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House Bills

HB 1140-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Crouse, Grant, and Blake)

Allowing for the net meter aggregation of electricity.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that "meter aggregation" means the administrative combination of readings from and billing for all meters, regardless of the rate class, on premises owned or leased by a customer-generator located within the service territory of a single electric utility.

Provides that, if a production meter and software is required by the electric utility to provide meter aggregation under RCW 80.60.030(4), the customer-generator is responsible for the purchase of the production meter and software.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1160-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Linville, Morris, Hankins, P. Sullivan, Chase, Upthegrove, Dickerson, Lovick, Sells,

Hudgins, Kenney, Ormsby, Schual-Berke, Simpson, Goodman, Springer, Kagi, Moeller, Green, and Haler)

Addressing activities to promote green highways in the energy freedom program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Expands the energy freedom program to include assistance for landfill methane gas and wastewater treatment gas.

Moves the energy freedom program from the department of agriculture to the department of community, trade and economic development.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1197-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Ormsby, Hunt, McDermott, Armstrong, P. Sullivan, and Haigh)

Regarding the Washington state quality award.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, starting no later than 2011, the following agencies must apply to the Washington state quality award full examination at least once every three years: The University of Washington, Washington State University, department of social and health services, department of corrections, department of transportation, department of labor and industries, Washington state patrol, employment security department, department of health, and department of licensing.

Requires the Washington state quality award full examination process and evaluation to review the effectiveness of all elements of its management,

accountability, and performance system, including: Leadership, strategic planning, customer focus, analysis and information, employee performance management, and process improvement. The purpose of the assessment is to recognize best practices and identify improvement opportunities.

Provides that at the time of application for a Washington state quality award each agency shall provide the governor with a copy of the agency's application. The governor shall post all applications on a web page.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1244-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Hankins, Clibborn, Wood, Hunt, Haler, Morrell, Kirby, Hasegawa, Moeller, Sells, Strow, McCoy, O'Brien, Ericks, Simpson, Green, Campbell, Williams, Kenney, and Ormsby)

Defining wages for industrial insurance purposes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Defines wages for industrial insurance purposes.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 9 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1282-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Lovick, Strow, and Haler)

Prohibiting a certain proximity to ferry terminals.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a person, or vessel, in the water is not allowed within twenty-five yards of a Washington state ferry terminal structure over water, excluding the Eagle Harbor maintenance facility, unless otherwise authorized by federal, state, or local authorities.

Declares that every person who violates this act is guilty of a class 1 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW, and may be fined up to one hundred dollars.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 14 Executive session in committee.
TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1287-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Hinkle, Walsh, Haler, Appleton,

Simpson, Moeller, and Kenney; by request of Department of Social and Health Services)

Modifying foster children placement provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the supervising agency to provide the child's foster parents, preadoptive parents, or relative caregivers with notice of their right to be heard prior to each proceeding held with respect to the child in juvenile court under chapter 13.34 RCW. The rights to notice and to be heard apply only to persons with whom a child has been placed by the supervising agency and who are providing care to the child at the time of the proceeding. This act shall not be construed to grant party status to any person solely on the basis of such notice and right to be heard.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
ELCS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 21 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1324-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored 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 mobility enhancing equipment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1363-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Chase, Hasegawa, McDermott, Pettigrew, Uptegrove, Roberts, Darneille, and Goodman)

Making voter registration available at state agencies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a person may register to vote, transfer a voter registration, or change his or her name for voter registration purposes when he or she applies in person for public assistance, disability services, or makes an in-person report of an address change at an employment security department facility or the department of social and health services. Voter registration procedures at these agencies shall be pursuant to RCW 29A.08.330.

Requires state agencies providing voter registration services, whether designated by the governor or required by statute, to keep records reflecting the number of persons who: (1) Request, apply for, or receive a service from those agencies, 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;

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

Directs the secretary of state to produce an annual report, with appropriate performance measures, from this data on a county by county basis. The data should be reported in aggregate terms and not with reference to individual voters. The report must: (1) Show the number of registered voters as a reflection of the number of eligible voting population in each county;

(2) Identify the chief challenges in increasing voter registration; and

(3) Recommend action for increasing the percentage of registered voters.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1373-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Seaquist, Rolfes, Green, and Appleton; by request of Board For Judicial Administration)

Modifying photo enforcement of traffic infraction provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises photo enforcement of traffic infraction provisions.

Provides that infractions generated by the use of photo enforcement systems under this act shall be processed in the same manner as parking infractions, including for the purposes of RCW 3.46.120, 3.50.100, 35.20.220, 46.16.216, and 46.20.270(3).

