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House Bills

HB 1095-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Barlow, Hinkle, Appleton, Green, Ormsby, Schual-Berke, Cody, Blake, B. Sullivan, Hurst, O'Brien, Clibborn, Morrell, Conway, Kenney, Linville, Rolfes, Moeller, and Dunn; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Implementing the part D drug copayment program.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, subject to available funds, effective July 1, 2007, the department may offer medicare part D prescription drug copayment coverage to dual eligible medical assistance and medically needy beneficiaries.

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Jan 15 Executive session in committee.
 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 16 Referred to Appropriations.

Jan 18 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1312 by Representatives Hudgins and Hankins; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

Modifying provisions concerning transportation providers.
 Revises provisions concerning transportation providers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1313 by Representatives Eddy, Hankins, and Kenney; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

Transferring the authority to intervene on behalf of railroad shippers to the department of transportation.

Transfers the authority to intervene on behalf of railroad shippers to the department of transportation.

Repeals RCW 81.28.250.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1314 by Representatives Morris, Crouse, Linville, and Anderson; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

Modifying gas and hazardous liquid pipeline provisions.

Repeals RCW 80.28.205, 80.28.207, 80.28.210, 80.28.212, 80.28.215, and 81.88.150.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1315 by Representatives Hudgins, Lovick, and Dickerson; by request of Washington State Patrol, Department of Licensing, and Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Modifying motorcycle driver's license endorsement and education provisions.

Revises motorcycle driver's license endorsement and education provisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1316 by Representatives Hudgins, Lovick, Hankins, and Kenney; by request of Washington State Patrol, Department of Licensing, and Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Authorizing police officers to impound vehicles operated by drivers without specially endorsed licenses.

Authorizes police officers to impound vehicles operated by drivers without specially endorsed licenses.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1317 by Representatives Lantz, Hinkle, Kenney, Springer, Skinner, Darneille, Williams, Upthegrove, Chase, Dickerson, and Ormsby

Providing public access to county law libraries.

Provides public access to county law libraries.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1318 by Representatives Hunt, Wood, Conway, Williams, Chandler, Green, Moeller, and Morrell

Licensing soil scientists.

Finds that in order to protect life, property, and health, and to promote public welfare it is in the public interest to regulate the practice of soil science to: (1) Define the practice of soil science as a profession by establishing minimum standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility and by establishing professional education and experience requirements; and

(2) Prevent abuses in the practice of soil science by untrained or unprincipled individuals.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1319 by Representatives O'Brien, Pearson, Dickerson, Blake, Kenney, and Ormsby; by request of Department of Corrections

Protecting employees, contract staff, and volunteers of a correctional agency from stalking.

Protects employees, contract staff, and volunteers of a correctional agency from stalking.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1320 by Representatives Ahern, Haler, McCune, Dunn, Pearson, McDonald, and Ormsby

Concerning the statute of limitations on certain sex offenses against minors.

Amends RCW 9A.04.080 relating to the statute of limitations on certain sex offenses against minors.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1321 by Representatives Ahern, O'Brien, Warnick, Miloscia, McCune, Haler, Kretz, Roach, Erickson, Chandler, Dunn, Kristiansen, Pearson, Condotta, and Hurst

Establishing parental notification requirements for abortion.

Provides that, except in a medical emergency, or except as provided in this act, if a pregnant woman is less than eighteen years of age and not emancipated, or if she has been adjudged an incapacitated person, a physician shall not perform an abortion upon her unless at least forty-eight hours before the abortion, in the case of a woman who is less than eighteen years of age, he or she first notifies one of her parents; or, in the case of a woman who is an incapacitated person, he or she first notifies one of her guardians. In the case of a pregnancy that is the result of incest where the father is a party to the incestuous act, the physician need only notify the pregnant woman's mother or guardian.

Provides that any person who performs an abortion upon a woman who is an unemancipated minor or incapacitated person to whom this act applies either with knowledge that she is a minor or incapacitated person to whom this act applies, or with reckless disregard or negligence as to whether she is a minor or incapacitated person to whom this act applies, and who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly fails to conform to any requirement of this act is guilty of unprofessional conduct and his or her license for the practice of medicine and surgery shall be suspended for a period of at least three months.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1322 by Representatives McCoy, Grant, Sells, Cody, Conway, Schual-Berke, Roberts, Pettigrew, Lantz, Kagi, Moeller, Chase, Green, Kenney, Simpson, Darneille, Dickerson, Hankins, Santos, Ormsby, and Flannigan

Defining disability in the Washington law against discrimination.

Finds that the Washington state supreme court, in *McClarty v. Totem Electric*, 157 Wn.2d 214, 137 P.3d 844 (2006), overstepped its constitutional role of deciding cases

and controversies before it, and engaged in judicial activism by significantly rewriting the state law against discrimination. By failing to answer the question upon which the court had granted review, by disregarding a properly adopted state rule, by needlessly overturning the court's own recent precedent, and by importing into state law a substantive rule adapted from federal statute, the court has effectively legislated from the bench.

Finds that the law changed by the court is of significant importance to the citizens of the state, in that it determines the scope of application of the law against discrimination, and that the court's deviation from settled law was substantial in degree. The legislature reaffirms its intent that the law against discrimination affords to Washington residents protections that are wholly independent of those afforded by the federal Americans with disabilities act of 1990, and rejects the opinion stated by the majority in *McClarty v. Totem Electric*.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1323 by Representatives McIntire, Pettigrew, Pedersen, and Dunn

Providing excise tax relief for certain limited purpose public corporations, commissions, and authorities.

Provides excise tax relief for certain limited purpose public corporations, commissions, and authorities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1324 by Representatives Hunter, Lovick, Alexander, Simpson, Ericks, Dickerson, Dunn, Morrell, McDonald, Conway, Linville, Wallace, and Schual-Berke

Providing sales and use tax exemptions for prescribed durable medical equipment used in the home and prescribed mobility enhancing equipment.

Provides sales and use tax exemptions for prescribed durable medical equipment used in the home and prescribed mobility enhancing equipment.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1325 by Representatives Dickerson, Roach, Simpson, O'Brien, Eddy, Hurst, Kenney, Ericks, and Ormsby

Establishing the retirement age for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system.

Provides that, beginning July 1, 2007, any active member who has obtained the age of sixty-five years shall be retired on the first day of the calendar month next succeeding that in which the member has attained the age of sixty-five. However, the requirement to retire at age sixty-five does not apply to a member serving as chief of the Washington state patrol.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 1326 by Representatives P. Sullivan, Roach, Hurst, Simpson, McCoy, O'Brien, and McDonald

Authorizing record checks for employees and applicants for employment at bureau of Indian affairs-funded schools.

Authorizes record checks for employees and applicants for employment at bureau of Indian affairs-funded schools.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1327 by Representatives Santos, Skinner, Hunt, Green, Miloscia, McDermott, Anderson, Hudgins, Hasegawa, Darneille, Haigh, Wallace, Hankins, Pettigrew, and Kenney

Concerning materialpersons.

Revises materialmen to materialpersons.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1328 by Representatives Santos, Anderson, Green, Hunt, Miloscia, McDermott, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Chandler, Darneille, Haigh, Hankins, Wallace, Kristiansen, Kagi, Pettigrew, Kenney, and Conway

Concerning small works roster contracting procedures.

Provides that a state agency or authorized local government may adopt procedures to award small works roster contracts to small businesses with gross revenues under one million dollars annually as reported on their federal tax return. Additional procedures may be developed to award small works roster contracts to small businesses with gross revenues under two hundred fifty thousand dollars annually as reported on their federal tax return.

Provides that, for contracts awarded to small businesses with gross revenues under two hundred fifty thousand dollars annually, a state agency or authorized local government may waive the payment and performance bond requirements of chapter 39.08 RCW and the retainage requirements of chapter 60.28 RCW, and assume the liability for the contractor's nonpayment of laborers, mechanics, subcontractors, materialpersons, suppliers, and taxes imposed under Title 82 RCW. If the state agency or authorized local government assumes this liability, it has the right of recovery against the contractor for any payments made on behalf of the contractor.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1329 by Representative Flannigan; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Implementing the deficit reduction act.

Implements the deficit reduction act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1330 by Representatives Alexander, Kenney, DeBolt, Bailey, Pettigrew, Haler, Schual-

Berke, Upthegrove, Kessler, Kristiansen, Pearson, Anderson, Ericks, McDonald, and Linville

Modifying the requirements of small business economic impact statements by state agencies.

Revises the requirements of small business economic impact statements by state agencies.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1331 by Representatives Haigh, Kretz, Wallace, Walsh, Cody, Strow, Hinkle, Pettigrew, Priest, and Dunn

Changing veterinary technician credentialing to licensure.

