult as defined in RCW 74.34.020; or (c) any other adult

who, because of age, disability, health, or inaccessibility, cannot file the petition.

Declares that any person may seek relief under this act by filing a petition with a court alleging that the person has been the victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct or nonconsensual sexual penetration committed by the respondent.

Provides that there shall exist an action known as a petition for a sexual assault protection order.

Directs the administrative office of the courts to develop and prepare instructions and informational brochures required under this act, standard petition and order for protection forms, and a court staff handbook on sexual assault, and the protection order process. The standard petition and order for protection forms must be used after September 1, 2006, for all petitions filed and orders issued under this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Jan 31 Placed on second reading.
 Feb 1 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
 Feb 21 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 23 JUD - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Mar 1 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 2; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Mar 4 House refuses to concur in Senate amendments. Asks Senate to recede from amendments.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 7 Senate receded from amendments.
 Rules suspended.
 Returned to second reading for amendment.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 45; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 4.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Mar 8 House concurred in Senate amendments.
 Passed final passage; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 Speaker signed.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 President signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --

- Delivered to Governor.
 Mar 20 Governor signed.
 Chapter 138, 2006 Laws.
 Effective date 6/7/2006.

HB 2596-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, McDonald, Conway, Wood, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Rodne, McCoy, Morrell, and Ormsby)

Modifying provisions for the cosmetology apprenticeship program.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises provisions for the cosmetology apprenticeship program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
 Jan 31 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 6 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.
 Feb 9 Placed on second reading suspension calendar.
 Feb 10 Committee recommendations adopted and the 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Placed on third reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Feb 13 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
 Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 24 LCRD - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Mar 2 Committee amendment adopted as amended.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Mar 4 House concurred in Senate amendments.
 Passed final passage; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
 Mar 6 Speaker signed.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 7 President signed.
 -- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
 Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.
 Mar 21 Governor signed.
 Chapter 162, 2006 Laws.
 Effective date 6/7/2006.

HB 3279 by Representative Sommers

Stabilizing state convention and trade center funding levels.

Declares that, during the 2003-2005 and 2005-2007 biennia, the legislature transferred funds from the fund established under RCW 67.40.040 to the general fund--state. It is the intent of this act to provide predictable and stable funding for the operation and maintenance of the state convention and trade center by establishing funding levels in future biennia based on proven performance and return on state funds invested in the convention and trade center.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3280 by Representatives Ericks, Strow, Sells, O'Brien, Simpson, and Lovick

Including service credit transferred from the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 1 in the determination of eligibility for military service credit.

Includes service credit transferred from the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 1 in the determination of eligibility for military service credit.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3281 by Representatives Roach, Haler, Jarrett, Rodne, Nixon, McCune, Shabro, and McDonald

Concerning records in criminal investigations.

Finds that many businesses, associations, and organizations providing goods and services to the public or conducting other activity in Washington, or otherwise affecting residents of Washington now operate nationally or globally and often maintain their business records in a location outside the state of Washington.

Declares that the ability of law enforcement and the criminal justice system to effectively perform their duties to the public often depends upon law enforcement, prosecutors, and criminal defense attorneys being able to obtain and use records relevant to crimes that affect Washington's citizens, businesses, associations, organizations, and others who provide goods or services, or conduct other activity in Washington.

Declares that effectively combating crime requires laws facilitating and requiring that all those who possess records relevant to a criminal investigation comply with the legal process issued in connection with criminal investigations or litigation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 3282 by Representatives Eickmeyer, Green, Haigh, Appleton, Kilmer, O'Brien, Lantz, McCoy, Chase, Miloscia, Clibborn, and Ormsby

Establishing the Hood Canal aquatic rehabilitation account.

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Establishes the Hood Canal aquatic rehabilitation account.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Hood Canal.

Feb 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

HOOD - Executive action taken by committee.

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

Feb 3 Referred to Capital Budget.

Feb 6 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

CB - Executive action taken by committee.

CB - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Select Committee on Hood Canal.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 8 Placed on second reading.

Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.

Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 24 Executive session in committee.