Provides that the penalty for an infraction detected through the use of a photo enforcement system shall be forty dollars plus an additional toll penalty. The toll penalty is equal to three times the cash toll for a standard passenger car during peak hours. Any reduction in the total penalty imposed shall be made proportionally between the forty-dollar penalty and the toll penalty. The court shall remit the toll penalty to the department of transportation or a private entity under contract with the department of transportation for deposit in the statewide account in which tolls are deposited for the tolling facility at which the violation occurred.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 14 Executive session in committee.
TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1374-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Puget Sound (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove, Sump, Hunt, Appleton, Chase, Kenney, Simpson, Roberts, Dickerson, Conway, and Springer; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Creating the Puget Sound partnership.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the Puget Sound partnership.
Repeals provisions of chapter 90.71 RCW.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 9 Work session in committee.
- Feb 13 Executive session in committee.
PUGT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1500-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Williams, Chase, Kenney, Wood, and Moeller)

Modifying provisions on permanent partial disability claims.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 51.32.080 to modify provisions on permanent partial disability claims.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1574-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood, Conway, Hudgins, Condotta, Moeller, and Kenney; by request of Department of Licensing)

Modifying provisions concerning the uniform regulation of business and professions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions concerning the uniform regulation of business and professions.

Repeals RCW 18.140.175, 18.85.343, 18.220.140, 18.220.150, 18.220.170, and 18.220.180.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 9 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1623-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representative Morris)

Concerning fees for easements on state-owned aquatic lands.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 79.110.230 and 79.110.240 relating to setting fees for utility easements on state-owned aquatic lands.

Requires that, by December 31, 2016, the legislature shall review the granting of easements on state-owned aquatic lands under this act and determine whether all applications for easements are processed within one hundred twenty days for normal processing of applications and sixty days for expedited processing of applications, and whether the granting of easements on state-owned aquatic

lands generates reasonable income for the aquatic lands enhancement account.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1693-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Flannigan, and Rodne; by request of Department of Transportation)

Modifying time periods for collective bargaining by state ferry employees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises time periods for collective bargaining by state ferry employees.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1716-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Kagi, Hinkle, Haler, Walsh, Appleton, Pettigrew, Dickerson, Darneille, Anderson, Moeller, O'Brien, McDonald, Santos, Wood, Kenney, Simpson, and Lantz)

Supporting educational achievement for children in foster care.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to promote the development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative and practical strategies for maintaining continuity of school placement for children in foster care, and to facilitate data sharing between the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the children's administration within the department of social and health services.

Requires the children's administration within the department of social and health services to request funding and/or approval necessary to expedite the development and implementation of an interface between the statewide automated child welfare information system and the information system within the office of the superintendent of public instruction in order to facilitate ongoing effective data sharing between the two agencies regarding the educational achievement of children in foster care.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 19 ELCS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1734-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by

Representatives Haigh, Chandler, McDermott, Hunt, Armstrong, Kretz, and Ormsby)

Recodifying campaign funding and disclosure laws.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Reorganizes campaign funding and disclosure laws.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1779-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Dunn, Haigh, Kenney, Hasegawa, B. Sullivan, McDermott, Takko, Roberts, P. Sullivan, Fromhold, Quall, Simpson, Lantz, Hudgins, Kagi, Santos, Ormsby, and Morrell)

Creating the GET ready for math and science scholarship program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the GET ready for math and science scholarship program. The purpose of the program is to provide scholarships to students who achieve level four on the mathematics or science portions of the tenth grade Washington assessment of student learning, major in a mathematics, science, or related field in college, and commit to working in mathematics, science, or a related field for at least three years in Washington following completion of their bachelor's degree. The program shall be administered by the nonprofit organization selected as the private partner in the public-private partnership.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 15 Executive session in committee.
HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1806-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Pedersen, Upthegrove, Campbell, Kenney, McDermott, Morrell, Chase, Appleton, Dunshee, McIntire, Santos, Moeller, Darneille, Roberts, Hudgins, Hunt, Hasegawa, Conway, O'Brien, Green, Rolfes, Simpson, Schual-Berke, Goodman, Wood, and Lantz)

Limiting the use of high hazard pesticides on school facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the department of health and the department of agriculture, to develop a model integrated pest management policy that emphasizes use of nonchemical pest control measures and allows use of high-hazard pesticides only as a last resort. The policy must be completed by March 1, 2008, and must be disseminated to all school districts and licensed day care centers. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall review and, if appropriate, update the policy at least once every five years.

Does not limit the authority of a county health officer, state agency, mosquito control district, or noxious weed control board that is responsible for pest management decisions regarding school facilities to make decisions and take actions regarding those facilities.

Does not limit the authority of the director of a licensed day care center or the officers of a school district to establish pesticide application policies that are more restrictive than the policy provided by this act.

Requires the state board of health to adopt by rule a list of products that the board considers to pose a high hazard to the health of children or staff if applied in or on school facilities.