Changes veterinary technician credentialing to licensure.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1332 by Representatives Pettigrew, Dunn, Miloscia, Springer, McCune, Ormsby, Kenney, Roberts, Wood, Santos, and Chase

Addressing affordable housing development.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to: (1) Identify publicly owned land and buildings that may be suitable for the development of affordable housing for very low-income and low-income households and special needs populations;

(2) Provide a central inventory of state and other publicly owned land and buildings that may be suitable to be marketed, sold, leased, or exchanged for the development of affordable housing or housing for special needs populations; and

(3) Facilitate the effective use of publicly owned surplus and underutilized land and buildings suitable for the development of affordable housing for very low-income and low-income households and special needs populations by requiring that these types of surplus property to certain public agencies, commissions, and local governments be offered for an initial time period at a discount to nonprofit housing organizations and eligible public agencies for the development of affordable housing for very low-income and low-income households or housing for special needs populations.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 1333 by Representatives Hinkle, Kagi, and Walsh

Concerning child welfare protections.

Provides that, prior to the child returning home, the department must complete the following: (1) Identify any person who will act as a caregiver for the child and determine whether the caregiver is in need of any services in order to ensure the safety of the child, regardless of whether the caregiver is a party to the dependency. If services are recommended for the caregiver, and the caregiver fails to engage in the recommended services, the child welfare worker must promptly notify the court;

(2) Identify all adults residing in the home and conduct background checks on those persons; and

(3) Notify the parent in the home to which the child is being returned that he or she has an ongoing duty to notify the department of any persons who are residing in the home or acting as a caregiver for the child.

Provides that, if a child is removed from home due to allegations of abuse or neglect, returned home, and subsequently removed and placed in out-of-home care, the court shall hold a permanency hearing no later than thirty days from the date of the removal to determine the appropriate action, including a change in the permanency plan or the filing of a termination petition. The best interests of the child shall be the primary consideration in determining the appropriate action.

Requires the criminal justice training commission to implement by January 1, 2008, a course of instruction for the training of law enforcement officers in Washington in the handling of child abuse or neglect complaints. The basic law enforcement curriculum of the criminal justice training commission shall include basic training instruction on child abuse and neglect issues. The course of instruction, the learning and performance objectives, and the standards for the training shall be developed by the commission and shall be required for all new law enforcement officers.

Directs the department of social and health services, the attorney general, and the judicial branch to identify all cases in which a dependency has been established under chapter 13.34 RCW and in which the permanency planning goals have not been achieved within fifteen months of when the child was placed in out-of-home care. The agencies shall also identify the reasons for the noncompliance. The department, the attorney general, and the judicial branch shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature before December 1, 2007, and before December 1st of each year thereafter.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1334 by Representatives Hinkle and Walsh

Requiring the petitioner in a child welfare case to provide the court with relevant documentation.

Requires that, in any proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW, if the petitioner submits a report containing any recommendations, opinions, evaluations, or assertions to the court, the petitioner must provide the court with documentation relating to the recommendation, opinion, evaluation, or assertion, that is available to the petitioner and of which the petitioner is aware, including but not limited to psychological evaluations, service reports, visitation reports, foster parent reports, medical reports, and other reports relevant to that particular court hearing.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1335 by Representatives Hinkle, Walsh, and Linville

Creating a pilot program to utilize a team approach to child welfare cases.

Requires that, to the extent funding is appropriated in the operating budget, the department shall establish a pilot program to improve child welfare casework through the development of a team approach to casework by December

1, 2007. The pilot program shall extend through December 31, 2010, to the extent that funding is provided.

Requires the department to measure the performance and outcomes of the program, including changes in any of the following: Reunifications, child abuse or neglect referrals, continuances or delays in the court case, progress in dependency cases, caseworker satisfaction, retention, and safety. The department shall report its preliminary findings to the legislature by December 2009 and a final report by December 2010.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1336 by Representatives Morris, Anderson, and B. Sullivan

Developing guidelines for plant, animal, and human therapy research conducted in the state.

Declares that the policy of the state of Washington shall be as follows: (1) That research involving the derivation and use of human embryonic stem cells, human embryonic germ cells, and human adult stem cells from any source, including somatic cell nuclear transplantation, shall be permitted after full consideration of the ethical and medical implications of this research.

(2) That research involving the derivation and use of human embryonic stem cells, human embryonic germ cells, and human adult stem cells, including somatic cell nuclear transplantation, shall be reviewed by the human stem cell research advisory committee, created in this act.

Requires a physician, surgeon, or other health care provider delivering fertility treatment to provide his or her patient with timely, relevant, and appropriate information to allow the individual to make an informed and voluntary choice regarding the disposition of any human embryos remaining following the fertility treatment.

Requires an individual to whom information is provided under this act to be presented with the option of storing any unused embryos, donating them to another individual, discarding the embryos, or donating the remaining embryos for research.

Provides that an individual who elects to donate embryos remaining after fertility treatments for research must provide written consent.

Prohibits a person from knowingly, for valuable consideration, purchase or sell embryonic or cadaveric fetal tissue for research purposes under this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1337 by Representatives Kenney, Skinner, Hunter, Priest, Darneille, Ericks, Pettigrew, Hankins, Lantz, Fromhold, Walsh, Williams, Kessler, Haler, Morrell, Barlow, McCoy, Appleton, Ormsby, Springer, Campbell, Moeller, Lovick, Rolfes, Hasegawa, Flannigan, Hudgins, Hunt, Green, Chase, Dunshee, Simpson, Roberts, O'Brien, Rodne, Dickerson, Quall, Goodman, Linville, Hurst, Santos, and Wallace

Requiring insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

Requires insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1338 by Representatives P. Sullivan, Newhouse, B. Sullivan, and Santos

Authorizing the Washington beer commission to receive gifts, grants, and endowments.

Authorizes the Washington beer commission to receive gifts, grants, and endowments.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1339 by Representatives Pearson, Kristiansen, Orcutt, Kretz, Hinkle, Ross, Ahern, Anderson, and McCune

Authorizing an emergency preparedness pilot program for flood control.

Finds that: (1) The prevention of flood damage to public and private property is a matter of public concern;

(2) Projects that prevent and minimize flood damage may be planned and approved in advance of the time that a flood occurs. However, there are also emergencies requiring immediate project approval; and

(3) Many projects designed to protect public and private property from flood damage are not approved due to conflicts with existing permitting and regulatory requirements.

Finds that a pilot program must be developed for projects in select water resource inventory areas to demonstrate and evaluate methods for authorizing flood control projects that protect public and private property, protect or enhance habitat, and protect fish life.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1340 by Representatives Pearson, Moeller, O'Brien, Lovick, and Uptegrove

Establishing standardized chemical dependency assessment protocols.

Establishes standardized chemical dependency assessment protocols.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1341 by Representatives Simpson, Curtis, Ericks, and Alexander

Limiting the regulation of the practice of massage by political subdivisions.

Finds that licensed massage practitioners should be treated the same as other health professionals under Title 18 RCW and that additional registrations or licenses regulating massage or massage practitioners are not authorized.

Repeals RCW 18.108.100.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1342 by Representatives Takko, Bailey, Springer, Skinner, Blake, Haler, Miloscia, McIntire, Ericks, Chase, Pearson, Kenney, and Dunn

Clarifying the use of existing lodging tax revenues for tourism promotion.

Amends RCW 67.28.080 relating to clarifying the use of existing lodging tax revenues for tourism promotion.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 1343 by Representatives Takko and Armstrong; by request of Washington State Patrol

Adding a physical examination requirement for certificate of ownership applications.

Includes a physical examination requirement for certificate of ownership applications.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1344 by Representatives Lovick, Rodne, Hudgins, Upthegrove, and Campbell; by request of Washington State Patrol

Providing a window tint exemption for law enforcement vehicles.

Provides a window tint exemption for law enforcement vehicles.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1345 by Representatives Wood, Condotta, Kristiansen, Lantz, Dickerson, Morrell, McCune, and Conway; by request of Gambling Commission

Prohibiting minors from participating in gambling activities.

Declares that it is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to play in authorized gambling activities, including, but not limited to, punchboards, pull-tabs, or card games, or to participate in fund-raising events. Persons under the age of eighteen may play bingo and amusement game activities only as provided in commission rules.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1346 by Representatives Wood, Conway, and Moeller; by request of Gambling Commission

Allowing the exclusion of certain people from licensed gambling premises.

Declares that the exclusion of certain persons from gambling premises that conduct licensed gambling activities is necessary to carry out the policies of chapter 9.46 RCW and to effectively maintain the strict regulation of gambling.

Authorizes the commission to, by rule, provide for the establishment of a list of persons who are to be excluded from licensed gambling premises. The list may include any person whose presence on the gambling premises is

determined by the commission to pose a threat to the interests of this state, to licensed gambling, or both.

