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House Bills

HB 1106-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Chase, Hankins, Morrell, Appleton, Hudgins, McDermott, and Wallace)

Requiring reporting of hospital-acquired infections in health care facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires reporting of hospital-acquired infections in health care facilities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 12 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1115-S by House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Pettigrew, Morrell, Ormsby, Green, Darneille, Haigh, Moeller, Wallace, Santos, and Simpson)

Creating programs to end homelessness.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes programs to end homelessness.

Creates within the department the ending homelessness program to develop and implement a statewide ending homelessness strategic plan, coordinate and monitor local government ending homelessness plans and programs, and implement and manage an ending homelessness grant

program. The ending homelessness program has an established short-term goal of reducing the homeless population statewide and in each county by fifty percent by July 1, 2015, and an ultimate goal of ending homelessness. The ending homelessness program is developed and administered by the department with advice and input from the affordable housing advisory board established in RCW 43.185B.020.

Provides that program outcomes and performance measures and goals must be created by the department in consultation with the interagency council on homelessness and a task force established by the department consisting of the committee chairs of the appropriate committees of the legislature, representatives appointed by the director from a minimum of five local ending homelessness task forces representing both urban and rural areas and communities east and west of the Cascade mountains, and a representative from a statewide membership organization that advocates for ending homelessness. The task force must also produce guidelines for local governments regarding methods, techniques, and data suggested to measure each performance measure. Performance measures, yearly targets, and corresponding measurement guidelines must be established by December 31, 2007, and must be reviewed annually by the department and the interagency council on homelessness after soliciting feedback from all local ending homelessness task forces.

Authorizes the department to determine a timeline for implementation and measurement of each performance measure for the state and local ending homelessness plans, except that the state and all local governments must implement and respond to all performance measures by December 31, 2009, unless the department finds that a performance measure is not applicable to a specific local

area according to parameters and thresholds established by the department.

Requires the employment security department to annually establish a self-sufficiency standard based upon the cost of living, including housing costs, which include mortgage or rent payments and utilities other than telephone, for each county and major city in the state. The first self-sufficiency standard must be presented to the legislature by December 31, 2008.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a performance audit of the ending homelessness program every four years. The first audit must be conducted by December 31, 2009. Each audit must take no longer than six months or fifty thousand dollars to complete.

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 ending homelessness account to be distributed by the department of community, trade, and economic development 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 ending homelessness 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.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 7 Executive session in committee.
HOUS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1193-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan and Pearson)

Creating a legislative task force on the structure of the department of fish and wildlife.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the task force's review and recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) The effectiveness and accountability of the current fish and wildlife commission model;

(2) Whether or not the fish and wildlife commission should retain the power to hire and terminate the director;

(3) Whether or not the fish and wildlife commissioner appointment process is effective and whether or not commissioners should be limited to no more than two consecutive terms in office;

(4) Whether or not a citizens' ombuds function should be added to the fish and wildlife commission model and if so, what would the role of the ombuds be;

(5) Whether or not it is necessary to restructure the policy authority of the fish and wildlife commission;

(6) Possible alternative models for fish and wildlife commission structures;

(7) Whether or not the fish and wildlife commission's role should be limited to that of an advisory body;

(8) Possible alternatives for appointment and confirmation of fish and wildlife commission members;

(9) Whether or not the fish and wildlife commission's effectiveness and accountability would be improved with the addition of either policy staff or fiscal staff, or both;

(10) Whether or not the role of regulating recreational fishing and hunting policy and season setting should be separated from commercial activities, regulatory role/functions, land management, and other departmental administrative functions;

(11) The effectiveness and responsiveness to the public, the office of the governor, and the legislature of the fish and wildlife commission and department of fish and wildlife management structure; and

(12) Whether or not the existing geographic, consultation, and expertise mandates for fish and wildlife commission appointments meet the needs of the state or whether or not the fish and wildlife commission should be restructured.

Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the fish and wildlife commission, the director of fish and wildlife, and the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1233-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericks, Kirby, Roach, Williams, Jarrett, and Simpson)

Addressing specified disease, hospital confinement, or other fixed payment insurance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 48.43.005 relating to specified disease, hospital confinement, or other fixed payment insurance.

Directs the commissioner to adopt rules setting forth the content of a standard disclosure form to be provided to all applicants for individual, illness-triggered fixed payment insurance, hospital confinement fixed payment insurance, or other fixed payment insurance.

Declares that illness-triggered fixed payment insurance, hospital confinement fixed payment insurance, or other fixed payment insurance policies are not considered to provide coverage for hospital or medical expenses under chapters 48.20 and 48.21 RCW, if the benefits provided are a fixed dollar amount that is paid regardless of the amount charged.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1273-S by House Committee on Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Representatives Roach, Ericks, Hurst, Kirby, Strow, Newhouse, Simpson, Williams, Haler, O'Brien, Moeller, Pearson, VanDeWege, McCune, Kenney, Rolfes, and Morrell)

Authorizing fraud alert networks.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to enable financial institutions and merchants, to the extent permitted by federal law, to exchange information to prevent, detect, deter, and assist in the prosecution of financial fraud, bank robbery, money laundering, identity theft, and other financial crimes.

Declares an intent to encourage the sharing of information consistent with federal law.

Declares that a fraud alert network is intended to protect against or prevent actual or potential fraud and unauthorized transactions, claims, or other liability, and is intended to be exempt from the privacy disclosure requirements of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999.

Provides that it is intended that so long as the participants comply with this act, the provisions of the Washington fair credit reporting act, chapter 19.182 RCW, do not apply to the fraud alert network. However, if it is determined that the federal fair credit reporting act applies to a fraud alert network, the Washington fair credit reporting act also applies.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
IFCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.