Provides that, in developing the list, the board shall include products that meet the criteria of toxicity category I or toxicity category II for pesticides as defined by the United States environmental protection agency in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 156.62 as it exists on the effective date of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 15 Executive session in committee.
ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 1905-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Conway, Seaquist, Anderson, Ormsby, Simpson, Williams, Rodne, Appleton, Kessler, P. Sullivan, Kenney, Hasegawa, Morrell, Wood, and Santos)

Creating early learning and child care program grants.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this specific purpose, the department of early learning shall implement an early learning and child care grant program specifically for programs operated and managed by institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016. The department shall select recipients for grant moneys which shall be used solely to maintain staff and services at the selected early learning and child care centers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
ELCS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2324 by Representatives Hunt and Wood

Regarding 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 as a profession by establishing minimum standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility and by establishing professional education and experience requirements for those persons representing to the public that they are soil scientists.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2325 by Representatives Kenney, Pettigrew, Flannigan, Haler, Hankins, Skinner, Kirby, Blake, Ericks, Wood, Upthegrove, Ormsby, P. Sullivan, Barlow, Chase, Quall, Hasegawa, Conway, McIntire, Grant, Morris, McDermott, Sells, Kessler, and Santos

Creating the community development fund.

Recognizes that private nonprofit corporations fill an important public purpose in providing health, safety, and welfare services to our state's residents. Acting through partnerships with governmental entities, these private sector providers are able to increase the amount and quality of services available to state residents, conferring a valuable benefit on the public.

Finds that existing programs by governmental entities and private nonprofit organizations to help distressed communities and underserved, low-income populations could be enhanced by creating the community development fund.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2326 by Representatives Williams, Conway, Hunt, Kirby, Green, Sells, Hasegawa, Campbell, Appleton, Wood, Goodman, and Ormsby

Protecting the integrity of collective bargaining for public sector employees.

Recognizes that in order to maintain the integrity of the collective bargaining process, enable rank and file participation in labor negotiations, and encourage candid, constructive, efficient, and effective negotiations between public employers and labor organizations, records from any collective bargaining, labor negotiations, or grievance or mediation, that would reveal strategies or positions taken by any employer or labor organization during the pendency of those proceedings shall be exempt from disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW. This act shall not disturb any right afforded to any employer or labor organization under existing collective bargaining statutes or ordinances.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2327 by Representatives P. Sullivan, Priest, Haler, Quall, Jarrett, Wallace, Kenney, McDermott, Sells, Santos, Wood, and Ormsby

Regarding a system of standards, instruction, and assessments for mathematics and science.

Finds that Washington schools and students are making significant progress in improving achievement in reading and writing. Schools are adapting instruction and providing remediation for students who need additional assistance. Reading and writing are being taught across the curriculum. Therefore, the legislature does not intend to make changes to the Washington assessment of student learning or high school graduation requirements in reading and writing.

Finds that, however, students are having difficulty improving their academic achievement in mathematics and science, particularly as measured by the high school Washington assessment of student learning. The legislature finds that corrections are needed in the state's high school assessment system that will improve alignment between

learning standards, instruction, diagnosis, and assessment of students' knowledge and skills in high school mathematics and science.

Intends to direct the state board of education, in collaboration with the superintendent of public instruction, to adopt standards that are aligned with end-of-course assessments and select and implement the assessments in a timely manner so that they are a reliable and valid measure of students' knowledge and skills for purposes of high school graduation. The legislature further intends to revise the high school graduation requirements to allow these corrections to be fully implemented and provide incentives for school districts to implement recommended curricula that are aligned with the standards and assessments.

Requires that, beginning in 2007, the state board of education and the superintendent of public instruction shall report annually by December 1st to the education committees of the legislature on the status and progress of implementation of their responsibilities under this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2328 by Representative Kretz

Regarding active grazing leases on public lands.

Requires the department to, before it transfers land with an active grazing lease, conduct and make public an analysis that evaluates the economic impact of the grazing lease on the local economy where the land is located.

Declares that the economic analysis required under this act must consider both the immediate effects of grazing cessation on the land proposed for transfer as well as the commutative effect on the local economy caused by the cessation of grazing on other public lands in the area.

Requires the department to conduct at least one public hearing on each economic analysis before it is formally approved by the commissioner. The public hearing must occur in a county where the land is located and the department must invite the county legislative authority for a county where the land is located to jointly participate in the public hearing.

Requires that, if the department purchases, transfers for, leases, or otherwise obtains land with an active grazing lease, it shall: (1) Reimburse the holder of the grazing lease for the value of any improvements made by the land by the grazing leaseholder or any predecessors of the grazing leaseholder;

(2) Allow the grazing leaseholder or his or her designated successors to continue operations under the conditions of the valid lease that existed upon assumption of management authority by the department. Upon the expiration of the grazing lease, and any successive grazing leases, the department must offer the grazing leaseholder or his or her designated successors the option of renewing the grazing lease for the same length and under the same conditions as the grazing lease in effect at the time the department assumed management control of the land.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2329 by Representatives Kretz, Blake, Orcutt, Hailey, Warnick, Newhouse, McCune, and Ahern

Increasing hunting opportunities during legal holidays.