HB 3283 by Representatives Hinkle and Woods

Providing for biennial regular sessions of the legislature.

Provides for biennial regular sessions of the legislature.

Declares that this act takes effect if the proposed amendment to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution providing for biennial regular sessions of the legislature is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the next general election. If the proposed amendment is not approved and ratified, this act is void in its entirety.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 3284 by Representatives Pettigrew, Santos, Newhouse, Ericks, Buri, Hasegawa, McCoy, Grant, Darneille, Hunt, Green, Haler, Williams, Simpson, Chase, O'Brien, Lantz, Kenney, Hunter, Hudgins, Moeller, Morrell, Conway, and Lovick

Establishing Rosa Parks day.

Provides that on December 1st of each year or the preceding Friday when December 1st falls on a nonschool day, "Rosa Parks day" shall be observed within each public school.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3285 by Representatives Conway, Chase, Morrell, and Wood

Raising the exemption for charitable or nonprofit bingo organizations from the gambling tax on bingo and amusement games.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/06)

Raises the exemption for charitable or nonprofit bingo organizations from the gambling tax on bingo and amusement games.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Finance.
 Feb 6 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
 FIN - Executive action taken by committee.
 FIN - Majority; do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Feb 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading.
 Feb 14 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Feb 15 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
 Feb 23 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
 Feb 24 LCRD - Majority; do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

HB 3286 by Representatives Blake, Kessler, Buck, Takko, Orcutt, and Conway

Providing tax incentives for persons who extract, manufacture, or process timber.

Provides tax incentives for persons who extract, manufacture, or process timber.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3287 by Representatives Chase, Sump, Eickmeyer, McCoy, Walsh, and Pearson

Studying nitrogen contributions from on-site sewage systems in Hood Canal.

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that nitrogen is an important factor in creating low-dissolved oxygen in Hood Canal. The legislature further finds that inputs of nitrogen to Hood Canal from on-site sewage systems are uncertain due to insufficient data and studies. Therefore, the legislature finds that improved data on the contribution of nitrogen from on-site sewage systems to Hood Canal would allow stakeholders to focus and prioritize resources.

Directs the Puget Sound action team and the Hood Canal coordinating council to contract for a study in the Hood Canal to: (1) Improve data and knowledge of the loading of nitrogen from on-site sewage systems to ground water;

(2) Determine the local scale efficiency of nitrogen removal from on-site sewage systems; and

(3) Improve data and knowledge of the loading of nitrogen from all ground water sources to Hood Canal.

Requires the Puget Sound action team and the Hood Canal coordinating council to report their findings and

recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007.

Appropriates the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the Puget Sound action team for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Hood Canal.
 Feb 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
 HOOD - Executive action taken by committee.
 HOOD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 3 Referred to Appropriations.
 Feb 4 Public hearing, executive action taken, and executive action taken in committee.
 APP - Executive action taken by committee.
 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 8 Placed on second reading.
 Feb 11 2nd substitute bill substituted.
 Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 22 Executive session in committee.

HB 3288 by Representatives Holmquist and Hinkle

Modifying superior court penalty assessment provisions.

Amends RCW 7.68.035 to modify superior court penalty assessment provisions.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 3289 by Representatives Haigh and Alexander

Transferring operating funds to the public works assistance account.

Declares that the public works board has determined that legislative actions in the 2005 session that diverted funds from the public works assistance account to other priorities, including job development through infrastructure improvements and assistance to local governments, has resulted in decisions to reduce maximum loan limits and has limited the number of projects that may be funded through the public works trust fund program. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to provide funding over three biennia to the public works assistance account in order to replace funds diverted from the account by previous actions.

Provides that, beginning July 1, 2006, for six fiscal years through June 30, 2012, the state treasurer shall transfer the sum of twenty-five million dollars each fiscal year from the state general fund to the public works assistance account established in RCW 43.155.050, for a total of one hundred fifty million dollars.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 3290 by Representatives Kessler and Blake
Providing business incentives for certain certified timber mills.