Requires the commission's rules to define the standards for exclusion and must include standards relating to persons: (1) Who are career or professional offenders or involved in organized crime;

(2) Who have been convicted of a criminal violation of a gambling law of any state or of the United States, or who have been convicted of any felony including, but not limited to, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or any similar offense involving, or in connection with, any gambling activity; or

(3) Who have been excluded under similar involuntary exclusion laws or rules of any other state or nation that regulates gambling.

Provides that, race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, gender, or other discriminatory reasons shall not be used to place any person upon the list of exclusion.

Provides that a person on the list of excluded persons who enters a gambling premises is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1347 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Kagi, Morrell, Haigh, Green, Kessler, Cody, Appleton, Ormsby, Hunter, Kenney, O'Brien, Springer, Santos, and Campbell

Requiring emergency response plans for long-term care facilities.

Directs the department to require emergency response plans for all long-term care facilities licensed under chapters 18.51, 18.29, and 70.128 RCW. The emergency response plans shall include detailed written plans and procedures to address potential emergencies and disasters such as fires, earthquakes, floods, and wind storms. The plans must provide for an alternative source of power for the facility. The facility shall coordinate its emergency response plan with a local organization for emergency management established in accordance with the state comprehensive emergency management plan, as provided in RCW 38.52.070.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1348 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Cody, Morrell, Campbell, Appleton, Moeller, Green, Pettigrew, Chase, Kenney, Conway, and Ormsby

Protecting against unfair prescription drug practices by pharmacy benefit managers.

Establishes protections against unfair prescription drug practices by pharmacy benefit managers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1349 by Representatives Condotta and Wood

Authorizing the sale by spirit, beer, and wine licensees of malt liquor in containers that are capable of holding four

gallons or more and are registered in accordance with RCW 66.28.200.

Authorizes the sale by spirit, beer, and wine licensees of malt liquor in containers that are capable of holding four gallons or more and are registered in accordance with RCW 66.28.200.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1350 by Representatives Pedersen, McDermott, Upthegrove, Moeller, Darneille, Williams, Hasegawa, Dickerson, Hunt, Schual-Berke, Kenney, Sommers, McIntire, Ormsby, Sells, Flannigan, Santos, Appleton, Chase, Cody, Hudgins, Pettigrew, Wood, Kagi, Morris, and Roberts

Addressing civil marriage equality.

Declares that civil marriage is a legal institution recognized by the state in order to promote stable relationships and to protect individuals who are in those relationships. Civil marriage is based on a civil contract between two persons and does not require the sanction or involvement of religious institutions. Civil marriage provides important protections for the families of those who are married, including not only children and other dependents they may have, but also members of their extended families.

Finds that strong, healthy families promote social stability and economic growth, and that these families are supported and protected by the mutual obligations and benefits conferred by civil marriage licenses. On these bases, the state therefore has a strong interest in ending discrimination against otherwise qualified applicants for a civil marriage license, including discrimination on the basis of sex or sexual orientation of the applicants.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1351 by Representatives McDermott, Jarrett, Pedersen, Moeller, Upthegrove, Clibborn, Darneille, Simpson, Schual-Berke, Williams, Hasegawa, Dickerson, Hunt, Kenney, Sommers, McIntire, McCoy, Roberts, Hudgins, Ormsby, Sells, Kirby, Fromhold, Blake, Eickmeyer, Haigh, Lovick, Ericks, Dunshee, B. Sullivan, P. Sullivan, Wallace, Kagi, Flannigan, Kessler, Pettigrew, Wood, Quall, Conway, Hankins, Chase, O'Brien, Eddy, Appleton, Hunter, Lantz, Springer, Walsh, Grant, Takko, Goodman, Morris, Cody, Santos, Miloscia, and Linville

Protecting individuals in domestic partnerships by granting certain rights and benefits.

Protects individuals in domestic partnerships by granting certain rights and benefits.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1352 by Representatives Santos, Hasegawa, Haler, Appleton, Simpson, Hankins, and Wood

Postponing the requirement of proficiency on the WASL for high school graduation.

Provides that, to meet the state academic requirements and earn a certificate of academic achievement, students

must achieve the following performance on the high school Washington assessment of student learning or an approved alternative assessment: (1) A student in the graduating class of 2008, 2009, or 2010 must meet or exceed the proficient level in one out of three and meet or exceed the basic level in two out of three of the reading, writing, and mathematics content areas;

(2) A student in the graduating class of 2011, 2012, 2013, or 2014 must meet or exceed the proficient level in two out of four and meet or exceed the basic level in two out of four of the reading, writing, mathematics, and science content areas;

(3) A student in the graduating class of 2015, 2016, or 2017 must meet or exceed the proficient level in three out of four of the reading, writing, mathematics, and science content areas; and

(4) A student in the graduating class of 2018 or any graduating class thereafter must meet or exceed the proficient level in all four content areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and science.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1353 by Representative Chase

Providing incentives to recycle beverage containers.

Finds that global climate change presents an immediate challenge to the state of Washington to move away from a carbon-based economy, and reduce its use of greenhouse gas-producing fossil fuels.

Finds that beverage containers that are not recycled contribute substantially to unnecessary waste, including wasted raw materials, wasted electricity to create new containers, and litter, which takes up scarce landfill space. Therefore, the legislature finds that increased incentives to recycle beverage containers will reduce waste and reduce the use of fossil fuels.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1354 by Representatives Chase, Wallace, Simpson, Dunn, Morrell, and Santos

Creating a low-interest student loan program.

Declares an intent to offer a low-interest loan program with affordable and manageable repayment options to financially needy higher education students.

Requires the board to begin developing the program no later than July 1, 2007, and issue the first student loans no later than January 14, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1355 by Representatives Chase, Campbell, Hasegawa, and Morrell

Incorporating human health analysis into environmental review under chapter 43.21C RCW.

Reaffirms that each person has a fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful environment and that each person has a responsibility to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the environment.

Declares that where threats of serious or irreversible damage to people or nature exist, lack of full scientific certainty about cause and effect may not be viewed as sufficient reason for the state to postpone measures to prevent the degradation of the environment or protect the health of its residents.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 1356 by Representatives Cody, Campbell, Chase, Kenney, Ericks, Green, Conway, and Wood

Authorizing purchase of brand name drugs when cost-effective for all state purchased health care programs.

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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1357 by Representatives Green, Kessler, O'Brien, and Wood

Providing industrial insurance compensation for medical or surgical treatment for intractable pain.

Provides that, upon request of the treating provider, the department must authorize coverage for a trial on an individual worker entitled to benefits under Title 51 RCW of an implantable medical device intended to treat chronic intractable pain otherwise approved by the United States food and drug administration and considered standard of care throughout the interventional pain medical community.

Declares that, if, after conducting the trial under this act, the treating provider finds individual success in curing or relieving the symptoms of the individual worker entitled to benefits under this title, the department shall determine that the implantable medical device intended to treat chronic intractable pain is proper and necessary treatment for the worker under RCW 51.36.010 and shall authorize coverage for full implantation and follow-up treatment.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1358 by Representatives Miloscia, Dunn, and Anderson

Requiring performance and reasonable measures for the purpose of growth management planning.

Requires performance and reasonable measures for the purpose of growth management planning.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1359 by Representatives Miloscia, Chase, Hasegawa, Pettigrew, Springer, Ormsby, Roberts, Darneille, Goodman, and Santos

Creating an affordable housing for all program.

Declares that a decent, appropriate, and affordable home in a healthy, safe environment for every household

should be a state goal and that, at a minimum, this goal must be accomplished for every very low-income household by 2020. Furthermore, this goal includes increasing the percentage of very low-income households who are able to obtain and retain housing without government subsidies or other public support.

Finds that the support and commitment of all sectors of the statewide community is critical to accomplishing the state's affordable housing for all goal.

Finds that the provision of housing and housing-related services should be administered at the local level. However, the state should play a primary role in: Providing financial resources to achieve the goal at all levels of government; researching, evaluating, benchmarking, and implementing best practices; continually updating and evaluating statewide housing data; developing a state plan that integrates the strategies, goals, objectives, and performance measures of all other state housing plans and programs; coordinating and supporting county government plans and activities; and directing quality management practices by monitoring both state and county government performance towards achieving interim and ultimate goals.

Declares that the systematic and comprehensive performance measurement and evaluation of progress toward interim goals and the immediate state affordable housing goal of a decent, appropriate, and affordable home in a healthy, safe environment for every low-income household in the state by 2020 is a necessary component of the statewide effort to end the affordable housing crisis.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a performance audit of the state affordable housing for all program every four years. The audit must include an analysis of the department's expenditures of funds from sources established by RCW 36.22.178 (as recodified by this act) and all other sources directed to the affordable housing for all program. The first audit must be conducted on or before December 31, 2010. Each audit must take no longer than six months or fifty thousand dollars to complete.