Finds that the fish and wildlife commission should try, whenever possible, to make hunting opportunities available on holiday weekends. Timing hunting seasons with holidays would, in many cases, take minimal effort, yet would allow the working men and women of Washington an opportunity to pursue their sport without having to miss time from their employment.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2330 by Representatives Grant, Hankins, Haler, and Wood

Concerning the tax on cleaning up radioactive waste and other byproducts of weapons production and nuclear research and development.

Declares that it is the legislature's intent in enacting this act to ensure that the radioactive waste cleanup business and occupation tax classification applies to all activities funded by the United States department of energy's environmental management budget and that any doubts or ambiguities in RCW 82.04.263 should be resolved consistent with this intent.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2331 by Representatives Simpson and Wood

Funding qualifying projects through the urban corridor program of the transportation improvement board.

Requires that in any project funded by the transportation improvement board's urban corridor program, the board must consider, in addition to any other considerations required by law, the following factors when determining whether to make grants to local governments to accommodate projected growth: (1) Whether the project will improve the minimum levels of service on transportation facilities that will accommodate planned growth. For the purposes of this subsection, "minimum levels of service" means an "a" through "d" level of service on an "a" to "f" scale or other generally accepted transportation measurement scale;

(2) Whether the project will enable the local government to implement its comprehensive and capital facilities plans to accommodate projected population and employment growth; and

(3) Whether the local government has sufficient quantities of buildable land and development regulations to accommodate projected population and employment growth related to the project.

Appropriates the sum of twenty million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2009, from the state motor vehicle fund to the urban arterial trust account for the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2332 by Representative Hunter

Concerning the levies by school districts.

Recognizes that school districts request voter approval for two to four year levies based on their projected levy capacities at the time that the levies are submitted to the voters.

Declares an intent to permit school districts with voter-approved maintenance and operation levies to seek an additional approval from the voters, if subsequently enacted legislation would permit a higher levy.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2333 by Representative Hunter

Regarding professional certification of teachers.

Requires the professional educator standards board to adopt standards for and develop, field test, and implement a uniform and externally administered performance assessment for the professional certification of teachers. The assessment shall measure demonstrated teaching skill and shall include objective data and evidence that the teacher has a positive impact on student learning.

Requires the professional educator standards board to conduct a rigorous evaluation of the outcomes of the professional certificate performance assessment in this act, using a methodology that includes comparison groups and objective, data-driven measures of student learning. The purpose of the evaluation is to determine the impact of a professionally certified teacher on student learning, based on the demonstrated knowledge and skills measured by the performance assessment.

Provides that, after the professional educator standards board determines, based on the evidence, that professionally certified teachers have a positive impact on student learning, the legislature intends to provide professionally certified teachers with a compensation bonus.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2334 by Representatives Ericks, McIntire, Jarrett, Hankins, and B. Sullivan

Authorizing regular property tax increases in excess of one percent growth for limited purposes including the funding of infrastructure and the reduction of impact fees.

Authorizes regular property tax increases in excess of one percent growth for limited purposes including the funding of infrastructure and the reduction of impact fees.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2335 by Representatives Priest and Miloscia

Exempting certain amateur radio repeaters from leasehold excise taxes.

Exempts certain amateur radio repeaters from leasehold excise taxes.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2336 by Representative Armstrong

Providing restrictions for public utility vehicles in the hauling of poles.

Declares that the limitations of RCW 46.44.030, 46.44.034, 46.44.036, 46.44.037, and 46.44.041 do not apply to the movement of public utility vehicles hauling up to four poles that cannot be dismembered and operated by a public utility engaged in the repair of public services or facilities if the tractor and trailer combination, including load, does not exceed one hundred five feet and when the rear overhang of load measured from the center of the rear axle does not exceed one-half of the total length and load of the tractor and trailer.

Requires the department of transportation to adopt rules for the patrolling, flagging, lighting, and signing of public utility vehicles operating under this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2337 by Representative Armstrong

Regarding services provided by television reception improvement districts.

Revises provisions relating to services provided by television reception improvement districts.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2338 by Representatives Fromhold and Kenney

Terminating the job development fund program.

Repeals RCW 43.160.230, 43.160.240, and 44.28.801; and repeals 2005 c 425 s 4.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2339 by Representatives Haigh, Quall, Ormsby, Fromhold, Kessler, Kenney, Santos, Wood, and Conway

Establishing a mathematics and science improvement initiative.

Requires the mathematics and science improvement initiative to provide the capacity and resources for educational service districts, school districts, and schools to conduct a broad range of activities, depending on the level of need and priority of the school or district. The focus of the initiative is on building and enhancing the quality of mathematics and science instruction.