HB 1303-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, B. Sullivan, Jarrett, Linville, Priest, Appleton, Pedersen, Kenney, Sells, Morrell, Lantz, O'Brien, Chase, Eickmeyer, McCoy, Haigh, Rolfes, Hurst, Eddy, Springer, Schual-Berke, Fromhold, Moeller, Hunt, Goodman, Williams, Darneille, Kagi, Lovick, Campbell, Dunshee, Sommers, Simpson, Hunter, Roberts, and Miloscia)

Encouraging the use of cleaner energy.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, to reduce fossil fuel dependence and build our clean energy economy, the state should develop policies and incentives that help businesses, consumers, and farmers gain greater access to affordable clean fuels and vehicles and to produce clean fuels in the state. These policies and incentives should include: (1) Incentives for replacement of the most polluting diesel engines, especially in school buses;

(2) Transitional incentives for development of the most promising in-state clean fuels and fuel feedstocks, including biodiesel crops and ethanol from plant waste;

(3) Reduced fossil fuel consumption by state fleets;

(4) Development of promising new technologies for displacing petroleum with electricity, such as "plug-in hybrids"; and

(5) Impact analysis and emission accounting procedures that prepare Washington to respond and prosper

as global warming impacts occur and as policies and markets to reduce global warming pollution are developed.

Finds that it is not cost-effective to retrofit much older buses because of their mechanical condition and very high emissions. Replacement with new, ultra-low emission buses, beginning with the model year 2007, is the most effective means to nearly eliminate the toxic emissions generated by the use of these older buses. In addition, newer buses are safer, more reliable, provide significantly higher fuel economy, and have lower overall operating costs. An incentive program to accelerate purchase of newer buses and replacement of older buses will more quickly achieve these gains and result in a lower health risk to children.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to implement a school bus replacement incentive program. As part of the program, the office shall fund up to ten percent of the cost of a new 2007 or later model year school bus purchased by a school district by no later than June 30, 2009, provided that the new bus is replacing a 1994 or older school bus in the school district's fleet. Replacement of the oldest buses must be given highest priority.

Directs the office of the superintendent of public instruction to ensure that buses being replaced through this program are surplus under RCW 28A.335.180.

Appropriates the sum of five million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the clean energy incentive account created in section 601 of this act to the office of the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this act.

Finds that the development of a Washington-based feedstock agricultural and forest products market is highly desirable for producing biodiesel and ethanol. Research and incentive programs are needed to develop a market in Washington to produce cellulosic ethanol from wood waste and other organic materials. Cellulosic ethanol is a preferred biofuel because it provides much greater reductions in petroleum dependence and carbon emissions as compared to starch-based ethanol.

Declares it is important for the state of Washington to develop a complete supply chain infrastructure that allows the state government, including its local government subdivisions, to supply its complete fuel needs with biofuels produced from feedstocks completely produced in Washington. The goal of supplying one hundred percent of state and local government's fuel needs with biofuels should be a reality by 2015.

Provides that, by no later than January 1, 2020, the annual fossil fuel usage by the state's motor vehicle fleets must be at least twenty-five percent below the annual usage for the year 2006.

Declares it is in the state's interest and to the benefit of the people of the state to encourage the use of electrical vehicles in order to reduce emissions and provide the public with cleaner air. This section expressly authorizes the purchase of power at state expense to recharge privately and publicly owned plug-in electrical vehicles at state office locations where the vehicles are used for state business, are commute vehicles, or where the vehicles are at the state location for the purpose of conducting business with the state.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the clean energy incentive account created in section 601 of this act to the department

of community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of staffing the vehicle electrification work group and providing research to carry out the work of the group.

Finds that it is important for the state of Washington to participate in emerging regional, national, and international markets to mitigate climate change.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the clean energy incentive account created in this act to the climate impacts group at the University of Washington for the purposes of contracting for an analysis of the potential human health impacts of global warming on the state of Washington.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the clean energy incentive account created in this act to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of developing and recommending a framework for the state of Washington to participate in emerging regional, national, and global markets to mitigate climate change, on a multisector basis, including the forest sector.

Requires the department of general administration, in conjunction with private sector suppliers, to develop a pilot program for providing E85 fueling capacity at appropriate intervals and locations along at least interstate routes 5, 82, and 90 throughout the state for the use of public and private vehicles.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the clean energy incentive account created in this act to the office of financial management to be provided to the clean energy coordinator created in this act and for the purpose of providing greater access to public sector fueling capacity for biofuels.

Appropriates the sum of six million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the clean energy incentive account created in this act to Washington State University for the purposes of this act and for qualifying for potential federal matching funds for research on biofuels.

Appropriates the sum of two million one hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the clean energy incentive account created in this act to the climate impacts group at the University of Washington for the purposes of producing a fifty-year comprehensive state climate change assessment

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1414-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Green, Morrell, Moeller, Schual-Berke, and Campbell)

Licensing ambulatory surgical facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes provisions for licensing ambulatory surgical facilities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 12 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1488-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Upthegrove, Appleton, Dunshee, Hunt, Dickerson, VanDeWege, Campbell, Kessler, Eickmeyer, McCoy, Chase, Green, Sells, Kenney, Ericks, Roberts, Lantz, Goodman, Wood, Kagi, Moeller, and Rolfes)

Enhancing the state's oil spill response program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the intent of this act is to enact those recommendations of the oil spill advisory council that require legislative action so that Washington is in the best possible position to prevent and respond to oil spills in all of Washington's waters, including the Columbia river, the Pacific Ocean, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the Puget Sound.

Declares that fully enacting the recommendations of the oil spill advisory council requires the identification of revenue to support the state's oil spill programs, which includes consistent and continued funding for a contingency tug program, a permanent rescue tug at Neah Bay, the activities of the permanent oil spill advisory council, and contributions to the ongoing efforts to remove leaking derelict vessels from Washington's treasured and valued waterways.

Repeals RCW 90.56.335.

Decodifies RCW 82.23B.060.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 5 Executive session in committee.
Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 12 Referred to Finance.