Directs the department of community, trade, and economic development to conduct a study to evaluate the potential development of a voluntary statewide, low-income household housing waiting list database that would include information on all low-income households requesting housing assistance for the purpose of connecting such households with appropriate housing opportunities.

Requires the department to report the results of this study to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2008.

Requires the department to create or purchase, and implement by December 31, 2009, a master affordable housing database that includes specific information about existing affordable rental housing stock in the state of Washington.

Requires the department to create a statewide affordable homeownership database by December 31, 2009, to collect and disseminate information related to available homeownership programs, resources, and affordable housing throughout the state for low and moderate-income persons, which are persons making at or below eighty percent of the area median income.

Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to conduct a study to investigate and recommend appropriate criteria that the state and local governments can use to determine whether or not to allocate funding to

rental voucher programs, and at what level existing or future voucher programs shall be funded.

Appropriates the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the affordable housing for all account to be distributed by the department to five housing authorities, using a selection method and distribution formula to be determined by the department, to implement a quality management program and prepare and submit an application to the Washington quality awards program by December 31, 2009.

Appropriates the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the affordable housing for all account to be distributed by the department of community, trade, and economic development to five community action agencies, using a selection method and distribution formula to be determined by the department, to implement a quality management program and prepare and submit an application to the Washington quality awards program by December 31, 2009.

Appropriates the sum of seven million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the affordable housing for all account created in this act to be distributed by the department to the participating counties, using a formula as determined by the department, to be used for county planning, data system creation, data collection, program implementation purposes, and housing programs eligible under RCW 36.22.178.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 1360 by Representatives Miloscia, Chase, McDermott, Hasegawa, Pettigrew, Ormsby, Kagi, Appleton, McIntire, and Goodman

Regarding public financing of campaigns.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to create a system of clean elections for state office campaigns through public financing, thereby focusing campaigns on issues and away from the sources of campaign contributions. Public financing of campaigns will limit the influence of large contributors and special interests in political campaigns.

Provides that a candidate who wishes to receive public campaign funds must: (1) File an application with the commission declaring his or her intent to participate in the program as candidate for political office. The application must be filed before or during the qualifying period. The application must identify the candidate, the office that the candidate plans to seek, and the candidate's party, if any. In the application, the candidate shall affirm that only one political committee, identified with its treasurer, shall handle all contributions, expenditures, and obligations for the publicly financed candidate and that the candidate will comply with the requirements of this act and rules adopted by the commission; and

(2) Obtain the minimum number of qualifying contributions by the end of the qualifying period. Candidates for the legislature must obtain at least two hundred qualifying contributions, candidates for governor must obtain at least four thousand qualifying contributions, and candidates for other state executive offices must obtain at least one thousand five hundred qualifying

contributions. No payment, gift, or anything of value may be given for a qualifying contribution. A qualifying contribution must be: (a) made by a resident who at the time of the contribution resides in the electoral district of the office the candidate is seeking; (b) made by a person who is not given anything of value in exchange for the qualifying contribution; (c) in the sum of five dollars, exactly; (d) received during the qualifying period by the candidate or on behalf of the candidate; and (e) made by check, money order, or credit card.

Provides that, within five business days after a publicly financed candidate's name is approved to appear on the primary election ballot in a contested election, the commission shall distribute to the account of the authorized committee of each candidate who qualifies for public campaign funding revenue from the citizens public campaign fund as follows: (1) For state legislative offices, twenty-five thousand dollars;

(2) For the office of governor, five hundred thousand dollars; and

(3) For other state executive offices, fifty thousand dollars.

Requires that publicly financed candidates in contested races must participate in two public debates during a primary election period and two public debates during a general election period. The debates shall be conducted at times decided by the commission and in accordance with rules prescribed by the commission. Nonparticipating candidates shall be invited to participate in the debates.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1361 by Representatives Miloscia, B. Sullivan, and Chase

Dedicating existing revenue to infrastructure funding.

Establishes the growth management infrastructure account to assist counties and cities in financing and constructing those infrastructure projects needed to accommodate growth, as identified in the capital facilities elements of growth management plans, and dedicates a portion of the real estate excise tax to the growth management infrastructure account and to the accounts used to fund the Washington wildlife and recreation program.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1362 by Representatives Miloscia, Chase, and Ormsby

Regarding campaign finance reform.

Establishes provisions relating to campaign finance reform.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1363 by Representatives Miloscia, Chase, Hasegawa, McDermott, Pettigrew, Uptegrove, Roberts, Darneille, and Goodman

Making voter registration available at state agencies.

Provides that a person may also register to vote any time he or she receives an in-person public service from any state agency as defined by RCW 42.52.010(1). An in-person public service includes reporting a change of address.

Requires all state agencies, as defined by RCW 42.52.010(1), to have a link on the main agency web page to the secretary of state's voter registration web page.

Requires the state agencies providing voter registration services to keep records of persons who: (1) Request, apply, or receive an in-person state service, including reporting a change of address;

(2) Register to vote, transfer a voter registration, or decline to either register to vote or transfer a voter registration; or

(3) Request a voter registration application but do not return it to the agency staff.

Requires the secretary of state to produce an annual report from this data on a county by county basis.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1364 by Representatives Seaquist, Rolfes, Sells, Appleton, Uptegrove, Hasegawa, Lantz, Ericks, Green, Roberts, Dunn, Morrell, McDonald, Hurst, and Wallace

Providing property tax relief for senior citizens and persons retired by reason of physical disability by increasing the income thresholds.

Provides property tax relief for senior citizens and persons retired by reason of physical disability by increasing the income thresholds.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1365 by Representatives Kagi, Haler, Roberts, Walsh, Appleton, Hunter, McDermott, Santos, Ormsby, Hasegawa, Kenney, Dickerson, and Darneille

Providing home visitation services for families.

Finds that a significant number of children age birth to five years are born with two or more of the following risk factors and have a greater chance of failure in school and beyond: Poverty; single or no parent; no parent employed full time or full year; all parents with disability; mother without a high school degree; and no parent fluent in English.

Finds that parents and children involved in home visitation programs exhibit better birth outcomes, enhanced parent and child interactions, more efficient use of health care services, enhanced child development, and early detection of developmental delays, as well as reduced welfare dependence, higher rates of school completion and job retention, reduction in frequency and severity of maltreatment, and higher rates of school graduation.

Declares an intent to promote the use of home visitation services as an early intervention strategy to alleviate the effect risk factors have on child development.

Repeals RCW 43.70.530.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1366 by Representatives Kessler, DeBolt, Grant, Ericksen, Lantz, Rodne, Williams, Priest, Morrell, Hunt, Appleton, Blake, Chase, Anderson, Darneille, Dickerson, Linville, Springer, Hurst, and Wood

Protecting the news media from being compelled to testify in legal proceedings.

Protects the news media from being compelled to testify in legal proceedings.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1367 by Representatives Simpson, Hinkle, Kristiansen, Ericks, Roberts, Dunn, and Springer

Authorizing fire station projects that cost less than ten thousand dollars to proceed without a formal bidding process.

Authorizes fire station projects that cost less than ten thousand dollars to proceed without a formal bidding process.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1368 by Representatives Simpson, Hinkle, Armstrong, and Linville

Concerning special purpose district commissioner per diem compensation.

Revises provisions for special purpose district commissioner per diem compensation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1369 by Representatives Linville, Armstrong, Ericks, Grant, and Simpson

Modifying requirements for voter-approved regular property tax levies.

Amends RCW 84.55.050 to modify requirements for voter-approved regular property tax levies.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1370 by Representatives Green, Conway, Hasegawa, Chase, Simpson, Morrell, and Wood

Regarding public workers excluded from prevailing wages on public works provisions.

Amends RCW 39.12.020 relating to public workers excluded from prevailing wages on public works provisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1371 by Representative Appleton

Addressing traffic infractions involving rental vehicles.

Provides that, in the event a parking infraction is issued by a private parking facility and is based on a vehicle's identification, and the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car business, the parking facility shall provide a written notice of the infraction to the rental car business within thirty days of the infraction date. The rental car business receiving the written notice of the infraction shall provide to the parking facility by return mail: (1) A statement under oath stating the name and known mailing address of the individual driving or renting the vehicle when the infraction occurred; or

(2) A statement under oath that the business is unable to determine who was driving or renting the vehicle at the time the infraction occurred because the vehicle was stolen at the time of the infraction. A statement provided under this provision must be accompanied by a copy of a filed police report regarding the vehicle theft.

Declares that timely mailing of this statement to the parking facility relieves a rental car business of any liability under this act for the notice of infraction. In lieu of identifying the vehicle operator, the rental car business may pay the applicable penalty.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1372 by Representatives Rolfes, Appleton, Simpson, Haigh, Seaquist, and Darneille

Authorizing the acquisition and operation of tourism-related facilities by port districts.

Authorizes the acquisition and operation of tourism-related facilities by port districts.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1373 by Representatives Lantz, Seaquist, Rolfes, Green, and Appleton; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

Modifying photo enforcement of traffic infraction provisions.

