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House Bills

HB 1139-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives McDermott, McIntire, Springer, Cody, Ericks, Santos, Hasegawa, Simpson, Pettigrew, and Kenney)

Modifying the local sales and use tax for annexation service costs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relating to the local sales and use tax that is credited against the state sales and use tax for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 12 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 63; nays, 32; absent, 0; excused, 3.

HB 1211-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Chase, Morris, Uptegrove, Wallace, Kagi, McCune, Moeller, Dunn, Linville, and Morrell)

Providing sales and use tax exemptions for solar hot water components.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides sales and use tax exemptions for solar hot water components.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 30 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 10 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 13 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.
- Mar 20 Scheduled for executive session in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1260-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Crouse, Fromhold, Kenney, Ericks, Ormsby, Simpson, and Moeller; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy)

Establishing contribution rates in the Washington state patrol retirement system.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes contribution rates in the Washington state patrol retirement system.

Provides that, if both Senate Bill No. 6129 and Substitute Senate Bill No. 5937 are not enacted by June 30, 2007, this act is null and void.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1277-S2 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Kelley, Simpson, Wood, P. Sullivan, Conway, Kenney, Ericks, Rolfes, and Morrell; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Expanding competitive local infrastructure financing tools projects.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Expands competitive local infrastructure financing tools projects.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 12 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 27 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 8 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 10 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Management.

HB 1359-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Chase, Hasegawa, Pettigrew, Springer, Ormsby, Roberts, Darneille, Goodman, and Santos)

Creating an affordable housing for all program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that a decent, appropriate, and affordable home in a healthy, safe environment for every household should be a state goal and that, at a minimum, this goal must be accomplished for every very low-income household by 2020. Furthermore, this goal includes

increasing the percentage of very low-income households who are able to obtain and retain housing without government subsidies or other public support.

Finds that there are many root causes of the affordable housing shortage and declares that it is critical that such causes be analyzed, effective solutions be developed, implemented, monitored, and evaluated, and that these causal factors be eliminated. The legislature also finds that there is a taxpayer and societal cost associated with a lack of jobs that pay self-sufficiency standard wages and a shortage of affordable housing, and that the state must identify and quantify that cost.

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

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

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

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

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct an evaluation and comparison of the cost-efficiency of rental housing voucher programs funded with state or local moneys versus other low-income housing projects funded with state or local moneys that are intended to assist low-income households to obtain and retain affordable housing.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to present the results of this study to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 7 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 10 2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 57; nays, 39; absent, 1; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 13 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

HB 1435-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives P. Sullivan, Upthegrove, Simpson, Schual-Berke, and Pettigrew)

Modifying provisions relating to public facilities districts.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the legislative authority of a city located in a county with a population greater than one million may create a public facilities district, when such city has a total population of less than one hundred fifteen thousand but greater than eighty thousand and commences construction on a regional center prior to July 1, 2008.

Provides that a public facilities district created under RCW 36.100.010(1)(b) is authorized to finance the construction, ownership, remodeling, maintenance, equipping, reequipping, repair, and operation of a regional center of a public facilities district created under RCW 35.57.010(1)(d).

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 21 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee. FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 7 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

HB 1451-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericks, Lovick, Walsh, Williams, Newhouse, Grant, Orcutt, Linville, Strow, Armstrong, Roach, Morris, Bailey, Warnick, Haler, O'Brien, Simpson, Santos, Eddy, McDonald, and Kenney)

Modifying the taxation of temporary staffing services.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relating to the taxation of temporary staffing services.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 2 Executive session in committee. FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1512-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa, Haler, Pettigrew, Skinner, Santos, Hankins, Kenney, Walsh, McCoy, Kirby, Schual-Berke, Chase, Williams, Roberts, P. Sullivan, Hudgins, Ericks, Darneille, Kagi, and Ormsby)

Increasing the amount the treasurer may use for the linked deposit program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the state treasurer may use up to two hundred million dollars per year of all funds available under this act for the purposes of RCW 43.86A.060. The amounts made available to these public depositaries shall be equal to the amounts of outstanding loans made under RCW 43.86A.060.