Provides that, in support of the mathematics and science improvement initiative, the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall: (1) In collaboration with the educational service districts, develop a methodology for distributing funds appropriated for activities under the tiered support system among the educational service districts and among the three tiers of support. The methodology shall take into account the anticipated demand and need for services by school districts in each tier and the size of those school districts. The methodology shall also reflect a higher priority and greater need for support and resources for schools and districts in tier three;

(2) Develop guidelines for educational service districts in administering grants, developing district improvement agreements, and implementing intensive intervention and support services. The guidelines shall not require all educational service districts to follow the same procedures in all circumstances, but shall ensure general equity for school districts across the state in how the districts may access resources under the initiative and the activities and services that are provided by the educational service districts;

(3) Identify the schools and school districts eligible for tier three intensive intervention and support, based on low student performance in mathematics and science. Tier three schools and districts shall not be participating in other state or federal school improvement assistance programs. To the maximum extent possible, the identification of and the intensive intervention services provided to tier three schools and districts shall align with the accountability plan developed by the state board of education; and

(4) In collaboration with the educational service districts, develop guidelines and a common reporting format for collecting data and information about the activities and outcomes under the initiative and designate one or more common diagnostic assessments for districts to use in reporting and monitoring student achievement.

Repeals RCW 28A.300.350.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2340 by Representatives Wallace, Upthegrove, Kenney, and Santos

Monitoring federal and state nondiscrimination in education laws, rules, and regulations.

Declares that the office of the superintendent of public instruction shall be required to monitor the compliance by local school districts with chapter 28A.640 RCW, including district's compliance with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations concerning sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual discrimination towards students, and employee knowledge of those laws, rules, and regulations and of their reporting responsibilities.

Requires the compliance monitoring process to be conducted on a three-year cycle, with one-third of the school districts reporting each year. The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall conduct on-site district visits for at least one-fourth of the districts that are reporting each year.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Education.

Senate Bills

SB 5115-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Kauffman, Marr, Shin, Eide, Rasmussen, and Regala; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Expanding competitive local infrastructure financing tools projects.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Expands competitive local infrastructure financing tools projects.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 20 Executive session in committee.

Feb 21 EDTM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5450-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Tom, and Keiser)

Allowing students whose individualized education program continues beyond high school to participate in high school graduation ceremonies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, beginning July 1, 2007, each school district that operates a high school shall establish a policy and procedures that permit any student who is receiving special education or related services under an individualized education program pursuant to state and federal law and who will continue to receive such services between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one, to participate in the graduation ceremony and activities after four years of high school attendance with his or her age-appropriate peers and receive a certificate of attendance.

Declares that participation in a graduation ceremony and receipt of a certificate of attendance under this act does not preclude a student from continuing to receive special education and related services under an individualized education program beyond the graduation ceremony.

Declares that a student's participation in a graduation ceremony and receipt of a certificate of attendance under this act shall not be construed as the student's receipt of either: (1) A high school diploma pursuant to RCW 28A.230.120; or

(2) A certificate of individual achievement pursuant to RCW 28A.155.045.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 19 Executive session in committee.

Feb 20 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5581-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Shin, Tom, Berkey, Oemig, Clements, Keiser, Holmquist, and Roach)

Creating a mathematics/science scholar diploma designation and scholarship.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, beginning with the 2008-09 academic year, the higher education coordinating board shall award full tuition scholarships to students graduating from public and approved private high schools under chapter 28A.195 RCW who meet the requirements of this act, if the student pursues an undergraduate degree in a mathematics or science-related field and who qualify for a scholarship under the ranking system developed by the board.

Declares that the scholarships may only be used for undergraduate coursework beginning in the student's second year at accredited institutions of higher education in the state of Washington, except that the scholarships may be used for undergraduate coursework at Oregon institutions of higher education that are located in counties bordering Washington state.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to develop a ranking system to determine priority of the award of the mathematics/science scholarship. The ranking system shall consider the following factors: (1) The first year of course selection at institutions of higher education by the applicant. Applications shall be ranked higher based on the number of mathematics and science classes that the applicant enrolled and completed;

(2) The grade point average of the applicant in the first year at an institution of higher education; and

(3) Other criteria that the higher education coordinating board deems appropriate.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 19 Executive session in committee.