Revises photo enforcement of traffic infraction provisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1374 by Representatives Upthegrove, Sump, Hunt, Appleton, Chase, Kenney, Simpson, Roberts, Dickerson, Conway, and Springer; by request of Governor Gregoire

Creating the Puget Sound partnership.

Creates the Puget Sound partnership.

Repeals provisions of chapter 90.71 RCW.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Puget Sound.

HB 1375 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Priest, Ericks, Jarrett, Morrell, Sells, Condotta, Upthegrove, Chase, Simpson, Conway, and Linville

Creating a joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

Finds that the aerospace sector, as the state's largest manufacturing and exporting industry, has made a significant contribution to local, regional, state, and national economies.

Finds that airports of regional significance in both eastern and western Washington have underutilized property and facilities that could become substantial tools for economic development.

Declares an intent to examine and determine how untapped capacity at airports of regional significance can be used to expand manufacturing, research and development, education, and training for the aerospace industry.

Directs the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by June 30, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4002 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Upthegrove, Rolfes, Sells, Chase, Kenney, and Linville

Requesting that Congress fund the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative.

Requests that Congress continue to mandate and fund the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative to protect, preserve, and restore the environmental health of the Puget Sound.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Puget Sound.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4206 by Representatives Clibborn, Jarrett, Hunter, Eddy, Springer, Anderson, Flannigan, Kenney, Simpson, and Rodne

Increasing state indebtedness limits for transportation projects.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to increase state indebtedness limits for transportation projects.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Bills

SB 5309 by Senators Kastama, Shin, Rasmussen, and Hatfield

Creating certified capital companies to promote economic development through investment in start-up and emerging businesses.

Finds that new sources of prudently targeted private equity investments would promote economic development by strengthening the local venture capital infrastructure, increasing access to capital for local companies, supporting emerging businesses, and creating jobs for Washington citizens. Targeted venture capital has the potential to hasten the transformation of research and development concepts into commercially viable products and services, expedite the expansion of small Washington firms, enlarge the state's tax base, and develop these businesses into significant contributors to the Washington economy. This act is intended to assist small start-up enterprises to succeed in their business and to contribute to the future of Washington.

Provides that, upon notification of a review of this act under the provisions of chapter 43.136 RCW, by the joint legislative audit and review committee, the department shall report to the governor by January 1, 2013: (1) The number of certified capital companies holding certified capital;

(2) The amount of certified capital invested in each certified capital company;

(3) The cumulative amount that each certified capital company has invested as of September 30, 2012, and the cumulative total each year thereafter;

(4) The cumulative amount that the investments of each certified capital company have leveraged in terms of capital invested by other sources of capital in qualified businesses at the same time or subsequent to investments made by a certified capital company in such businesses;

(5) The total amount of tax credits granted under this act for each year the credits have been awarded;

(6) The performance of each certified capital company with regard to the requirements for continued certification;

(7) The classification of the companies in which each certified capital company has invested according to industrial sector and size of company;

(8) The total gross number of jobs created by investments made by each certified capital company using certified capital and the number of jobs retained;

(9) The location of the companies in which each certified capital company has invested;

(10) The total amount invested in qualified microenterprise development organizations, the number of small businesses that received financial assistance from these organizations and the number of jobs created and retained by such businesses;

(11) Those certified capital companies that have been decertified, or have had their certification revoked, including the reasons for decertification or revocation; and

(12) Other information as requested by the joint legislative audit and review committee.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5310 by Senator Brandland

Extending the time period for the collection of judgments. Extends the time period for the collection of judgments.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5311 by Senators Brown, Zarelli, Prentice, Marr, Tom, McAuliffe, and Kilmer; by request of Governor Gregoire

Creating the budget stabilization account. Creates the budget stabilization account.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5312 by Senators Tom, Holmquist, Kline, Roach, Kilmer, Marr, Sheldon, Morton, Pridemore, McCaslin, Berkey, Delvin, Shin, Rasmussen, Parlette, and Stevens

Addressing the issue of stolen metal property.

Declares that: (1) Because the current exemption of transactions involving "metal junk" from the requirements of chapter 19.60 RCW has enabled the theft of stolen metal property, that exemption must be removed;

(2) Uniform interpretation and enforcement of the laws governing pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers can be facilitated through precise clarification of the current law, and such changes in the law should discourage those who steal metal properties from seeking the most lenient jurisdiction in which to sell their stolen property; and

(3) Provisions must be made to ensure the appropriate documentation of transactions to assist law enforcement agencies to identify, recover, and return stolen property to its owner and to ensure, as reasonably as possible, that pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers are less likely to be used as conduits for the liquidation and disposal of stolen metal property.

Requires that, for every transaction that involves property valued at more than one hundred dollars, every pawnbroker and second-hand dealer doing business in the state shall require the party with whom a transaction may be made to sign a declaration. The declaration must be provided as a document separate from any other documents relating to a transaction and must be printed in type that is bold face, capitalized, underlined, or otherwise presented in a conspicuous manner.

Provides that the declaration must include, in the seller's own handwriting, identification of the source of the property that is subject to the transaction.

Requires the declaration to be signed and dated by the person with whom the transaction is being made.

Requires the pawnbroker or second-hand dealer or his or her employee to witness the signing and dating of the declaration and sign the declaration accordingly before any transaction may be consummated.

Requires a copy of the signed declaration to be open to inspection by any commissioned law enforcement officer of the state or any of its political subdivisions, at all times

during the ordinary hours of business, or at reasonable times if ordinary hours of business are not kept, and shall be maintained wherever that business is conducted for three years following the date of the transaction.

Provides that every pawnbroker or second-hand dealer doing business in the state must retain metal property, including melted metals, metal junk, and metal that is still useful in its original form, for no less than thirty days after the transaction involving that property was made.

Repeals RCW 9.91.110.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5313 by Senators Haugen, Schoesler, Kilmer, Hatfield, Shin, and Rasmussen

Establishing the retirement age for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system.

Provides that, beginning July 1, 2007, any active member who has obtained the age of sixty-five years shall be retired on the first day of the calendar month next succeeding that in which the member has attained the age of sixty-five. However, the requirement to retire at age sixty-five does not apply to a member serving as chief of the Washington state patrol.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5314 by Senators Kauffman, Schoesler, Prentice, Marr, McAuliffe, Regala, Oemig, Hobbs, Rasmussen, Franklin, Keiser, Kilmer, Jacobsen, Tom, Spanel, Shin, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Sheldon, and Roach

Requiring record checks for developmental disabilities service providers.

Requires all persons who provide services under chapter 71A.12 RCW and who will have unsupervised access to persons with developmental disabilities are required to submit to a record check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050, and through the federal bureau of investigation. The record check shall include a fingerprint check using a complete Washington state criminal identification fingerprint card.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5315 by Senators Schoesler, Rasmussen, Holmquist, Sheldon, Honeyford, Stevens, Clements, Morton, Delvin, Hatfield, Kilmer, Shin, and Roach

Authorizing residents to access their property during a forest fire.

Declares that residents, landowners, and others in lawful possession and control of land in the state have the right to access their residences, forest land, and land not classified as forest land during a forest fire or wildfire. Specifically, residents, landowners, and others in lawful possession and control of land have the right to access their residences and land in order to: (1) Conduct fire prevention or suppression activities;

(2) Protect or retrieve any property located in their residences or on their land, including equipment, livestock, or any other belongings; or

(3) Undertake activities under both provisions.

Requires that during the closure of any state highway, county road, or city street under this chapter due to forest fire or wildfire, those state agencies and local governments authorizing or implementing the closure shall, to the maximum extent practicable, allow and facilitate access to residences and land as set forth in RCW 76.04.600(2).

Provides that state agencies, counties, and cities, and their employees and agents, are not liable for any action, or failure to act, under this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5316 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Stevens, and Regala

Changing provisions relating to day-care insurance.

Revises provisions relating to day-care insurance in RCW 43.215.535.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5317 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Brandland, Hargrove, Stevens, Regala, and McAuliffe

Creating additional safeguards for child care.

Declares that the purpose of this act is: (1) To establish the department of early learning;

(2) To coordinate and consolidate state activities relating to child care and early learning programs;

(3) To safeguard and promote the health, safety, and well-being of children receiving child care and early learning assistance; and

(4) To provide tools to promote the hiring of suitable providers of child care by: (a) providing parents with access to information regarding child care providers; (b) providing child care providers with known information regarding applicants' sexual misconduct or other abusive conduct; (c) providing parents with child care licensing complaint histories regarding child care providers; and (d) requiring background checks of applicants for employment in any child care facility licensed or regulated under current law.

Provides that, in determining whether an individual is of appropriate character, suitability, and competence to provide child care and early learning services to children, the department may consider all child abuse and neglect history information whether founded, unfounded, or inconclusive regarding a prospective child care provider. No unfounded allegation of child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020 may be disclosed to a provider licensed under this act.