Provides that the requirements upon the state treasurer in RCW 43.86A.030 are contingent upon at least one additional full-time equivalent employee, which must be dedicated to the deposit investment program, for the purposes of RCW 43.86A.030 and this act, being funded from the state treasurer's service fund created in RCW 43.08.190.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 1 Executive session in committee. FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 8 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 10 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 1513-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler, Orcutt, Grant, Alexander, Blake, VanDeWege, Kretz, Takko, Linville, and Ericks)

Modifying provisions relating to the excise taxation of forest products businesses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relating to the excise taxation of forest products businesses.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 1 Executive session in committee. FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

- Mar 12 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 14 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 1554-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Ericks, Strow, Linville, and Dunn)
Studying excise tax relief for aerospace product development businesses.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to study the effect of enacting tax preferences for aerospace product development businesses. The committee shall summarize its findings in the form of a report. The report shall estimate the effect of enacting tax preferences for aerospace product businesses on job retention, job growth, company growth, diversification of the state's economy, cluster dynamics, and other factors the committee may select. The report is due to the house finance and senate ways and means committees by December 1, 2007.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 13 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- HB 1566-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives VanDeWege, Ericks, McIntire, Erickson, Ross, Warnick, Condotta, Kessler, and McCune; by request of Department of Revenue)
Modifying the rural county tax credit.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Revises the rural county tax credit provided in chapter 82.62 RCW.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 1 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 8 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- Mar 15 Scheduled for executive session in committee. (Subject to change)
- HB 1580-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Orcutt, Lovick, and Sells)
Consolidating designated forest lands and open space timber lands for ease of administration.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Consolidates designated forest lands and open space timber lands for ease of administration.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 2 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 14 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
- HB 1636-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, B. Sullivan, Dunshee, Upthegrove, McCoy, Dickerson, P. Sullivan, Morrell, Sells, and Rolfes)
Creating a regional transfer of development rights program.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Finds that transferring development rights is a market-based technique that encourages the voluntary transfer of growth from places where a community would like to see less development, referred to as sending areas, to places where a community would like to see more development, referred to as receiving areas. Under this technique, permanent deed restrictions are placed on the sending area properties to ensure that the land will be used only for approved activities such as farming, forest management, conservation, or passive recreation. Also under this technique, the costs of purchasing the recorded development restrictions are borne by the developers who receive the building credit or bonus.
Determines that it is good public policy to build upon existing transfer of development rights programs, pilot projects, and private initiatives that foster effective use of transferred development rights through the creation of a market-based program that focuses on the central Puget Sound region.
Requires the department to submit recommendations, findings, and legislative recommendations according to the following schedule: (1) By December 1, 2007, the department shall notify the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature of any recommended actions for advancing the purposes of this act; and
(2) By December 1, 2008, the department shall notify the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature of findings and legislative recommendations to implement a regional transfer of development rights program.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 20 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.

- APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 9 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 12 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- Mar 22 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)
- HB 1649-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Fromhold, Conway, Bailey, Crouse, Sells, Moeller, and Simpson)
Authorizing the purchase of an increased benefit multiplier for past judicial service for judges in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes the purchase of an increased benefit multiplier for past judicial service for judges in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
APP - Executive action taken by committee.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 14 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 1675-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Santos, Curtis, McDermott, Williams, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, Roberts, Schual-Berke, Simpson, and Darneille)
Providing certain public notices in a language other than English.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides that state agencies required by law or rule to provide public notices to a community or area to advise or inform the public about an imminent or emergent public health, safety, or welfare risk shall provide bilingual or multilingual notices when a significant segment of residents speak a language other than English and have a limited proficiency in English. This requirement applies to notices that include, but are not limited to, proposed locations for criminal facilities or facilities that would house sex offenders. This requirement does not apply to the adoption of rules under chapter 34.05 RCW.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 5 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
APP - Executive action taken by committee.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading suspension calendar by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 Committee recommendations adopted and the 1st substitute bill substituted.
Placed on third reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- HB 1677-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Rodne, Dunshee, Ormsby, B. Sullivan, Hurst, Chase, Hunt, P. Sullivan, Pettigrew, Lovick, Jarrett, McCoy, Anderson, Upthegrove, Santos, Sells, Conway, and Rolfes)
Creating the outdoor education and recreation grant program for schools and others.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Declares an intent to establish an outdoor education and recreation program to provide a large number of underserved students with quality opportunities to directly experience the natural world. It is the intent of the program to improve students' overall academic performance, self-esteem, personal responsibility, community involvement, personal health, and understanding of nature. Further, it is the intent of the program to empower local communities to engage students in outdoor education and recreation experiences.
-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
APP - Executive action taken by committee.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading suspension calendar by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 Committee recommendations adopted and the 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Placed on third reading.

- Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- Mar 15 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)
- HB 1705-S2** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Barlow, Ormsby, Kenney, and Wood)
- Creating health sciences and services authorities.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the health sciences and services program to promote bioscience-based economic development and advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease and promote public health.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 13 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 9 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 68; nays, 29; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 1733-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Kirby, Darneille, and Chase)
- Providing for the review of state community justice facilities.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the department of corrections and social and health services to conduct a review of the siting and utilization of work release facilities under the supervision of the department.
- Provides that the departments shall include the following in their review: (1) The number and location of the facilities within the state, including the counties in which the facilities are located;
- (2) The population of offenders housed in each facility, including the number of offenders in each facility and the offenses for which they were sentenced;
- (3) The county in which the offender resided prior to conviction if that information is within the custody of the department;
- (4) The county in which the offense for which the offender was sentenced occurred;
- (5) The county to which the offender was released following completion of the offender's sentence and whether that county was the same county as where the offender was located for the work release program prior to release; and
- (6) The current process for siting facilities and the extent to which the factors identified in (a) through (e) of this subsection are considered in the siting process.
- Requires the departments to report their findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 2007.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
APP - Executive action taken by committee.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 75; nays, 21; absent, 0; excused, 2.
- HB 1796-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Orcutt, Pettigrew, Ericks, Chase, Green, Haler, Dunn, Hankins, Hasegawa, Appleton, Kenney, Santos, VanDeWege, Simpson, Goodman, Morrell, and Lantz)
- Providing a property tax exemption for nonprofit small business incubators.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Finds that nonprofit organizations and associations engaged in the education and training of people, located in economically disadvantaged areas, who are involved in the creation and expansion of businesses with marketable products and services in a physical location provide many public benefits to the people of the state of Washington. Therefore, the legislature finds that it is in the best interest of the state to provide a limited property tax exemption for the use of these facilities by certain organizations in order to be self-sustaining for their exempt purposes.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 14 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 77; nays, 18; absent, 0; excused, 3.

HB 1811-S2 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Pedersen, Simpson, Wood, Moeller, and Quall)

Regarding automatic sprinkler systems in nightclubs.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires that the automatic sprinkler systems be installed by December 1, 2009.

Provides that, if a lessee of the real property has paid for all expenses associated with the installation and purchase of the automatic sprinkler system, then the benefit of the exemption must inure to the lessee.