HB 1569-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Campbell, Morrell, Linville, Moeller, Green, Seaquist, Conway, Dickerson, Appleton, McIntire, McCoy, Kagi, Pedersen, Kenney, Lantz, Santos, Wood, and Ormsby)

Reforming the health care system in Washington state.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent, through the public/private partnership reflected in this act, to improve our current health care system so that: (1) Health insurance coverage is more affordable for employers, employees, self-employed people, and other individuals;

(2) The process of choosing and purchasing health insurance coverage is well-informed, clearer, and simpler;

(3) Prevention, chronic care management, wellness, and improved quality of care are a fundamental part of our health care system; and

(4) As a result of these changes, more people in Washington state have access to affordable health insurance coverage and health outcomes in Washington state are improved.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Work session and public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 12 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1646-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representative Blake)

Authorizing department of fish and wildlife employees to sample fish, wildlife, and shellfish.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent that sampling of fish, wildlife, and shellfish by department of fish and wildlife employees will ensure the conservation and management of fish, shellfish, and wildlife. Because the harvest of fish and wildlife is regulated by the department, the legislature finds that sampling by departmental employees will benefit the resource, and will further the department's research related to fish, wildlife, and shellfish. This act does not apply to the harvest of private sector cultured aquatic products as defined in RCW 15.85.020.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1756-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, Blake, Takko, and VanDeWege)

Authorizing one additional hound hunting cougar season.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the department of fish and wildlife may authorize one additional season in which cougars may be pursued or killed with dogs, subject to the other conditions of the pilot project. This additional season is authorized to avoid a lag in cougar management and conditioning between the end of the third pilot cougar season and the time needed for the 2008 legislature to consider the report provided under section 3, chapter 264, Laws of 2004, and is not intended to be considered as part of the study period.

Authorizes a county legislative authority to request inclusion in the fourth and final year of the cougar control pilot project authorized by chapter 264, Laws of 2004 after taking the following actions: (1) Adopting a resolution that requests inclusion in the pilot project;

(2) Documenting the need to participate in the pilot project by identifying the number of cougar/human encounters and livestock and pet depredations; and

(3) Demonstrating that existing cougar depredation permits, public safety cougar hunts, or other existing

wildlife management tools have not been sufficient to deal with cougar incidents in the county.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1825-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Curtis, Dunshee, Moeller, Lovick, Morrell, Seaquist, McCoy, Clibborn, Barlow, Green, Appleton, Pedersen, Darneille, P. Sullivan, Kenney, Rolfes, Simpson, McIntire, Roberts, Ormsby, and Chase)

Providing dedicated funding for public health services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that protecting the public's health across the state is a fundamental responsibility of the state. With the commitment to state funding of the public health system as provided in section 3 of this act, the state expects that measurable benefits will be realized to the health of the residents of Washington. A transparent process that shows the impact of increased public health spending on performance measures related to the health outcomes in this act is of great value to the state and its residents. In addition, a well-funded public health system is expected to become a more integral part of the state's emergency preparedness system.

Requires this increase in public health funding to deliver the following outcomes, subject to available funding: (1) Create a disease response system capable of responding at all times;

(2) Stop the increase in, and reduce, sexually transmitted disease rates;

(3) Reduce vaccine preventable diseases;

(4) Build capacity to quickly contain disease outbreaks;

(5) Decrease childhood and adult obesity and types I and II diabetes rates, and resulting kidney failure and dialysis;

(6) Increase childhood immunization rates;

(7) Improve birth outcomes and decrease child abuse;

(8) Reduce animal-to-human disease rates; and

(9) Monitor and protect drinking water across jurisdictional boundaries.

Requires that beginning November 15, 2009, the department shall report to the legislature and the governor annually on the distribution of funds under this act and the use of those funds. The initial report must discuss the performance measures adopted by the secretary and any impact the funding in this act has had on local health jurisdiction performance and health status indicators. Future reports shall evaluate trends in performance over time and the effects of expenditures on performance over time.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 12 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2152 by Representatives Appleton, Seaquist, Rolfes, Haigh, Eickmeyer, Lantz, and Ormsby

Regarding election certification.

Makes changes to election certification provisions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2153 by Representatives Eddy, Hunter, Flannigan, Hudgins, Schual-Berke, Hasegawa, Moeller, Ormsby, and Morrell

Providing restrictions for reading and handling identification documents.

Declares that: (1) The right to privacy is a personal and fundamental right protected by Article 1, section 7 of the state Constitution. All individuals have a right of privacy in information pertaining to them.

(2) Washington state recognizes the importance of protecting the confidentiality and privacy of an individual's personal information contained in identification documents such as driver's licenses.

(3) Machine-readable features found on driver's licenses and other similar identification documents are intended to facilitate verification of identity, not to facilitate collection of personal information about individuals, nor to facilitate the creation of private data bases of transactional information associated with those individuals.

(4) Easy access to the information found on driver's licenses and other similar identification documents facilitates the crime of identity theft, a crime that is a major concern in Washington.

(5) Use of machine-readable features on identification documents for purposes other than verification of identity constitutes an unreasonable infringement of privacy and is an unfair business practice.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2154 by Representatives Fromhold, Priest, P. Sullivan, Quall, Kenney, and Moeller; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Regarding election dates for educational service district board members.

Amends RCW 28A.310.080 relating to election dates for educational service district board members.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2155 by Representatives Hudgins, Conway, Cody, VanDeWege, Appleton, Seaquist, Williams, Chase, and Simpson

Creating a business and occupation tax credit for eligible call centers.

Creates a business and occupation tax credit for eligible call centers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2156 by Representatives Morris, Kenney, Chase, and Ormsby

Regarding carbon dioxide mitigation.

Provides that any load-serving utility that enters into a long-term financial commitment for baseload generation located outside the borders of the state shall provide mitigation for twenty percent of the total carbon dioxide emissions produced by the fossil-fueled thermal electric power plant or plants over the period of the commitment.

Provides that the load-serving utility shall develop a carbon dioxide mitigation plan detailing how the utility plans to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions under this act.

Provides that the load-serving utility shall choose one or a combination of the following carbon dioxide mitigation options to mitigate for twenty percent of the total carbon dioxide emission: (1) Payment to a third party to provide mitigation;

(2) Direct purchase of permanent carbon credits as specified under RCW 80.70.030; or

(3) Investment in load-serving utility-controlled carbon dioxide mitigation projects, including combined heat and power (cogeneration).

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

Feb 13 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

Feb 14 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 2157 by Representatives Hudgins, Kenney, and Hasegawa

Expanding resident student eligibility for purposes of the state need grant program.

Expands resident student eligibility for purposes of the state need grant program.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2158 by Representatives Hasegawa, Fromhold, O'Brien, Orcutt, Condotta, Ormsby, Roach, Kristiansen, Ericks, Curtis, Kenney, and Moeller

Concerning the sales of vehicles and associated services to nonresidents of Washington.