Feb 20 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5612-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Management (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Kauffman, Sheldon, Shin, Delvin, Brown, Roach, and Rasmussen)

Establishing a statewide online business training and entrepreneurial curriculum.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that a state-certified entrepreneurial and small business development online curriculum would increase access to business proficiency skills and would promote small business longevity for individuals interested in self-employment.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to: (1) Contract for the development, distribution, and promotion of an entrepreneurial and small business development online curriculum;

(2) Establish the curriculum course content in coordination with: The state microenterprise association; the small business development center; universities and community and technical colleges with small business assistance programs; the workforce training and education coordinating board; and other public and private entrepreneurial and small business assistance centers in the state;

(3) Complete the curriculum content as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2007, and complete the online curriculum by no later than June 30, 2008;

(4) Make the curriculum free of charge and available for use by individuals and all public and private entrepreneurial development and small business assistance centers throughout the state;

(5) Promote curriculum use by providing electronic and printed informational materials on the curriculum to public

and private entrepreneurial development and small business assistance centers throughout the state;

(6) Ensure curriculum accessibility by including in the curriculum contract the use of web links to the curriculum on state public and private websites that small business owners and entrepreneurs use in establishing and incorporating their businesses; and

(7) Complete online links to the curriculum on state public and private websites by December 31, 2008.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred 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 department of community, trade, and economic development to carry out the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 16 Executive session in committee.

Feb 20 EDTM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5644-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Brandland, Hargrove, Keiser, Pridemore, and Delvin)

Establishing standards for clubhouse rehabilitation services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires that the standards for certification of a clubhouse shall at a minimum include: (1) The facilities may be peer-operated and must be recovery-focused;

(2) Members and employees must work together;

(3) Members must have the opportunity to participate in all the work of the clubhouse, including administration, research, intake and orientation, outreach, hiring, training and evaluation of staff, public relations, advocacy, and evaluation of clubhouse effectiveness;

(4) Members and staff and ultimately the clubhouse director must be responsible for the operation of the clubhouse, central to this responsibility is the engagement of members and staff in all aspects of clubhouse operations;

(5) Clubhouse programs must be comprised of structured activities including but not limited to social skills training, vocational rehabilitation, employment training and job placement, and community resource development;

(6) Clubhouse programs must provide in-house educational programs that significantly utilize the teaching and tutoring skills of members and assist members by helping them to take advantage of adult education opportunities in the community;

(7) Clubhouse programs must focus on strengths, talents, and abilities of its members;

(8) The work-ordered day may not include medication clinics, day treatment, or other therapy programs within the clubhouse.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 16 Executive session in committee.

Feb 19 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5731-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Delvin, Berkey, Sheldon, Tom, Oemig, Rasmussen, Pridemore, Roach, Jacobsen, and Kohl-Welles)

Creating a committee on the education of students in high demand fields.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that Washington needs to produce eight to ten thousand additional baccalaureate degrees per year so that Washington employers will not have to look out of state to find employees.

Establishes a committee on the education of students in high demand fields to: (1) Develop a plan to increase the capacity of Washington institutions of higher education by ten thousand students per year by 2020 to produce baccalaureate and advanced degrees in high impact, high demand areas of study;

(2) Develop a marketing project to inform students, parents, and educators of opportunities in high demand fields;

(3) Investigate ways to motivate students to take more mathematics and science courses in high school and college; and

(4) Identify ways that the business community can enter into more partnerships with the state to ensure that Washington institutions of higher education produce graduates in high demand fields that are ready and able to find employment in Washington.

Requires the committee to report its findings and recommendations to appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 19 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 20 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5754-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator Stevens)

Creating the children in families administration in the department of social and health services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Expects the new children in families administration to cooperate with communities to deliver services and to prevent child abuse and neglect, to provide intervention services early to preserve the family when high-risk situations are identified, and to provide effective services to protect children and strengthen families when child abuse and neglect have occurred.

Intends that the new children in families administration work with community partners, including foster parents, to provide services to support the efforts of families to care for and parent their own children safely, protect abused and neglected children, and provide quality care and permanent families for children.

Intends that the new administration work with families to create opportunities to strengthen the parent-child

relationship, encourage social behaviors that connect parents to beneficial community resources, and eliminate practices that are unsafe for children and youth. The new administration's responsibility will include working with community partners to promote safe and stable placements of children, facilitate the delivery of appropriate treatment services to families and their children, help to connect youth to appropriate services, improve foster parent training and support, and help to maintain connections between siblings in out-of-home placement.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 19 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 20 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 5784-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Delvin, Kilmer, Sheldon, Kohl-Welles, Marr, Kauffman, Berkey, and Murray)

Exempting required college instructional materials from sales and use taxation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts required college instructional materials from sales and use taxation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 19 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 20 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5796-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, McAuliffe, and Shin)

Addressing credit for time served in a county supervised community option.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 9.94A.680 relating to credit for time served in a county supervised community option.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 9 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 20 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5806-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Shin, Berkey, Delvin, Murray, and Kohl-Welles)

Implementing Washington learns higher education recommendations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Implements Washington learns higher education recommendations.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 19 Executive session in committee.
Feb 20 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5807-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens and Hargrove)

Establishing CPS training pilot programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the secretary of the department of social and health services to establish a pilot program, focusing on intensive child protective services training in two field offices of the children's administration. The training and supporting field work shall be attended by all child protective services workers assigned to the pilot sites and shall last for a total of ten days. In selecting the two field offices to participate in the program, the secretary shall endeavor to site one in an urban office and the other in a rural office.