Provides business incentives for timber mills designated as forest products operations of statewide significance.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4226 by Representatives Hinkle and Woods

Authorizing a regular session of the legislature each odd-numbered year.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution authorizing a regular session of the legislature each odd-numbered year.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

Senate Bills

SB 5236-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Keiser, Fraser, Honeyford, and Kline; by request of Department of Labor & Industries)

Providing additional funding to the prevailing wage program of the department of labor and industries by discontinuing the transfer of moneys from the public works administration account to the general fund-state account.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides additional funding to the prevailing wage program of the department of labor and industries by discontinuing the transfer of moneys from the public works administration account to the general fund-state account.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 14 Executive session in committee.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in committee.
Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
Jan 31 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 9 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
CL - Executive action taken by committee.
CL - Majority; do pass.
Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
Referred to Appropriations.
Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
APP - Executive action taken by committee.
APP - Majority; do pass.
Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 1 Placed on second reading.
Mar 2 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 7 President signed.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Speaker signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --

Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.
Mar 27 Governor signed.
Chapter 230, 2006 Laws.
Effective date 7/1/2007.

SB 6397-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Schmidt, Pridemore, Jacobsen, Kline, and Shin)

Providing for academic employee salary increments for community and technical colleges.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the community and technical colleges offer high quality, cost-effective instructional programs to the citizens of the state.

Finds that academic employee morale and willingness to invest in professional development, and academic employee recruitment and retention, are improved by consistent and predictable practices that provide salary increases to recognize two-year college academic employees who upgrade their skills and professional experience.

Declares an intent that state appropriations be adjusted to an amount which, together with academic employee turnover savings, provide for consistent and predictable funding of academic employee salary increases for state-funded academic employees who qualify through experience, professional development, and training pursuant to local collective bargaining.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 16 Public hearing in committee.
Jan 26 Executive session in committee.
Jan 30 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6428-S by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by

Senators Pridemore, Esser, Poulsen, Morton, Schmidt, Fairley, Benson, Berkey, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Weinstein, Prentice, Kastama, Johnson, Thibaudeau, Kline, Eide, Shin, Rockefeller, Jacobsen, Haugen, Doumit, Oke, Franklin, Swecker, Carrell, Rasmussen, Spanel, Fraser, McAuliffe, Keiser, Brown, Finkbeiner, Brandland, and Benton)

Providing for electronic product recycling.
(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that a convenient, safe, and environmentally sound system for the collection, transportation, and recycling of covered electronic products must be established.

Finds that the system must encourage the design of electronic products that are less toxic and more recyclable.

Finds that the responsibility for this system must be shared among all stakeholders, with manufacturers financing the collection, transportation, and recycling system.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 17 Public hearing in committee.
Jan 26 Executive session in committee.
Jan 30 WEE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 6 Executive session in committee.
Feb 7 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Water, Energy & Environment.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 8 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, 41; nays, 8; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Feb 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.
Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 21 Executive session in committee.
NREP - Executive action taken by committee.
NREP - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 24 Referred to Appropriations.
Feb 25 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
APP - Executive action taken by committee.
APP - Majority; do pass with amendment (s) but without amendment(s) by Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.
Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

- Mar 1 Placed on second reading.
Mar 2 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments and floor amendment (s) also adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 69; nays, 29; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Mar 6 Senate concurred in House amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 38; nays, 11; absent, 0; excused, 0.
Mar 8 President signed.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.
-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
Delivered to Governor.
Mar 24 Governor partially vetoed.
Chapter 183, 2006 Laws PV.
Effective date 7/1/2006.

SB 6439-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Doumit, Oke, Jacobsen, Schoesler, and Delvin)

Concerning coastal crab fisheries licenses.
(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Amends RCW 77.70.350 relating to coastal crab fisheries licenses.

Provides that, by December 31, 2010, the department must, in cooperation with the coastal crab fishing industry, evaluate the effectiveness of this act and, if necessary, recommend any statutory changes to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.
Jan 26 Executive session in committee.
Jan 30 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 7 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 9 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 5.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Feb 11 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.
Feb 17 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 21 Executive session in committee.
NREP - Executive action taken by committee.
NREP - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 28 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.

- Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 4 Senate concurred in House amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 43; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 5.
- Mar 8 President signed.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
Delivered to Governor.
- Mar 20 Governor signed.
Chapter 159, 2006 Laws.
Effective date 6/7/2006.
- SB 6455-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Mulliken, Pridemore, Rockefeller, Spanel, and Roach; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy)
Creating optional public retirement benefits for justices and judges.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides that, beginning January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007, any member of the public employees' retirement system eligible to participate in the judicial retirement account plan under chapter 2.14 RCW may make a one-time irrevocable election, filed in writing with the member's employer, the department of retirement systems, and the administrative office of the courts, to discontinue future contributions to the judicial retirement account plan in lieu of prospective contribution and benefit provisions under this act.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.
Jan 26 Executive session in committee.
Jan 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 2 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Mar 8 Referred to Rules.
- SB 6464-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin, McAuliffe, Hewitt, Pridemore, and Rasmussen)
Expanding the baccalaureate degree program at WSU, Tri-Cities.
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/06)
Provides that, beginning in the fall of 2006, the campus may admit lower division students directly, while continuing to work closely with Columbia Basin College providing innovative coadmission, coenrollment, and program options as articulated in the Columbia Basin College and Washington State University Tri-Cities Coordinated Bachelors agreement. By simultaneously admitting freshmen and sophomores, increasing transfer enrollment, coadmitting transfer students, and expanding graduate and professional programs, the campus shall develop into a four-year institution of higher education serving the Tri-Cities region.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 20 Public hearing in committee.
Jan 27 Executive session in committee.
Jan 30 EKHE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.
Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 7 Executive session in committee.
WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Education.
Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
Mar 8 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.
- SB 6480-S** by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Haugen, Brown, and Keiser; by request of Department of Transportation)
Eliminating the department of transportation's exemption from the public works apprenticeship utilization requirements.
(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)
Eliminates the department of transportation's exemption from the public works apprenticeship utilization requirements.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 26 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
Jan 30 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
On motion, referred to Transportation.
Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 6 Executive session in committee.
Feb 7 TRAN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 11 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 23 Executive session in committee.

SB 6527-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Mulliken, Haugen, and Sheldon; by request of Department of Transportation)

Extending the negotiation period for the Milwaukee Road trail.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Extends the negotiation period for the Milwaukee Road trail to July 1, 2009.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 16 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 26 Executive session in committee.
 Jan 30 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Feb 16 First reading, referred to Transportation.
 Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
 TR - Executive action taken by committee.
 TR - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).
 Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 1 Placed on second reading.
 Mar 2 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 4 Senate concurred in House amendments.
 Passed final passage; yeas, 43; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 6.
 Mar 7 President signed.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Speaker signed.
 -- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
 Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.
 Mar 20 Governor signed.
 Chapter 160, 2006 Laws.
 Effective date 6/7/2006.

SB 6555-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Haugen, Mulliken, Berkey, Kastama, and Rasmussen)

Providing research and services for special purpose districts.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the municipal research council to contract for the provision of research and services to special purpose districts. A contract shall be made with a state agency, educational institution, or private consulting firm, that in

the judgment of council members is qualified to provide such research and services.

Declares that research and services to special purpose districts shall consist of: (1) Studying and researching issues relating to special purpose district government;

(2) Furnishing legal, technical, consultative, and field services to special purpose districts concerning issues relating to special purpose district government; and

(3) Acquiring, preparing, and distributing publications related to special purpose districts.

Requires that the activities, programs, and services of the municipal research council to special purpose districts shall be carried on in cooperation with the associations representing the various special purpose districts. Services to special purpose districts shall be based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research council from the special purpose district research services account under this act.

Provides that, by June 30, 2010, the municipal research council shall prepare a report on services provided to special purpose districts under this act, and shall provide this report to the joint legislative audit and review committee.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 26 Executive session in committee.
 Jan 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 9 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Feb 15 First reading, referred to Local Government.
 Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
 LG - Executive action taken by committee.
 LG - Majority; do pass.
 Feb 24 Referred to Appropriations.
 Feb 25 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
 APP - Executive action taken by committee.
 APP - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 1 Placed on second reading.
 Mar 2 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 4 Senate concurred in House amendments.