Amends RCW 82.08.0264 and 82.08.0273.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2159 by Representatives Hunt, Williams, Linville, Moeller, and Ormsby

Permitting members of the public employees' retirement system plan 1 that become employed as educational staff associates to remain in the public employees' retirement system plan 1.

Permits members of the public employees' retirement system plan 1 that become employed as educational staff associates to remain in the public employees' retirement system plan 1.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2160 by Representatives Curtis, Lovick, Upthegrove, O'Brien, Moeller, and Sells

Regarding the operation of motorcycles between lanes of traffic or vehicles.

Declares that no person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles, unless: (1) The average speed of traffic at any time is substantially slower than the posted speed limit for the roadway;

(2) There are two or more lanes of traffic for vehicles proceeding in the same direction at that time; and

(3) A reasonable and prudent operator of a motorcycle would consider it safe to operate a motorcycle no more than ten miles per hour over the average speed of traffic at that time between the lanes of traffic.

Provides that "substantially slower" means a speed that is half or less than half of the posted speed limit.

Does not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2161 by Representatives Simpson, Curtis, Eddy, and Ormsby

Providing for consistency between code cities and noncode cities in the apportionment of investment funds.

Provides for consistency between code cities and noncode cities in the apportionment of investment funds.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2162 by Representatives Jarrett, Priest, Kenney, Hasegawa, Chase, P. Sullivan, Simpson, Moeller, and Ormsby

Creating opportunities to obtain a diploma through college and career readiness centers.

Declares an intent to redefine the purpose and expectations of the high school diploma and provide extended learning opportunities through college and career readiness centers, funded under the basic education act, for students not on track to graduate from high school with their peers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2163 by Representatives Cody, Sommers, Kenney, and Moeller; by request of Health Care Authority

Creating the public employees' benefits board medical benefits administration account.

Creates the public employees' benefits board medical benefits administration account.

Declares that only the administrator or the administrator's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2164 by Representatives Dunshee, Morrell, Moeller, and Ormsby

Requiring approval from state institutions of higher education to locate new or rehabilitated multiple-unit housing within the boundaries of a campus facilities master plan for property tax exemption purposes.

Provides that the new or rehabilitated multiple-unit housing must not be located within the boundaries of a campus facilities master plan, unless the affected state institution of higher education has granted written approval prior to the time of application for the exemption.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2165 by Representatives Campbell and Hudgins

Requiring verification of special endorsements before renewing vehicle licenses for motorcycles.

Provides that prior to renewing the vehicle license for a motorcycle due for renewal after January 1, 2008, the department must verify that the registered owner has the appropriate special endorsement to operate the motorcycle under RCW 46.20.500.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2166 by Representatives Chase, Skinner, Hunt, O'Brien, Hudgins, Campbell, Morrell, Kirby, Hasegawa, Simpson, Haler, McCune, Kretz, Dunshee, Pettigrew, Walsh, Dickerson, Williams, Eickmeyer, Conway, Schual-Berke, and Moeller

Enacting the Washington safe cosmetics act of 2007.

Provides that, beginning January 1, 2009, the manufacturer of any cosmetic product subject to regulation by the federal food and drug administration that is sold in this state shall, on a schedule and in electronic or other format, as determined by the department, provide the department with a complete and accurate list of its cosmetic products that, as of the date of submission, are sold in the state and that contain any ingredient that is a chemical identified as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity.

Provides that any information submitted under this act shall identify each chemical both by name and chemical abstract service number and shall specify the product or products in which the chemical is contained.

Provides that if an ingredient identified under this act subsequently is removed from the product in which it was contained, is removed from the list of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, or is no longer a chemical identified as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity by the department, the manufacturer of the product containing the ingredient shall submit the new information to the department. Upon receipt of new information, the department, after verifying the accuracy of that information, shall revise the manufacturer's information on record with the department to reflect the new information. The manufacturer shall not be under obligation to submit subsequent information on the presence of the ingredient in the product unless subsequent changes require submittal of the information.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 2167 by Representatives Chase, Campbell, Hunt, Hudgins, Morrell, Goodman, Springer, Hasegawa, and Conway

Mandating additional food labeling requirements.

Finds that Washington consumers have a right to accurate, accessible information that will assist them in making educated food purchases.

Finds that consumers have an interest in knowing the benefits and potential risks to their health from the products they consume.

Finds that consumers value knowing when and where food has been packaged and when technologies such as genetic engineering, irradiation, and modified atmosphere packaging have been applied to the foods that are offered for retail sale.

Declares an intent to increase the disclosure of food information to consumers by enhancing existing requirements governing the labeling of certain perishable food products.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 2168 by Representatives Chase, O'Brien, Williams, Haler, Warnick, McCune, Orcutt, Kretz, Ahern, Hudgins, Hasegawa, VanDeWege, Eickmeyer, Moeller, and Sells

Regarding firearms safety education programs.

Provides that the superintendent of public instruction, within existing resources, shall develop a program of instruction for firearms accident prevention for students in kindergarten through grade twelve.

Declares that beginning with the 2009-10 school year, all common school districts may adopt the firearms accident prevention program developed by the superintendent of public instruction under this act to instruct students in kindergarten and through grade twelve in the content area addressed by the curriculum. A school district may provide additional instruction that supplements the program established by the superintendent of public instruction.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2169 by Representatives Eddy, Springer, and Clibborn

Eliminating impact fees for qualifying school facilities.

Eliminates impact fees for qualifying school facilities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2170 by Representatives Ross, O'Brien, Pearson, Newhouse, Curtis, Rodne, McCune, Kelley,

Eddy, Goodman, VanDeWege, Hurst, Simpson, and Moeller

Protecting employees, contract staff, and volunteers of a law enforcement agency.