Provides that, in computing the tax imposed under chapter 82.04 RCW, a credit is allowed for fifty percent of the costs of purchasing and installing an automatic sprinkler system required under RCW 19.27.500, as provided in this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 9 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Mar 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 2 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 10 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 13 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
- Mar 20 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1827-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Santos, Hasegawa, Campbell, Kenney, McDermott, Hunt, Appleton, Haler, Blake, Hankins, Green, Upthegrove, Williams, Simpson, McIntire, Ormsby, and Chase)

Requiring a tax expenditure report as part of the biennial budget documents.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the governor is requested to review the report from the department of revenue and prepare a tax expenditure report as part of the biennial budget documents under RCW 43.88.030. The tax expenditure report must include the listing of exemptions prepared by the department of revenue and a budget analysis of each exemption. The budget analysis must categorize each exemption according to the programs or functions each exemption supports. The budget analysis must include the findings and recommendations of the joint legislative audit and review committee developed under RCW 43.136.055 and the comments of the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences under RCW 43.136.065.

Directs the governor to identify each exemption that will terminate during the next biennium and make a

recommendation as to whether the exemption should be allowed to terminate, continue, or continue with modification.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 2 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

HB 1896-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Hunt)

Providing for a legislative gift center.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that tourism is encouraged providing a memorable experience and an opportunity for visitors to take something back home with them to remind them of this experience.

Finds that a gift center in the legislative building would be an appropriate response to this opportunity, and further, that such a gift center could provide a source of revenue to help fund the oral history program and to pay for the restoration and repurchase of historical capitol furnishings.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
APP - Executive action taken by committee.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.

HB 1910-S2 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby, Fromhold, Miloscia, Dunshee, Kenney, Appleton, Darneille, Hasegawa, and Morrell)

Modifying property tax exemption provisions relating to new and rehabilitated multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers to provide affordable housing requirements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Revises property tax exemption provisions relating to new and rehabilitated multiple-unit dwellings in urban centers to provide affordable housing requirements.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.

- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 61; nays, 35; absent, 0; excused, 2.

HB 1981-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunter, Conway, Orcutt, Anderson, Santos, Kessler, Jarrett, Condotta, and McIntire)

Concerning the excise taxation of electronically delivered financial information.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions concerning the excise taxation of electronically delivered financial information.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 1 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 93; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 2.

HB 1993-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Barlow, Curtis, Schual-Berke, Kagi, Cody, Hinkle, Green, B. Sullivan, Eddy, Pettigrew, P. Sullivan, Bailey, Schindler, Dickerson, Morrell, Kenney, Simpson, and Ormsby)

Modifying credentialing standards for counselors.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Revises credentialing standards for counselors.

Directs the department of licensing to convene a work group to develop recommendations regarding the need to regulate those individuals currently registered with the department of health as counselors and whose practice does not meet the definition of "therapeutic counseling" or a specified exemption to the definition. The work group shall consist of a broad representation of registered counselors that do not practice therapeutic counseling as defined in RCW 18.19.020, such as life coaches and spiritual counselors, the clients of such counselors, and

representatives of licensed mental health practitioners as defined in RCW 18.19.020, including members of the mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers advisory committee established under RCW 18.225.060. The work group shall consider the harm to the public if the individuals are not regulated and the benefit to the public that the regulation would provide, and alternatives to state regulation. The department of licensing shall submit the recommendations of the work group to the legislature by November 15, 2007.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 22 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 10 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 13 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

HB 2053-S2 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Springer, O'Brien, Dunshee, Eddy, Blake, Lovick, Upthegrove, Green, Simpson, and Hurst)

Providing for improved availability of motor vehicle fuel during power outages or interruptions in electrical service.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires each corporation or entity that owns, operates, or franchises ten or more motor fuel retail outlets within a single county to, in one of every ten of its motor fuel retail outlets, install appropriate wiring and transfer switches capable of operating all fuel pumps and payment acceptance equipment using an alternate generated power source in the event of an electric power outage or interruption in electric service.