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to begin evaluating the intensive child protective services training pilot program at least by December 30, 2007, and make a report to the legislature by December 30, 2009.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to design its evaluation of the intensive child protective services training pilot program to determine if the pilot program: (1) Produces more efficient investigations, with reports being completed more quickly; (2) Enhances staff morale and staff retention, as compared to other field offices;

(3) Generates higher quality reports, with documented evidence that clearly supports findings of abuse or neglect;

(4) Reduces the number of child abuse and neglect allegations involving the same children and families;

(5) Reduces the number of continuances or delays in court proceedings; or

(6) Reduces the number of dependency petitions that are dismissed because there is insufficient evidence or there are problems with case investigations or documentation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
Feb 19 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5855-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin, Shin, Berkey, Kilmer, Oemig, and Rasmussen)

Implementing the Washington learns modifications.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Implements the Washington learns modifications.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 19 Executive session in committee.
Feb 20 HIE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6094 by Senators Pridemore, Tom, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Creating the improving core subject instruction for all students pilot program.

Declares that the purpose of the program in this act is to continue support to the existing pilot districts and to encourage other school districts to participate as pilot districts to improve the implementation of high quality general education research-based core instructional programs to meet the needs of students struggling academically, while reducing the number of students inappropriately referred and placed in special education under the specific learning disability eligibility category because of ineffective instructional practices. This will allow special education programs to concentrate specially designed instruction on students who truly require special education services. The goal of this assistance is to effectively address reading, written language, and mathematics difficulties resulting in a substantially greater proportion of students meeting the progressively increasing performance standards for both the aggregate and disaggregated subgroups under federal law.

Provides that seven school districts may participate in the special services pilot program, including two school districts already participating and five additional school districts. The special services pilot program shall begin in the 2007-08 school year and conclude in the 2010-11 school year.

Requires that, by December 15, 2010, the superintendent of public instruction shall submit a report to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature that summarizes the effectiveness of the pilot program in this act. The report shall also include a recommendation as to whether or not the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or otherwise modified.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6095 by Senators Rasmussen and Schoesler

Concerning estate tax deductions for certain property held by qualified family-owned businesses.

Revises provisions concerning estate tax deductions for certain property held by qualified family-owned businesses.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6096 by Senators Hewitt, Hobbs, Honeyford, Carrell, Zarelli, Roach, Clements, Schoesler, Brandland, Hatfield, Prentice, Pridemore, Rockefeller, Fraser, Rasmussen, Shin, McCaslin, Parlette, Marr, Swecker, Kohl-Welles, Berkey, Delvin, and Holmquist

Providing Purple Heart special license plates free of charge to qualified veterans.

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-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6097 by Senators Honeyford, Brown, Morton, Zarelli, Schoesler, Brandland, Pridemore, and Delvin

Exempting from use taxation motor vehicles used solely in this state for commuting to and from a place of employment located in a contiguous state or foreign country.

Exempts from use taxation motor vehicles used solely in this state for commuting to and from a place of employment located in a contiguous state or foreign country.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6098 by Senators Roach and Rasmussen

Addressing the issue of stolen metal property.

Establishes provisions relating to protecting and recovering property owned by utilities, telecommunications companies, railroads, state agencies, political subdivisions of the state, construction firms, and other parties.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6099 by Senator Murray

Hiring a mediator to help the department of transportation develop a state route number 520 expansion impact plan.

Requires that, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this act, the department shall hire a mediator, and appropriate planning staff, including urban, transportation, and neighborhood planners, to assist the department in developing a state route number 520 expansion impact plan for addressing the impacts of the state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV project on Seattle neighborhoods, parks, and institutions of higher education, and the city of Seattle.

Requires the state route number 520 expansion impact plan to be submitted to the commission, which shall oversee the development of the plan. The commission shall approve the plan sixty days before the propositions required under RCW 36.120.070(2) and 81.112.030(10) are submitted to regional voters at the 2007 general election, or before the beginning of the 2008 regular legislative session.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)
First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6100 by Senators Kline and Brandland

Limiting the use of charitable donations in charging decisions.

Provides that a city attorney, county prosecutor, or other prosecuting authority may not dismiss, amend, or agree not to file a criminal charge in exchange for a contribution, donation, or payment to any person, corporation, or organization. This does not prohibit contribution, donation, or payment to any specific fund authorized by state statute, or the collection of costs

associated with actual supervision, treatment, collection of restitution under a pretrial diversion program, or dismissal following payment that is authorized by any other statute.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6101 by Senators Oemig, Haugen, Keiser, Weinstein, Kilmer, and Hobbs

Creating a legal notice web site.

Declares an intent to establish a state-sanctioned web site that shall serve as a more efficient, single repository for the posting on the internet, by any person or entity choosing to do so, of any public notice that is legally required by law or rule of the state or any of its political subdivisions, which posting shall serve as an alternative and/or as a supplement to such other public legal notice.