Protects employees, contract staff, and volunteers of a law enforcement agency.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2171 by Representatives Eddy, Conway, Campbell, Hankins, Sells, Ormsby, Moeller, Ericks, Roberts, Darneille, Hunt, Blake, Kessler, Rolfes, Flannigan, O'Brien, Hurst, Buri, Williams, Grant, Chandler, Hasegawa, Simpson, Santos, Barlow, Morrell, Fromhold, Priest, Lantz, Strow, B. Sullivan, Cody, Hinkle, Eickmeyer, Haigh, Anderson, Appleton, Kenney, Chase, McCoy, Walsh, Haler, Kelley, Springer, Newhouse, Dunshee, Linville, McIntire, Lovick, Sump, Kirby, Schual-Berke, Kagi, Quall, Ahern, Pettigrew, VanDeWege, Condotta, Green, Seaquist, Dickerson, P. Sullivan, and Sommers

Regarding crane safety.

Addresses provisions relating to crane safety.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2172 by Representatives Schindler, Warnick, and McCune

Requiring a review of the essential academic learning requirements in mathematics.

Declares that by July 1, 2007, the state board of education shall establish an independent mathematics review committee. Mathematics competency must be a prerequisite for inclusion on the committee.

Provides that by July 1, 2009, the committee shall review the current essential academic learning requirements in mathematics and make recommendations regarding changes of these mathematics standards to the legislature, the governor, the state board of education, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The review shall include, but is not limited to the following: (1) Reviewing the standards for clarity, rigor, content, reason, and any negative qualities;

(2) Articulating grade level expectations over the grades as a sequence of expectations and performances that build with increasing depth after foundational knowledge and skills are acquired, and reflect, where appropriate, the sequential nature of the discipline;

(3) Using the international benchmarking system of the trends in international mathematics and science study (TIMSS) and/or the program for international student assessment (PISA); and

(4) Reviewing other states and nations that have proven and high-quality mathematics standards, including California and Singapore.

Provides that by July 1, 2008, the committee shall review mathematics curriculum and materials, including textbooks, and create a menu of curricula to guide districts in textbook adoptions to ensure textbook and curricula

alignment with the essential academic learning requirements in mathematics.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2173 by Representatives Schual-Berke and Moeller
Regarding electronic monitoring in long-term care facilities.

Declares that a resident has the right to install and use an electronic monitoring device in the resident's room, provided that: (1) The resident has obtained consent in writing from any roommate who shares the room as sleeping quarters;

(2) The resident has provided written notice to the facility on a form developed by the department under this act of the resident's intent to install the monitoring device;

(3) The resident pays for all installation and maintenance costs of the electronic monitoring; and

(4) The electronic monitoring conforms to any limitation placed on the monitoring as the condition of the consent given by a roommate and conforms to the requirements outlined in this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2174 by Representatives Schual-Berke and Moeller
Providing for the use of arbitration in resolving medical staff disputes regarding membership and privileges.

Provides that hospital governing authorities may require that disputes regarding admitting privileges or membership be resolved by arbitration after the governing authority has made its final decision. The hospital may require the practitioner to pay up to one-half of the costs of the arbitrator and may require that the prevailing party pay the attorneys' fees of the other party only where the arbitrator finds the appeal was frivolous.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2175 by Representatives Morris, Crouse, Ericksen, Linville, Chase, Hurst, and Goodman

Concerning the sales and use tax exemptions for low carbon generation facilities.

Provides that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of machinery and equipment used directly in generating electricity at a low carbon generation facility or at a facility using fuel cells, wind, sun, or landfill gas as the principal source of power, or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment, but only if the purchaser develops with such machinery, equipment, and labor a facility capable of generating not less than two hundred watts of electricity and provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by the department. The seller shall retain a copy of the certificate for the seller's files.

Provides that the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW shall not apply with respect to machinery and equipment used directly in generating not less than two hundred watts

of electricity at a low carbon generation facility or at a facility using fuel cells, wind, sun, or landfill gas as the principal source of power, or to the use of labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2176 by Representatives Lantz, Warnick, Pedersen, Ross, Hasegawa, Kenney, Santos, and Goodman

Revising provisions involving court interpreters.

Provides that each trial court organized under Titles 2, 3 and 35 RCW must develop a written language assistance plan to provide a framework for the provision of interpreter services for non-English-speaking persons accessing the court system in both civil and criminal legal matters.

Provides that each court, when developing its language assistance plan, must consult with judges, court administrators and court clerks, interpreters, and members of the community, such as domestic violence organizations, pro bono programs, courthouse facilitators, legal services programs, and/or other community groups whose members speak a language other than English.

Provides that where a qualified interpreter is appointed for a hearing impaired person by a judicial officer in a proceeding before a court under this act in compliance with the provisions of RCW 2.42.130 and 2.42.170, the state of Washington shall reimburse the appointing authority for one-half of the payment to the interpreter.

Provides that where an interpreter is appointed by a judicial officer in a proceeding before a court at public expense, the state of Washington shall reimburse the appointing authority for one-half of the payment to the interpreter where: (1) The interpreter appointed is an interpreter certified by the administrative office of the courts or is a qualified interpreter registered by the administrative office of the courts in a noncertified language, or where the necessary language is not certified or registered, the interpreter has been qualified by the judicial officer pursuant to chapter 2.43 RCW;

(2) The court conducting the legal proceeding has an approved language assistance plan that complies with this act; and

(3) The fee paid to the interpreter for services is in accordance with standards established by the administrative office of the courts.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2177 by Representatives Moeller and Williams; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

Revising the definition of a weapon.

Provides that "weapon" as used in this act means any firearm, explosive as defined in RCW 70.74.010, or any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand club, or metal knuckles, or any knife, dagger, dirk, or other instrument or weapon that is capable of causing death or bodily injury.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