Requires the director of the department of agriculture to enforce the provisions of this act in conjunction with his or her enforcement duties under chapter 19.94 RCW. The director shall, upon his or her own initiative and as he or she deems appropriate and advisable, investigate complaints made concerning violations of the provisions of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 22 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 9 2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2100-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Morrell, Quall, Kenney, Linville, and Ormsby)

Establishing a statewide health resources strategy.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the office of strategic health resource coordination in the office of the governor. The office shall serve as a coordinating body for public and private efforts to improve quality in health care, promote cost-effectiveness in health care, and plan health facility and health service availability. In addition, the office shall facilitate access to health care data collected by public and private organizations as needed to conduct its planning responsibilities.

Creates the health resource strategy commission consisting of nineteen members appointed by the governor.

Declares that the commission shall develop a statewide health resources strategy. The strategy shall establish statewide health planning policies and goals related to the availability of health care facilities and services, quality of care, and cost of care. The strategy shall identify needs according to geographic regions suitable for comprehensive health planning as designated by the commission.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee. APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

HB 2164-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored 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. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Requiring approval from certain 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.)

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relating to property tax exemptions for multiple-unit housing in urban centers within the boundaries of the campus facilities master plan of any state institution of higher education

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee. FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 74; nays, 22; absent, 0; excused, 2.

HB 2256-S2 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Haler, Morrell, Walsh, Pettigrew, Dickerson, Kenney, Schual-Berke, Kagi, P. Sullivan, Lantz, Hinkle, Upthegrove, Appleton, Williams, Seaquist, O'Brien, Hasegawa, Green, Linville, Simpson, Ormsby, and Santos)

Establishing the family prosperity act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that low-income working families often encounter significant barriers as they strive to achieve financial self-sufficiency. Their challenges include acquiring employment that pays enough to cover the costs of daily living, accumulating funds for the down payment on a home, and setting aside money for the children's education or for the parents' retirement.

Finds that asset-poor families do not have enough cash reserves or equity in their homes or businesses to meet basic needs through a period of joblessness, health emergency, divorce, or other unexpected financial hardship. Compounding these problems, credit reports about low-income working families tend to contain negative information, so that when used by prospective employers, the reports can prevent the job seeker from obtaining employment. Research shows that savings and ownership of assets is possible for low-income wage earners and that they would benefit from a variety of tools that allow them to better control and increase their financial resources.

Therefore finds that the state, together with local communities, must adopt policies and provide services to help low-income working families achieve prosperity.

Creates the Washington asset building coalition, whose mission is to provide statewide leadership on initiatives that foster financial self-sufficiency and economic security for low-income working families. The Washington asset building coalition shall work with the department, local asset building coalitions, and other public and private

sector partners to: (1) Create a range of private and public prosperity products;

(2) Develop and promote public and private lending policies that encourage asset building;

(3) Market savings, smart borrowing, and federal tax credit programs;

(4) Expand financial literacy opportunities and outcomes;

(5) Enhance protections from predatory lending, fraud, and consumer scams; and

(6) Identify and promote other approaches that will help low-income working families reach self-sufficiency by building and managing their assets.

Directs the department to expand and strengthen community-based asset building coalitions by providing them with technical assistance and grants. The department shall establish a process to offer technical assistance and grants to local communities interested in initiating or expanding asset building coalitions and services. The department shall conduct an application process and select at least twelve sites by October 31, 2007.

Limits credit report usage for employment.

Repeals RCW 43.63A.765 and 43.63A.767.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 26 Executive session in committee.

Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 8 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 61; nays, 34; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

Mar 20 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 2284-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Ericksen, Sells, Strow, Seaquist, Hinkle, Wallace, Priest, Hasegawa, Fromhold, P. Sullivan, Conway, Miloscia, Linville, Kenney, O'Brien, Simpson, and Hunt)

Addressing the training of and collective bargaining over the training of care providers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions addressing the training of and collective bargaining over the training of care providers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 27 Executive session in committee.

Mar 3 Public hearing in committee.

Mar 5 Executive session in committee.

APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 12 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

HB 2325-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored 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.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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 local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, and private nonprofit organizations to help distressed communities and underserved, low-income populations could be enhanced by creating the community development fund.