- Passed final passage; yeas, 45; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 4.
- Mar 7 President signed.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Speaker signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
- Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.
- Mar 29 Governor partially vetoed.
Chapter 328, 2006 Laws PV.
Effective date 6/7/2006.

SB 6557-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles and Keiser)

Modifying the taxation of motion picture and video production services.

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Revises the taxation of motion picture and video production services.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Jan 30 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 17 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Rules suspended.
Placed on second reading.
- Feb 20 2nd substitute bill substituted.
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.

SB 6578-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Pridemore; by request of Department of Revenue)

Clarifying the taxation of insurers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that exempting insurers from excise taxes on the purchase or sale of services is inequitable and results from the inadvertent failure to revise insurance premiums tax statutes to be consistent with other excise tax statutes.

Declares an intent to require insurers to pay retail sales and use taxes on purchases of both tangible personal property or services, on the same terms as other taxpayers. This act is intended to apply both prospectively and retrospectively.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 26 Executive session in committee.
- Jan 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6881 by Senators Kline and Rasmussen

Extending the limitation period for personal injury actions involving acts that would constitute sex offenses.

Provides that the following actions shall be commenced within three years: (1) An action for waste or trespass upon real property;

(2) An action for taking, detaining, or injuring personal property, including an action for the specific recovery thereof, or for any other injury to the person or rights of another not hereinafter enumerated except for an injury to a person or the rights of another where the injury is caused by acts that would constitute a sex offense under chapter 9A.44 RCW, whether or not the person was convicted of the offense, in which case such an action may be commenced at any time.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- Feb 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

SB 6882 by Senators Eide, Franklin, Rasmussen, and McAuliffe

Protecting persons with developmental disabilities.

Protects persons with developmental disabilities from perpetrators who commit their crimes while providing transportation, within the course of their employment, to persons with developmental disabilities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6883 by Senators Deccio and Berkey

Allowing a business waiver to smoking prohibitions.

Provides that, if the owner of a place of employment can document, using documents filed with the state department of revenue, a loss of ten percent or more of the gross revenue for the first quarter of 2006 versus the first quarter of 2005, it may apply to the department of health for a waiver of RCW 70.160.030. If the owner can show a decline of ten percent or more and the other requirements under this act are met, the waiver must be granted. The waiver must be granted for the entire building if minors are prohibited from the entire premises as required by liquor control board rules or for a section of the building such as a smoking room if the entire premises are not completely off limits to minors as required by liquor control board rules.

Declares that all waivers granted under this act become null and void when all tribal casinos in the state are deemed fully nonsmoking by the department.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6884 by Senators Fairley and Rasmussen

Providing for the care and education of children in licensed staffed residential homes.

Finds that staffed residential homes, as currently licensed by the department of social and health services, are a type of group-care facility that provides quality services for children in a home-like setting, including expectant mothers and children with developmental disabilities.

Finds that the children served by licensed staffed residential homes primarily attend public schools, and that their social and educational needs can be better met by collaboration and communication between the school district, the staffed residential home provider, and the department of social and health services.

Finds that community integration of children served in licensed staffed residential homes is beneficial to the children, helpful to their educational needs, and builds stronger relationships with community members.

Declares an intent that stronger relationships be created between staffed residential homes, school districts, the department of social and health services, and the community, to promote positive social and educational outcomes for children served by staffed residential homes.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 8417-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Parlette, Kline, and Rasmussen)

Establishing a committee on gambling policy setting.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/20/06)

Resolves that the joint select committee may make a preliminary progress report to the legislature no later than the end of the 2007 legislative session, and shall submit its final findings and recommendations to the legislature and the governor by January 1, 2008.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
 Jan 31 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 2 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Feb 20 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 1.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Feb 21 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
 Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
 CL - Executive action taken by committee.
 CL - Majority; do pass.
 Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 8 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.