- HB 2178** by Representatives Hasegawa, Hudgins, Schual-Berke, Upthegrove, McDermott, and Santos
Regulating the sale of public lands.
Regulates the sale of public lands.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 2179** by Representatives Hudgins, Upthegrove, Schual-Berke, Cody, Santos, and Hasegawa
Providing that port commissions may authorize the Washington citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials to fix port commissioner's salaries.
Provides that a port commission may, at its option, authorize the Washington citizen's commission on salaries for elected officials to fix the salaries paid to commissioners.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 2180** by Representatives Hudgins, Upthegrove, Schual-Berke, and Dickerson
Modifying property tax limitations for port districts.
Declares that it is good public policy to impose reasonable constraints on the authority of large taxing districts to impose unduly burdensome tax increases.
Provides that the regular property tax levy for each taxing district, other than the state or a port district with an assessed value of over one hundred billion dollars, may be set at the amount which would be allowed otherwise under chapter 84.55 RCW if the regular property tax levy for the district for taxes due in prior years beginning with 1986 had been set at the full amount allowed under this chapter including any levy authorized under RCW 52.16.160 that would have been imposed but for the limitation in RCW 52.18.065, applicable upon imposition of the benefit charge under chapter 52.18 RCW.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 2181** by Representatives Hudgins, Hasegawa, Upthegrove, Schual-Berke, Cody, McDermott, Santos, and Chase
Limiting the use of port district banked levy capacity.
Limits the use of port district banked levy capacity.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 2182** by Representatives Hudgins, Schual-Berke, McDermott, Cody, Upthegrove, and Santos
Creating more uniform districting requirements for large and small port districts.
Creates more uniform districting requirements for large and small port districts.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- HB 2183** by Representatives Hudgins, Schual-Berke, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, Dickerson, Cody, and McDermott
Modifying provisions relating to the compensation of port district employees.
Revises provisions relating to the compensation of port district employees.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- HB 2184** by Representatives Schual-Berke, Morrell, Rolfes, P. Sullivan, VanDeWege, and Ormsby
Safeguarding social security account numbers.
Provides for the safeguarding of social security account numbers.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
- HB 2185** by Representatives Hudgins, Chase, Morrell, Campbell, Wood, Ormsby, and Goodman
Reducing the levels of benzene in groundwater and drinking water.
Finds that reduction or removal of benzene in groundwater and drinking water is crucial for the protection of human health and safety and to protect Washington's environment.
Recognizes that one source of harmful benzene levels in Washington groundwater is gasoline spills or leaks from underground storage tanks, landfills, or gasoline pipelines.
Declares that no person shall import into Washington, or sell, dispense, or offer for sale in Washington, any motor fuel that contains greater than .62 percent by volume of benzene, if that motor fuel may spill or leak into any groundwaters or surface waters in Washington.
Does not intend to control or prohibit any characteristic or component of a fuel or fuel additive in a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine for purposes of motor vehicle emission control.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.
- HB 2186** by Representatives Blake, Strow, Eickmeyer, Warnick, B. Sullivan, Hailey, Kretz, McCoy, Kagi, Grant, Kenney, Moeller, and Ormsby
Providing the department of natural resources with more consistent enforcement authority for protection against mining without a permit.
Provides the department of natural resources with more consistent enforcement authority for protection against mining without a permit.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.
- HB 2187** by Representatives Green, Conway, Buri, Williams, Wood, Hailey, Morrell, Hinkle,

Seaquist, Pedersen, Ormsby, Crouse, P. Sullivan, Kelley, Kenney, Hasegawa, Chase, Sells, VanDeWege, Darneille, Campbell, Dickerson, Simpson, and Moeller

Improving safety conditions in state hospitals.

Finds that the continuing number of assaults in state hospitals have made conditions for both patients and staff unacceptable.

Recognizes that appropriate nurse staffing levels will result in improved patient and staff safety and a reduction in the number of workplace injuries. Therefore, to improve safety conditions in the state hospitals, the legislature intends that minimum patient assignment limits and nurse staffing ratios and other safety measures be implemented as an urgent public policy priority.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2188 by Representatives Clibborn, Kessler, and Wood

Reducing business and occupation tax rates for certain fuel distributors.

Reduces business and occupation tax rates for certain fuel distributors.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.

Senate Bills

SB 5007-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and McCaslin)

Modifying the sales and use taxation of vessels.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales to nonresident individuals of vessels thirty feet or longer if an individual purchasing a vessel purchases and displays a valid use permit.

Requires that an individual claiming exemption from retail sales tax under this act must display proof of his or her current nonresident status at the time of purchase.

Declares that the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW do not apply in respect to the use of a vessel thirty feet or longer if a nonresident individual: (1) Purchased the vessel from a vessel dealer in accordance with this act;

(2) Purchased the vessel in the state from a person other than a vessel dealer, but the nonresident individual purchases and displays a valid use permit from a vessel dealer within fourteen days of the date that the vessel is purchased in this state; or

(3) Acquired the vessel outside the state, but purchases and displays a valid use permit from a vessel dealer within fourteen days of the date that the vessel is first brought into this state.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 7 Executive session in committee.

Feb 8 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5043-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Jacobsen, Fairley, Keiser, Regala, Hatfield, Berkey, Fraser, Sheldon, Poulsen, Rasmussen, and Kohl-Welles)

Creating a state property tax levy dedicated to parks.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a state property tax levy dedicated to parks. Amends RCW 84.52.043, 84.52.065, 79A.05.215, 84.48.080, 84.52.068, 39.89.020, and 39.102.020.

Repeals RCW 84.55.012.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 7 Executive session in committee.

Feb 8 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5066-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

Concerning protection orders.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a provision in both temporary and permanent protection orders, restraining any party from injuring or killing an animal kept by the victim or minor child.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 7 Executive session in committee.

Feb 8 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5114-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Parlette, Eide, Weinstein, Fairley, Keiser, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Murray, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Kauffman, Kilmer, Franklin, and Holmquist)

Changing student transportation funding.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the office of financial management, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction and the joint legislative audit and review committee, to contract for the development of two options for a pupil transportation funding methodology.

Requires that, by December 1, 2008, the office of financial management report to the governor and the education and fiscal committees of the legislature details of the pupil funding methodology options and outline any legislation that would be required to implement those options.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 7 Executive session in committee.

- Feb 9 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 14 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5229-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, McCaslin, and Kastama; by request of Attorney General)

Prohibiting the marketing of estate distribution documents by persons not authorized to practice law in this state.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the practice of using "living trusts" as a marketing tool by persons who are not authorized to practice law or who are not acting directly under the supervision of a person authorized to practice law is a deceptive means of obtaining personal asset information and of developing and generating leads for sales to senior citizens.