Establishes a state-recognized web site which shall be known as the legal notice repository. The company selected to operate the web site and disseminate information by and through the state's web site shall maintain the state's interest in the domain and the use of the web site, at no cost to the public to access the web site and the information available there. The company shall maintain and operate the official state web site twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, each day of the year.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6102 by Senators Poulsen, Morton, Rockefeller, and Pridemore

Modifying provisions affecting the telecommunications services of public utility districts.

Revises provisions affecting the telecommunications services of public utility districts.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)
First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6103 by Senators Kline, Roach, Weinstein, McCaslin, Brandland, Carrell, Hargrove, Delvin, Honeyford, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and Rasmussen

Creating a pilot program for enforcement of financial fraud and identity theft laws.

Requires that three pilot enforcement areas shall be established beginning on January 1, 2008, two in the two largest counties by population west of the crest of the Cascade mountains, and one in the largest county by population east of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

Appropriates the sum of dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development to be used as matching funds for the purposes of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Feb 28 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 6104 by Senators Kline and Weinstein

Enforcing health and environmental laws.

Declares it is the policy of the state of Washington that laws enacted to protect public health, natural resources, and the environment be enforced. Limitations on governmental abilities to enforce those laws, due to the high volume of activities to which health and environmental standards apply and the finite nature of governmental resources, are recognized. The purpose of this act is to empower citizens to supplement government enforcement of those laws.

Authorizes the court, upon finding violation of an environmental or public health standard or requirement, to assess a civil penalty against the violator in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars per violation per day of violation unless justice so requires. In determining an appropriate penalty, the court shall consider the seriousness of the violations, any good faith efforts or lack of good faith efforts to, the duration of the violations, the economic benefit of the violations to the violator, and such other matters as justice may require. Unless injustice would result, the court shall assess a civil penalty greater than the economic benefit of the violations to the violator.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6105 by Senators Weinstein, Kline, and Spanel

Authorizing the issuance of civil inspection warrants.

Provides that a judge of a superior court, upon a proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, shall have the power to issue a civil inspection warrant directed to a state or local official commanding the official to conduct an inspection, examination, test, or sampling pursuant to or to determine compliance with a state or local law, rule, or code protecting the public health, safety, or welfare including, but not limited to, the uniform building, health, fire, mechanical, electrical, or plumbing code, laws authorizing abatement of unfit or dangerous buildings, or environmental or zoning laws.

Provides that a warrant shall be issued only upon application of a designated officer or employee of a prosecuting or regulatory authority supported by declaration or affidavit made under oath or upon sworn testimony before the judge, establishing probable cause for the issuance of the warrant, and particularly describing the place, dwelling, building, structure, premises, or vehicle to be inspected and the purpose for which the inspection, examination, test, or sampling is made.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6106 by Senators Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Clements, and Keiser

Establishing guidelines for the regulation of certain trades by the department of labor and industries.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to establish guidelines for the regulation of construction trades or construction-related trades generally overseen in some capacity by the department of labor and industries. This act applies when a trade seeks legislation to substantially increase its scope of practice or the level of regulation of the trade, and for the regulation of construction trades or construction-related trades not licensed or regulated on July

1, 2007. This act also applies when a legislator or a legislative committee requests that the department determine whether a trade should be regulated by the state.

Declares that this act is not intended and shall not be construed to: (1) Apply to any regulatory entity created prior to July 1, 2007, except as provided in this act;

(2) Affect the powers and responsibilities of the superintendent of public instruction or Washington professional educator standards board under RCW 28A.410.210 and 28A.410.010;

(3) Apply to or interfere in any way with the practice of religion or to any kind of treatment by prayer;

(4) Apply to any remedial or technical amendments to any statutes that licensed or regulated activity before July 1, 2007; and

(5) Apply to proposals relating solely to continuing education.

Declares that all individuals should be permitted to enter into a profession unless there is an overwhelming need for the state to protect the interests of the public by restricting entry into the profession. When such a need is identified, the regulation adopted by the state should be set at the least restrictive level consistent with the public interest to be protected.

Requires the department to hold a public hearing during which the department will receive public comment on whether a trade should be regulated by the state. At least twenty days before the public hearing, the department shall file a notice of hearing with the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register. The notice must include:

(1) The trades for which information is sought;

(2) The information requested under this act; and

(3) When, where, and how members of the general public may present information about the trade.

Requires that, after the department has conducted its review under this act, it shall submit a report with the details of its review as well as its recommendations about regulating the trade to the legislative committees of reference. It shall also post the report on its web site.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

Feb 26 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

Senate Joint Resolutions

JR 8221 by Senators Kline and Honeyford

Revising the application of discovery rules to proceedings of the judicial conduct commission.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution revising the application of discovery rules to proceedings of the judicial conduct commission.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Feb 27 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)