Requires the department to develop accountability and reporting standards for grant recipients.

Directs the department to submit a report each biennium to the appropriate committees of the legislature, including at a minimum: (1) A list of projects funded during the current biennium, including a description of each project, its total cost, the amount of state funding awarded and expended to date, the project milestones completed, and the extent to which the project has met its stated goals;

(2) Recommendations, if any, for policy and programmatic changes to the community development fund to better achieve program objectives; and

(3) The ranked list of prioritized projects and amounts proposed for funding in the subsequent biennium, and the unranked list of the remaining projects for which applications were received, as submitted in the department's biennial capital budget request as required in this act.

Directs the department to submit its initial report by January 1, 2009.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 Public hearing in committee.

Mar 5 Executive session in committee.

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

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 9 1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 67; nays, 30; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2330-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored 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.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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 --

Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

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

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 12 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

HB 2335-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Priest and Miloscia)

Exempting certain amateur radio repeaters from leasehold excise taxes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts certain amateur radio repeaters from leasehold excise taxes.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

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

Mar 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 10 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2351-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Sells, Campbell, Conway, Green, Hudgins, Hasegawa, Appleton, Ormsby, Hurst, Chase, Dickerson, VanDeWege, and Simpson)

Requiring a feasibility study on implementing tax policy that discourages certain employer-to-employee communications.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to study the feasibility of implementing a state tax policy disallowing employers from claiming tax preferences if the employer requires employee participation in employer-to-employee communications regarding certain political, religious, or labor organizing positions of the employer. The committee shall provide the conclusions of its study in the form of a report. The report, in its analysis of implementing policy to accomplish this objective, shall address: Constitutional and other legal issues; revenue and other economic impacts; interaction with collective bargaining agreements; difficulty of tax administration and enforcement; efforts in other states to implement similar policy; and types of industries that are likely to be impacted. The report is due to the fiscal committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

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

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2383 by Representatives Sells, Conway, Kenney, Appleton, Green, Chase, Campbell, Dunshee, Cody, Ormsby, Wood, VanDeWege, Hasegawa, McDermott, Simpson, Hudgins, Blake, Darneille, Moeller, Hurst, Morrell, Pettigrew, Dickerson, Kirby, Hunt, B. Sullivan, Ericks, Schual-Berke, and Williams

Prohibiting employers from requiring employees to participate in certain communications about political, religious, or labor organizing matters.

Declares that it is unlawful for an employer to require its employees to attend an employer-sponsored meeting or to participate in any communications with the employer if the primary purpose is to communicate the employer's opinion about religious or political matters.

Provides that an employer may not discharge or in any manner discriminate against, or threaten to discharge or discriminate against, an employee because the employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of this act.

Does not apply when the employee knows that such report is false.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2384 by Representative Seaquist

Limiting the fee of a small loan to ten percent and the amount of a small loan to five hundred dollars.

Limits the fee of a small loan to ten percent and the amount of a small loan to five hundred dollars.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection.

HB 2385 by Representative Green

Prohibiting small loan rollovers.

Provides that a "rollover" is any loan made by a licensee to a borrower within twenty-four hours after the repayment of a previous small loan made by that licensee to that borrower.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection.

HB 2386 by Representative Kristiansen

Prohibiting the use of voluntary intoxication as a defense against a criminal charge.

Declares that voluntary intoxication is not a defense to any criminal charge, nor may the fact of voluntary intoxication be used by a defendant to demonstrate the lack of any particular mental state that is an element of a crime charged. Nothing in this act prohibits the prosecution from introducing evidence of a defendant's intoxication.

Applies to voluntary intoxication produced by any agent, including but not limited to alcohol or any drug.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2387 by Representatives Sells and Green

Regarding mandatory participation in communications about political, religious, or labor organizing matters.