Intends to prohibit the marketing of services related to preparation of estate distribution documents by persons who are not authorized to practice law.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 7 Executive session in committee.
Feb 9 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5497-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Holmquist, Rasmussen, Oemig, Pridemore, Zarelli, Weinstein, Eide, Hobbs, Keiser, Fraser, Hewitt, Tom, Kauffman, Clements, Hargrove, Kilmer, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, and Shin; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

Authorizing a statewide program for comprehensive dropout prevention, intervention, and retrieval.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this purpose, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall create a grant program to local partnerships of schools, families, and communities to begin the phase in of a statewide comprehensive dropout prevention, intervention, and retrieval system. This program shall be known as the building bridges program. For purposes of this act, a "building bridges program" means a local partnership of schools, families, and communities that provides all of the following programs or activities: (1) A system that identifies individual students at risk of dropping out from middle through high school based on local predictive data, including state assessment data starting in the fourth grade, and provides timely interventions for such students and for dropouts, including a plan for educational success as already required by the student learning plan as defined under RCW 28A.655.061. Students identified shall include foster care youth and youth involved in the juvenile justice system;

- (2) Coaches or mentors for students as necessary;

- (3) Staff responsible for coordination of community partners that provide a seamless continuum of academic and nonacademic support in schools and communities;
(4) Retrieval or reentry activities; and
(5) Alternative educational programming, including, but not limited to, career and technical education preparatory programs and online learning opportunities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 7 Executive session in committee.
Feb 8 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5627-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Clements, Tom, Weinstein, Rockefeller, Oemig, Kastama, Hobbs, Pridemore, Eide, Franklin, Shin, Regala, Marr, Murray, Spanel, Hargrove, Kline, Kilmer, Haugen, Kohl-Welles, and Rasmussen)

Requiring a review and development of basic education funding.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that this act is intended to make provision for some significant steps towards a new basic education funding system and establishes a technical work group to address the details and next steps beyond the 2007-2009 biennium that will be necessary to implement a new comprehensive K-12 finance formula or formulas that will provide Washington schools with stable and adequate funding as the expectations for the K-12 system continue to evolve.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 7 Executive session in committee.
Feb 8 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5981 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Berkey, Roach, Rasmussen, Holmquist, Benton, and Poulsen

Providing for lead poisoning prevention education and screening.

Requires the secretary to sponsor a series of public service announcements on radio, television, the internet, and print media about the nature of lead-based paint hazards, the importance of standards for lead poisoning prevention in properties, the certification and training program administered by the department of community, trade, and economic development under chapter 70.103 RCW, and the purposes and responsibilities set forth in this act. In developing and coordinating this public information initiative, the secretary shall seek the participation and involvement of private industry organizations, including those involved in real estate, insurance, mortgage banking, and pediatrics.

Requires that, by January 1, 2008, the secretary shall develop culturally and linguistically appropriate information pamphlets regarding childhood lead poisoning, the importance of testing for elevated blood-lead levels,

prevention of childhood lead poisoning, treatment of childhood lead poisoning, and, where appropriate, the requirements of this act. These information pamphlets shall be distributed to parents or other legal guardians of children six years of age or younger on the following occasions: (1) By a health care provider at the time of a child's birth and at the time of any childhood immunization or vaccination unless it is established that such information pamphlet has been provided previously to the parent or legal guardian by the health care provider within the prior twelve months; and

(2) By the owner or operator of any child care facility or preschool or kindergarten class on or before October 15th of each calendar year.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5982 by Senators Rasmussen, McCaslin, Berkey, Schoesler, and Roach

Clarifying that the gross wages and benefits of on-site property managers are exempt from the business and occupation taxation of property management companies.

Clarifies that the gross wages and benefits of on-site property managers are exempt from the business and occupation taxation of property management companies.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5983 by Senators Stevens and Hargrove

Requiring juvenile courts to provide truancy hearing notice within the court's resources.

Requires juvenile courts to provide truancy hearing notice within the court's resources.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5984 by Senators Murray and Clements

Allowing only structural engineers to provide engineering services for significant structures.

Provides that an engineer must be registered as a structural engineer in order to provide structural engineering services for significant structures.

Allows the board to waive the requirements of this act until December 31, 2009, if: (1) On January 1, 2007, the engineer is registered with the board as a professional engineer; and

(2) Within two years of January 1, 2007, the engineer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that the engineer has sufficient experience in the duties typically provided by a professional structural engineer regarding significant structures.

Provides that "significant structures" include: (1) Structures housing, supporting, or containing sufficient quantities of explosive substances to be of danger to the safety of the public if released;

(2) Essential facilities that have a ground area of more than five thousand square feet and are more than twenty feet in mean roof height above average ground level.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5985 by Senators Swecker, Sheldon, Hargrove, Kilmer, Delvin, Shin, and Rasmussen

Regarding the operation of motorcycles between lanes of traffic or vehicles.

Declares that no person shall operate a motorcycle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles, unless: (1) The average speed of traffic at any time is substantially slower than the posted speed limit for the roadway;

(2) There are two or more lanes of traffic for vehicles proceeding in the same direction at that time; and

(3) A reasonable and prudent operator of a motorcycle would consider it safe to operate a motorcycle no more than ten miles per hour over the average speed of traffic at that time between the lanes of traffic.

Provides that "substantially slower" means a speed that is half or less than half of the posted speed limit.

Does not apply to police officers in the performance of their official duties.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5986 by Senators Prentice, Delvin, Poulsen, Hobbs, and Hatfield

Concerning public facilities.

Concerns public facilities.

Amends RCW 36.100.010, 36.100.030, 82.14.0485, 82.14.0494, 82.14.360, 67.28.180, and 82.14.049.

Reenacts and amends RCW 82.29A.130.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 13 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5987 by Senators Clements, Carrell, Marr, Holmquist, Schoesler, and Rasmussen; by request of Attorney General

Increasing penalties for gang-related offenses.

Finds that the people of Washington state face a crisis brought upon by increased gang crime and violence, which is threatening public safety in communities across the state.

Declares that those who prosecute gang-related crimes need specific sanctions and sentencing enhancements to ensure that those who commit gang-related crimes are held accountable for the harm they inflict on society.

Intends to enact provisions to provide the law enforcement community with the tools they need to protect the citizens of Washington from violent street gangs, and the evils those gangs visit upon us all.