Authorizes the department to make available on a publicly accessible web site all inspection reports and notices of enforcement actions involving child day-care centers and family day-care providers. The department shall include in the inspection report a statement of the corrective measures taken by the center or provider.

Requires the department and an agency to, at the first opportunity but in all cases within forty-eight hours of

receiving a report alleging sexual misconduct or abuse by an agency employee, notify the parents of a child alleged to be the victim, target, or recipient of the misconduct or abuse. The department and an agency shall provide parents with information regarding their rights under the public records act, chapter 42.56 RCW, to request the public records regarding the employee. This information shall be provided to all parents on an annual basis.

Provides that, for the purposes of reporting actions taken against agency employees or licensees, the following actions shall be posted to the department's web site accessible by the public: Suspension, surrender, revocation, denial, stayed suspension, or reinstatement of a license, and any written reprimand related to abuse and sexual misconduct or abuse.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5318 by Senators Poulsen and Jacobsen

Participating in the management of Washington's portion of the Yukon to Yellowstone Rocky mountain ecosystem.

Directs the department to participate with wildlife management agencies and conservation organizations in other states and provinces, comprising the Canadian Rocky mountains ecoregional area, in the cooperative programs of the Yukon to Yellowstone conservation initiative. Where the Yukon to Yellowstone conservation initiative has identified priority species, habitats, or landscapes lying within Washington state, the department shall actively seek to involve local governments, landowners, and local conservation organizations in the initiative. The department may integrate these activities with its cooperative work with other states and provinces sharing ecoregional areas with Washington state.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5319 by Senators Berkey, Morton, and Fairley

Regarding the issuance of checks by joint operating agencies and public utility districts.

Authorizes the board to adopt a policy for the payment of claims or other obligations of the operating agency, which are payable out of solvent funds, and may elect to pay such obligations by check or warrant. However, if the applicable fund is not solvent at the time payment is ordered, then no check may be issued and payment shall be by warrant.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5320 by Senators Franklin, McCaslin, Kline, Stevens, Prentice, Parlette, Regala, Hargrove, Rasmussen, Murray, Jacobsen, Hewitt, Keiser, and Roach

Creating an office of public guardianship as an independent agency of the judiciary.

Provides that, in establishing an office of public guardianship, the legislature intends to promote the availability of guardianship services for individuals who

need them and for whom adequate services may otherwise be unavailable.

Reaffirms its commitment to treat liberty and autonomy as paramount values for all Washington residents and to authorize public guardianship only to the minimum extent necessary to provide for health or safety, or to manage financial affairs, when the legal conditions for appointment of a guardian are met.

Does not intend to alter those legal conditions or to expand judicial authority to determine that any individual is incapacitated.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5321 by Senators Carrell, Regala, Stevens, Schoesler, Clements, and Rasmussen

Addressing child welfare.

Provides that, upon receiving a report of alleged abuse or neglect, the department shall: (1) Make reasonable efforts to learn the name, address, and telephone number of each person making a report of abuse or neglect under this act. The department shall provide assurances of appropriate confidentiality of the identification of persons reporting under this act. If the department is unable to learn the information required under this act, the department shall only investigate cases in which: (a) the department believes there is a serious threat of substantial harm to the child; (b) the report indicates conduct involving a criminal offense that has, or is about to occur, in which the child is the victim; or (c) the department has a prior founded report of abuse or neglect that is within three years of receipt of the referral;

(2) Unless the report is screened-out or being investigated by a law enforcement agency, conduct an investigation within time frames established by the department in rule, but in no case shall the investigation extend longer than ninety days from the date the report is received; and

(3) Make a finding that the report of child abuse or neglect is founded or unfounded at the completion of the investigation.

Declares that a care provider may not be found to have abused or neglected a child under chapter 26.44 RCW or be denied a license pursuant to chapter 74.15 RCW and RCW 74.13.031 for any allegations of failure to supervise wherein: (1) The allegations arise from the child's conduct that is substantially similar to prior behavior of the child; and

(2) The department failed to disclose that the child was a sexually reactive youth, had high-risk behaviors, or was physically assaultive or physically aggressive as required by RCW 74.13.280.

Provides that allegations of child abuse or neglect that meet the provisions of this act shall be designated as "unfounded" as defined in RCW 26.44.020.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5322 by Senators Berkey, Shin, Haugen, Schoesler, Hobbs, Kilmer, and Marr

Identifying sites and programs for a new institution of higher education in the Snohomish-Island-Skagit county region.

Identifies sites and programs for a new institution of higher education in the Snohomish-Island-Skagit county region.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 5323 by Senators Morton, Honeyford, and Kohl-Welles

Strengthening social security number privacy.

Requires that, prior to requesting an individual's social security number, all private and public business enterprises must state that the request is not mandatory and that no penalty for withholding this information can be exacted on the individual by the business enterprise. All organizations holding social security numbers that have not been specifically granted the authority by federal or state law to possess this information must purge their files of these numbers within one hundred twenty days of the effective date of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 5324 by Senators Jacobsen, Shin, Rasmussen, and Kohl-Welles

Authorizing leaves of absence for full-time certificated and classified employees serving as peace corps volunteers.

Provides that school district boards of directors shall grant leaves of absence without pay for at least two years to any full-time certificated or classified employee who serves as a volunteer in the peace corps who volunteers for the peace corps at the time the person is a full-time employee.

Provides that, upon expiration of the leave, the certificated or classified employee shall have the right to be reinstated to the position held before the leave was granted at the salary rate prevailing for that position when the employee resumes duty, without loss of seniority or sick leave. Does not apply to employees who fail to report back to their districts within ninety days after termination of service with the peace corps.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5325 by Senator Jacobsen

Creating a nonpartisan judicial commission.

Creates a nonpartisan judicial commission.

Takes effect if the proposed amendment to Article IV, section 3 of the state Constitution requiring the governor to fill vacancies in the supreme court in accordance with statute 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.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5326 by Senator Jacobsen

Creating judicial nominating commissions.

Provides that, before making recommendations to the governor, each commission shall conduct investigations, hold public hearings, and take public testimony. An executive session as prescribed by rule may be held upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the commission in a public hearing. Final decisions as to recommendations shall be made without regard to political affiliation in an impartial and objective manner. Each commission shall consider the diversity of the population and the geographical diversity of the residences of the applicants; the primary consideration, however, shall be merit. Voting shall be in a public hearing.

Takes effect if the proposed amendment to Article IV, section 3 of the state Constitution requiring the governor to fill vacancies in the supreme court in accordance with statute 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.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5327 by Senator Jacobsen

Authorizing the University of Washington to set building fees.

Authorizes the University of Washington to set building fees.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 5328 by Senator Jacobsen

Providing financial assistance to local gas stations to prevent the release of petroleum products into the environment.

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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 5329 by Senator Jacobsen

Requiring mailed political advertising to be filed with the secretary of state to be archived.

Requires the sponsor of a mailed political advertising to, within two working days after the date of the mailing, file an example of the mailed political advertising with the secretary of state for inclusion with the state archives and records under chapter 40.14 RCW. The sponsor is not required to file more than two such examples of mailed political advertising regarding the same candidate or ballot measure in a single election cycle.

- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5330** by Senators Poulsen, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles, Kline, and Jacobsen
 Modifying the provisions of the local sales and use tax that is credited against the state sales and use tax.
 Revises the provisions of the local sales and use tax that is credited against the state sales and use tax.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5331** by Senators Swecker, Pflug, Haugen, Delvin, and Hatfield; by request of Washington State Patrol
 Providing a window tint exemption for law enforcement vehicles.
 Provides a window tint exemption for law enforcement vehicles.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5332** by Senators Roach, Prentice, and Rasmussen
 Creating a statewide automated victim information and notification system.
 Requires a statewide automated victim information and notification system to be added to the city and county jail booking and reporting system. The system shall: (1) Automatically notify a registered victim via the victim's choice of telephone, letter, or e-mail when any of the following events affect an offender housed in any Washington state city or county jail or department of corrections facility: (a) is transferred or assigned to another facility; (b) is transferred to the custody of another agency outside the state; (c) is given a different security classification; (d) is released on temporary leave or otherwise; (e) is discharged; (f) has escaped; or (g) has been served with a protective order that was requested by the victim;
 (2) Automatically notify a registered victim via the victim's choice of telephone, letter, or e-mail when an offender has: (a) an upcoming court event where the victim is entitled to be present, if the court information is made available to the statewide automated victim information and notification system administrator at the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs; (b) an upcoming parole, pardon, or community supervision hearing; or (c) a change in the offender's parole, probation, or community supervision status.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 5333** by Senators Murray, Eide, Jacobsen, Marr, Spanel, and Shin
 Modifying driver's license and training provisions that affect teenage drivers.
- Revises driver's license and training provisions that affect teenage drivers.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5334** by Senators Murray and Jacobsen
 Addressing motor fuel vendors.
 Provides that, by June 1, 2008, each motor fuel terminal facility and wholesaler that sells motor fuel in this state must be capable of operating its distribution loading racks using an alternative generated power source for a minimum of seventy-two hours. Pending a postdisaster examination of the equipment by the operator to determine any extenuating damage that might render it unsafe to use, the facility must have the alternate generated power source available for operation no later than thirty-six hours after an emergency or disaster as defined in RCW 38.52.010.
 Requires each newly constructed or substantially renovated motor fuel retail outlet, for which a certificate of occupancy is issued on or after January 1, 2008, to be prewired with an appropriate transfer switch, and capable of operating all fuel pumps, dispensing equipment, lifesafety systems, and payment-acceptance equipment using an alternative generated power source.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5335** by Senators Murray, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Prentice, Kline, Pridemore, Weinstein, Poulsen, Fraser, Jacobsen, and Keiser
 Addressing civil marriage equality.
 Declares that it is the intent of this act to end discrimination in marriage based on gender and sexual orientation in Washington, to ensure that all persons in this state may enjoy the freedom to marry on equal terms, while also respecting the religious freedom rights of clergy and religious institutions to determine for whom to perform marriage ceremonies and which marriages to recognize for religious purposes.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- SB 5336** by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Prentice, Regala, Oemig, Tom, Kline, Hobbs, Pridemore, Keiser, Berkey, Franklin, Brown, Weinstein, Rockefeller, Poulsen, Fraser, Jacobsen, Spanel, and McAuliffe
 Protecting individuals in domestic partnerships by granting certain rights and benefits.
 Protects individuals in domestic partnerships by granting certain rights and benefits.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5337 by Senators Schoesler, Fairley, Swecker, Zarelli, Pridemore, Brandland, Oemig, Honeyford, Rasmussen, and Roach

Authorizing fire station projects that cost less than ten thousand dollars to proceed without a formal bidding process.

Authorizes fire station projects that cost less than ten thousand dollars to proceed without a formal bidding process.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5338 by Senators Kilmer and McCaslin

Addressing traffic infractions involving rental vehicles.

Provides that, in the event a parking infraction is issued by a private parking facility and is based on a vehicle's identification, and the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car business, the parking facility shall provide a written notice of the infraction to the rental car business within thirty days of the infraction date. The rental car business receiving the written notice of the infraction shall provide to the parking facility by return mail: (1) A statement under oath stating the name and known mailing address of the individual driving or renting the vehicle when the infraction occurred; or

(2) A statement under oath that the business is unable to determine who was driving or renting the vehicle at the time the infraction occurred because the vehicle was stolen at the time of the infraction. A statement provided under this provision must be accompanied by a copy of a filed police report regarding the vehicle theft.

Declares that timely mailing of this statement to the parking facility relieves a rental car business of any liability under this act for the notice of infraction. In lieu of identifying the vehicle operator, the rental car business may pay the applicable penalty.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5339 by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Rockefeller, and Rasmussen

Authorizing the acquisition and operation of tourism-related facilities by port districts.

Authorizes the acquisition and operation of tourism-related facilities by port districts.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

SB 5340 by Senators Kline, Swecker, Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Pridemore, McAuliffe, Regala, Murray, Spanel, Franklin, Rockefeller, Kauffman, and Keiser

Addressing the definition of disability.

Finds that the supreme court, in its opinion in *McClarty v. Totem Electric*, 157 Wn.2d 214, 137 P.3d 844 (2006), overstepped the court's constitutional role of deciding cases and controversies before it, and engaged in judicial

activism by significantly rewriting the state law against discrimination.

Finds that the law changed by the court is of significant importance to the citizens of the state, in that it determines the scope of application of the law against discrimination, and that the court's deviation from settled law was substantial in degree.

Reaffirms an intent that the law against discrimination affords to Washington residents protections that are wholly independent of those afforded by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and rejects the opinion stated in *McClarty v. Totem Electric*.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5341 by Senators Kline, Weinstein, and Hobbs

Specifying penalties for harm caused by breaches of security that compromise personal information.

Provides that a court may award damages up to the actual amount of economic damages or five hundred dollars, whichever is greater.

Declares that any violation of RCW 19.255.010 or 42.56.590 constitutes an unfair or deceptive practice in violation of chapter 19.86 RCW.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 5342 by Senators Kline, Roach, and Kohl-Welles

Modifying drug court provisions.

Provides that an offender who is not referred to drug court after screening by a prosecutor has a right to petition the court for a hearing to determine eligibility for participation in a drug court program.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5343 by Senator Kline

Concerning crimes against property.

Revises penalties for crimes against property.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5344 by Senators Kline and Weinstein

Penalizing the false or fraudulent refusal of an insurance claim.

Declares that it is unlawful for any person engaged in the business of insurance, knowing it to be such, to: (1) Present, or cause to be presented, a false or fraudulent refusal of a claim, or any proof in support of such a refused claim, for the payment of a loss under a contract of insurance; or

(2) Prepare, make, or subscribe any false or fraudulent account, certificate, affidavit, or proof of loss, or other document or writing, with intent that it be presented or used in support of such a refusal to pay a claim.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 5345 by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Fairley, Hobbs, Delvin, Rasmussen, and Roach

Changing requirements for ignition interlock devices.

Provides that proof of an ignition interlock device shall not be necessary if the applicant provides a declaration that he or she does not own a vehicle, and is employed in a position that requires that he or she drive an employer's vehicle during working hours.

Provides that the device shall not be required on vehicles owned by a person's employer and driven as a requirement of employment, and during working hours only.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5346 by Senators Kline and Hargrove

Revising the accrual of interest on judgments entered against offenders.

Revises the accrual of interest on judgments entered against offenders.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5347 by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Hargrove, Carrell, and Roach

Requiring that defendants be given notice of the possibility that an exceptional sentence may be imposed.

Provides that, at any time prior to the imposition of sentence, the sentencing judge may give notice that the circumstances presented may warrant a sentence above the standard sentencing range. The judge shall specify, in writing, which of the aggravating circumstances stated in RCW 9.94A.535 (2) or (3) appear to be present.

Requires that the defendant shall be informed at the time of the plea that: (1) The sentencing judge may decide to initiate proceedings pursuant to RCW 9.94A.535 to impose an aggravated exceptional sentence pursuant to this chapter at any time prior to the imposition of sentence; and

(2) If aggravated exceptional sentence proceedings are initiated the defendant may withdraw the plea of guilty and enter a plea of not guilty and the prosecutor shall not be bound by the plea agreement and is relieved of any obligation to comply with the terms of the plea agreement.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5348 by Senators Kline, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Fairley, Pridemore, and McAuliffe

Limiting prosecution of persons reporting drug overdoses.

Declares that a person shall not be charged, subject to civil forfeiture, or otherwise prosecuted for a violation of chapter 69.50 RCW if: (1) The person was a witness to a drug overdose;

(2) The person reasonably believed that the overdose would result in an imminent threat to the health or life of the overdose victim;

(3) The person reported the drug overdose to law enforcement or summoned medical assistance at the time it was witnessed; and

(4) All evidence of the specific violation was gained as a result of the person's report.

Does not apply to prosecutions under RCW 69.50.415.

Does not apply to prosecutions where the person who reported the overdose sold the drugs to the victim.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5349 by Senators Kline, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, and Weinstein

Removing robbery 2 from the list of most serious offenses.

Deletes robbery 2 from the list of most serious offenses.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5350 by Senators Kline and Hargrove

Modifying provisions affecting the unauthorized transfer of telephone records.

Revises provisions affecting the unauthorized transfer of telephone records.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5351 by Senators Kline and Spanel; by request of Court Of Appeals

Changing travel reimbursement provisions affecting judges of the court of appeals.

Authorizes the court of appeals to adopt rules providing for the reimbursement of work-related travel expenses from a judge's customary residence to the division headquarters of the court and back. Judges elected from or residing in the county in which the division is headquartered are not eligible for reimbursement under this provision. The rates of reimbursement are as set forth in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5352 by Senators Kline, Keiser, Fairley, Kohl-Welles, and Franklin

Specifying the burden of proof in disciplinary actions for health professionals.

Finds that the obligation of the state to protect its citizens from negligent care is a significant state interest, and accordingly reaffirms its intent that the applicable standard of proof in professional license disciplinary hearings under the uniform disciplinary act is the preponderance standard.

Finds that the preponderance standard as currently adopted by the department of health by rule for all health professionals subject to the uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, does not violate principles of due process or equal protection.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5353 by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Swecker, and Pridemore

Changing provisions concerning municipal courts.

Revises provisions relating to courts of limited jurisdiction.