Increases penalties for gang-related offenses.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5988 by Senators Prentice and Delvin; by request of Health Care Authority

Creating the public employees' benefits board medical benefits administration account.

Creates the public employees' benefits board medical benefits administration account.

Declares that only the administrator or the administrator's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5989 by Senators Kastama and Rasmussen

Providing a property tax exemption for property owned or used by nonprofit organizations for small startup businesses.

Provides a property tax exemption for property owned or used by nonprofit organizations for small startup businesses.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

Feb 14 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5990 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Weinstein, Murray, Roach, Hobbs, Fairley, Keiser, Eide, Rasmussen, Oemig, Fraser, Berkey, Tom, Regala, Franklin, Prentice, Spanel, Sheldon, Clements, Jacobsen, Haugen, Hargrove, Pridemore, Kauffman, Kastama, Kilmer, Shin, McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Honeyford, Poulsen, and Kline

Regarding crane safety.

Addresses provisions relating to crane safety.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5991 by Senator Honeyford

Placing restrictions on the sale price of motor fuel.

Declares that a motor fuel retailer shall not sell motor fuel at a price that includes a fraction of one cent.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 5992 by Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, and Rasmussen

Limiting wildlife damage.

Recognizes that damage caused by deer grazing on crop lands is detrimental to productive agriculture in Washington state.

Declares that when the currently authorized methods of addressing problem animals are ineffective, including methods that often times may not be used because of the dangers associated with fire season, responsible farmers and ranchers must be authorized to take actions to protect their livelihood.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 12 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5993 by Senator Honeyford

Modifying liquor license provisions for applicants.

Declares that no retail license of any kind may be issued to: (1) An applicant whose place of business is located within the boundaries of a city or town with a population under twenty thousand, if the total number of retail licenses already issued within the boundaries of the city or town meets or exceeds one license for every five hundred of population, unless the legislative body of the city or town specifically approves the application. The population shall be determined according to the yearly population determination developed by the office of financial management pursuant to RCW 43.62.030; or

(2) An applicant whose place of business is located within a one-half mile radius of a public school, if the total number of retail licenses already issued within the one-half mile radius meets or exceeds one license for every five hundred of population, unless the school board specifically approves the application. The population shall be determined by the county government.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 5994 by Senators Sheldon and McCaslin

Changing the state primary system to nonpartisan.

Recognizes that a majority of the voters of the state of Washington are opposed to the continued use of the party primary nominating system adopted in 2004.

Provides that by removing the provisions of the initiative that allows a candidate to declare a party preference and have that preference appear on the ballot and by removing the party primary nominating provisions adopted in 2004, the legislature intends to restore the remainder of the nonpartisan primary system the voters approved in 2004.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5995 by Senators Kastama, Zarelli, Kilmer, Clements, Kauffman, Shin, Pridemore, Regala, Fairley, Brown, Jacobsen, and Rasmussen

Providing for the role of the economic development commission in state government.

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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

Feb 14 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5996 by Senators Kastama, Shin, Zarelli, Kilmer, Kauffman, Brown, Tom, McAuliffe, and Rasmussen

Promoting commercialization of life sciences research.
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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.
Feb 16 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5997 by Senators Hargrove and Stevens

Limiting liability for specified state workers for errors of judgment.

Provides that in an effort to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the legislature has authorized and funded programs addressing child and elderly abuse and neglect and criminal offenders.

Finds that the citizens of this state should not be liable when the state worker exercises reasonable care.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5998 by Senators Benton, Stevens, Carrell, Morton, and Swecker

Providing a reduction in the state property tax levy.

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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5999 by Senators Clements, Holmquist, Hewitt, Honeyford, and Parlette

Adjusting unemployment insurance contribution rates in order to maintain a stable unemployment compensation fund.

Adjusts unemployment insurance contribution rates in order to maintain a stable unemployment compensation fund.

Declares that the department accomplish this goal through rule and report to the legislature annually, before the rates are adjusted.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6000 by Senators Swecker, Kline, Benton, and Kilmer

Allowing ranked choice voting by cities and local taxing districts.

Finds that it is in the public interest to give local governments the authority to select alternative voting systems.

Intends to allow city, town, and district governments to use ranked choice voting in counties where ranked choice voting has been approved and implemented for county elections.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6001 by Senators Pridemore, Poulsen, Rockefeller, Brown, Eide, Oemig, Hargrove, Marr, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Regala, Franklin, Fairley, Jacobsen, Shin, Haugen, Berkey, Kastama, Spanel, and Kline

Mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Finds that: (1) Washington is especially vulnerable to climate change because of the state's dependence on snow pack for summer stream flows and because the expected rise in sea levels threatens our coastal communities;

(2) Washington's greenhouse gas emissions are continuing to increase;

(3) Washington has been a leader in actions to reduce the increase of emissions, including the adoption of clean car standards, stronger appliance energy efficiency standards, increased production and use of renewable liquid fuels, and increased renewable energy sources by electrical utilities;

(4) Washington has participated with other Western states in designing regional approaches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

(5) There is a need to assess the trend of emissions statewide over the next several decades, and to take sufficient actions so that Washington meets its responsibility to contribute to the global actions needed to reduce the impacts and the pace of global warming;

(6) Actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will spur technology development and increase efficiency; and

(7) Numerous states and nations have adopted emission reduction goals to assist emission sources with planning for changes in practices and technologies.

Recognizes that companies that generate greenhouse gas emissions or manufacture products that generate such emissions are purchasing carbon credits from landowners and from other companies in order to provide carbon credits.

Intends to establish goals for the statewide reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and reduction in petroleum use, and to adopt the governor's mechanism in Executive Order No. 07-02 to design and recommend a comprehensive set of measures to accomplish the goals.

Declares that immediate actions be authorized in the electric power generation sector for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to accelerate efficiency in the transportation sector.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

Feb 14 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8014 by Senators Holmquist, Morton, Jacobsen, Hargrove, and Rasmussen

Requesting funding be retained to reduce adverse wildlife impacts.

Requests that Congress and the Executive Branch immediately begin work to retain earmarked USDA/ APHIS funding to reduce adverse wildlife impacts and the resulting financial and physical hardships on Washington state's citizens.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.