Repeals RCW 3.50.055 and 3.50.070.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Jan 19 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5354 by Senators Kline, Poulsen, Weinstein, Pridemore, and Kohl-Welles

Concerning the scope of agency actions under the administrative procedure act.

Finds that chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act, promotes consistency in state agency administrative actions and promotes accountability to and oversight by the public of state agency actions.

Finds that the administrative procedure act provides certainty and consistency in the procedures for judicial review of agency actions obtainable under the act and that the scope of agency actions subject to the act should not be unduly narrowed. In *Department of Natural Resources v. State Owned Forests (Court of Appeals Division One; No. 52550-7-I, November 29, 2004)*, the court held that a public land resource planning decision by the department of natural resources was not agency action subject to the administrative procedure act. The legislature intends by this act to ensure that in all future planning decisions the requirements of the administrative procedure act will be applicable.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5355 by Senators Kline, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, and Weinstein

Specifying actions required for vesting of rights in land use actions.

Specifies actions required for vesting of rights in land use actions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5356 by Senators Kline, Fairley, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Regala, Poulsen, Keiser, Tom, and McAuliffe

Prohibiting payment of petition signature gatherers on a per-signature basis.

Prohibits payment of petition signature gatherers on a per-signature basis.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5357 by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Kauffman, and Fairley

Modifying privileged communications provisions.

Amends RCW 5.60.060 relating to privileged communications.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5358 by Senators Kline, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, McCaslin, and Marr

Protecting the news media from being compelled to testify in legal proceedings.

Provides that no judicial, legislative, administrative, or other body with the power to issue a subpoena or other compulsory process may compel the news media to testify, produce, or otherwise disclose: (1) The identity of a source of any news or information or any information that would tend to identify the source where such source has a reasonable expectation of confidentiality; or

(2) Any news or information obtained or prepared by the news media in its capacity in gathering, receiving, or processing news or information for potential communication to the public, including, but not limited to, any notes, outtakes, photographs, video or sound tapes, film, or other data of whatever sort in any medium now known or hereafter devised. This does not include physical evidence of a crime.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5359 by Senators Rockefeller, Poulsen, Oemig, Marr, Pridemore, Regala, Fraser, Kline, and McAuliffe

Creating a greenhouse gas reporting study panel.

Creates a greenhouse gas reporting study panel.

Declares that it is important for Washington to analyze the various programs in order to determine the best steps for the state to take in order to protect its citizens and the environment as well as provide businesses and owners of agriculture and forest lands the opportunity to participate in the various carbon trading markets and programs while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Requires the study panel to report the results of this study, along with any recommendation for legislation, to the governor and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature by November 1, 2007.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 5360 by Senators Parlette, Pridemore, and Holmquist

Regarding mosquito control district assessments.

Revises mosquito control district assessments.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5361 by Senators Jacobsen and Shin

Providing for the live performance of Taps at veterans' funerals.

Provides for the live performance of Taps at veterans' funerals.

- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5362** by Senators Jacobsen, Pridemore, Rasmussen, and Kline
 Preserving farm and agricultural land through conservation futures levies.
 Preserves farm and agricultural land through conservation futures levies.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.
- SB 5363** by Senator Jacobsen
 Adding speed violations on arterial highways to the traffic safety camera law.
 Adds speed violations on arterial highways to the traffic safety camera law.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5364** by Senator Jacobsen
 Requiring the governor to appoint the director of fish and wildlife.
 Requires the governor to appoint the director of fish and wildlife.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 5365** by Senator Jacobsen
 Creating the historically Black college fund pilot project.
 Declares an intent to direct the higher education coordinating board to establish a pilot project that permits a limited number of students to use their state need grant awards to study at Morehouse College, Howard University, Spelman College, Grambling State University, and Tuskegee University.
 Provides that, by December 15, 2012, the board shall report to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on the results of the pilot project. The report shall include a recommendation on the extent financial aid portability programs should be revised or expanded for Washington's students.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- SB 5366** by Senators Haugen and Jacobsen; by request of Department of Licensing
 Authorizing the issuance of enhanced drivers' licenses and identicards to facilitate crossing the Canadian border.
 Authorizes the department to enter into a memorandum of understanding with any federal agency for the purposes of facilitating the crossing of the border between the state of Washington and the Canadian province of British Columbia.
- Authorizes the department to issue an enhanced driver's license or identicard for the purposes of crossing the border between the state of Washington and the Canadian province of British Columbia to an applicant who provides the department with proof of: United States citizenship, identity, and state residency.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5367** by Senators Shin, Kastama, Kilmer, Kauffman, Clements, Berkey, and Rasmussen
 Establishing the Washington trade corps fellowship program.
 Establishes the Washington trade corps fellowship program at the University of Washington center for international business education and research to promote international trade and award fellowships to students who have shown significant interest in pursuing a career in international trade.
 Appropriates the sum of two million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the University of Washington center for international business education and research for the purposes of this act.
 Appropriates the sum of two million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, from the general fund to the University of Washington center for international business education and research for the purposes of this act.
 Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.
- SB 5368** by Senators Shin, Kastama, Berkey, Kilmer, Kauffman, Clements, and McAuliffe
 Enhancing economic competitiveness through workplace and entrepreneurial training for youth.
 Enhances economic competitiveness through workplace and entrepreneurial training for youth.
 Appropriates the sum of two million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, for the purposes of RCW 28A.300.235(2).
 Appropriates the sum of two million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, for the purposes of this act.
 -- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 5369** by Senators Shin, Berkey, and Kilmer
 Creating the qualified professions conditional scholarship.
 Finds that encouraging outstanding students to enter mathematics and science professions is of paramount importance to the state of Washington. By creating the mathematics and science professions conditional scholarship, the legislature intends to assist in the effort to

recruit as mathematics and science professionals individuals who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievement or demonstrated their commitment to mathematics and science professions.

Urges business, industry, and philanthropic community organizations to join with state government in making this program successful.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

SB 5370 by Senators Shin, Berkey, Rasmussen, and Kline

Addressing job skills training for juvenile offenders.

Finds that the provision of occupational skills, employment experience, and job placement assistance to juvenile offenders is of particular value in reducing the recidivism rate of such offenders and reducing the potential for violent behavior by such offenders upon return to their communities.

Declares an intent that the educational and training needs of all juvenile offenders in state institutions and group homes be met in a manner that allows the youth to obtain gainful employment upon release. It is the purpose of this act to enhance the career options and job readiness of incarcerated youth.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5371 by Senators Brandland, Kohl-Welles, Holmquist, Tom, and Rasmussen

Concerning record checks for school employees.

Provides that the state school for the blind shall require a record check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050, and through the federal bureau of investigation, before hiring an employee. The record check shall include a fingerprint check.

Declares that contractors who are retained by the state school for the blind shall not be required to conduct a record check unless the contractor will have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children. For the purpose of this act "contractor" means one that agrees to furnish materials or perform services at a specified price, particularly for grounds maintenance or construction work.

Provides that the state school for the deaf shall require a record check through the Washington state patrol criminal identification system under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.834, 10.97.030, and 10.97.050, and through the federal bureau of investigation, before hiring an employee. The record check shall include a fingerprint check.

Declares that contractors who are retained by the state school for the deaf shall not be required to conduct a record check unless the contractor will have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children. For the purpose of this section "contractor" means one that agrees to furnish materials or perform services at a specified price, particularly for grounds maintenance or construction work.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5372 by Senators Rockefeller, Swecker, Poulsen, Marr, Keiser, Shin, Kline, McAuliffe, Fraser, Kilmer, and Murray; by request of Governor Gregoire

Creating the Puget Sound partnership.

Creates the Puget Sound partnership.

Repeals provisions of chapter 90.71 RCW.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)
First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8214 by Senator Jacobsen

Requiring that supreme court vacancies be filled according to statute.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution requiring that supreme court vacancies be filled according to statute.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SJR 8215 by Senator Jacobsen

Requiring that supreme court vacancies be filled according to statute.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution requiring that supreme court vacancies be filled according to statute.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 8403 by Senator Jacobsen

Creating a joint select committee concerning Latino accessibility to higher education.

Resolves that a joint select committee on Latino accessibility to higher education be established, in consultation with the Washington State commission on Hispanic affairs to: (1) Increase awareness throughout the educational pipeline about the challenges facing the Latino community, to close the generational information gap within the Latino community;

(2) Close the generational information gap within the Latino community about the cost of and accessibility to higher education;

(3) Investigate ways to provide an appropriate level of financial aid to help Latinos enroll in and graduate from Washington State institutions of higher education;

(4) Improve articulation and communication between two-year and four-year institutions of higher education

regarding higher education issues especially important to the Latino community; and

(5) Develop and propose strategies for helping Latino students achieve at high academic levels.

Resolves that the committee report its findings and recommendations to the legislature at the regular legislative session in 2009.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 First reading, referred to Higher Education.