Establishes provisions regarding mandatory participation in communications about political, religious, or labor organizing matters.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

Senate Bills

SB 5143-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Swecker, and Franklin)

Authorizing additional land used for housing to qualify under the open space program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes additional land used for housing to qualify under the open space program.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 12 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5164-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Hobbs, Shin, Rasmussen, Kilmer, and Franklin)

Expanding the veterans conservation corps program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department to assist veterans enrolled in the veterans conservation corps with obtaining employment in conservation programs and projects that restore Washington's natural habitat, maintain and steward local, state, and federal forest lands and other outdoor lands, maintain and improve urban and suburban storm water management facilities and other water management facilities, and other environmental maintenance, stewardship, and restoration projects.

Requires the department to submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008, on the status of the veterans conservation corps program, including the number of enrollees employed in projects, training provided, certifications earned, employment placements achieved, program funding provided from all sources, and the results of the pilot project authorized in this act.

Provides that, during fiscal year 2008, the department of veterans affairs may enter an agreement with a local government or other entity for use of veterans conservation corps enrollees in a project or projects, where the enrollees' work on the project or projects will be commenced before June 30, 2008. Up to one million dollars appropriated from the veterans conservation corps account in the biennial budget act may be expended by the department for this agreement.

Provides that, by September 30, 2007, the department shall provide to the office of financial management and to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives a report that: (1) Identifies projects on state agency-managed lands that are currently planned for veterans conservation corps enrollee participation;

(2) Identifies additional projects on state agency-managed lands that are suitable for veterans conservation corps enrollee participation and for which funding is currently in place for such participation; and

(3) Identifies additional projects on state agency-managed lands for which project implementation has been funded or is included in the agency's multiannual stewardship plans, and that are suitable for veterans conservation corps enrollee participation in the event that additional funding is provided to the department for associated training, education, and certification.

Provides that, during calendar years 2007 and 2008 the salmon recovery funding board shall cooperate with the department of veterans affairs to inform salmon habitat project sponsors of the availability of veterans conservation corps enrollees to perform project work. From applications submitted, the board and the department shall identify projects that propose work suitable for corps enrollees and located near where enrollees are based or may be created.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 15 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 2 Executive session in committee.
 Mar 5 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 13 2nd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- SB 5169-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Kastama, Zarelli, Pridemore, Haugen, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen, Delvin, and Roach)
- Creating the Washington international relations foundation.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
- Provides that the Washington international relations foundation is organized as a private, nonprofit corporation in accordance with chapter 24.03 RCW and this act. The purpose of the foundation is to provide assistance to the Washington state legislature in furthering the exchange of economic, educational, and cultural information between government leaders and other citizens of foreign countries and members of the Washington state legislature and other citizens of Washington.
- Authorizes the foundation to plan, organize, and implement inbound and outbound missions that exchange information relating to government, trade and commerce, agriculture, tourism, sports, education, technology, environment, and the arts.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 21 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing, public hearing, and executive action taken in committee. WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5187-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Oemig, Kline, Marr, Kauffman, Keiser, Kilmer, Pridemore, Spanel, Jacobsen, and Rasmussen)
- Exempting a portion of the valuation of residential property from property taxation.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Pertains to homestead exemptions.
- Declares that this act shall take effect if the proposed amendment to Article VII of the state Constitution, providing for a homestead exemption, is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the next general election. If the proposed amendment is not approved and ratified, this act is void in its entirety.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 16 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee. WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 5346-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kline and Hargrove)
- Revising the accrual of interest on judgments entered against offenders.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
- Revises the accrual of interest on judgments entered against offenders.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 2 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee. WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5455-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Morton and Rasmussen)
- Creating the community revitalization partnership pilot program.
- (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
- Creates a community revitalization partnership program on a pilot basis to enable the state's most economically distressed areas to plan and carry out comprehensive, locally determined projects designed to result in sustainable community development and economic opportunities. The program shall emphasize local decision making, grassroots participation, and community partnerships, as well as accountability and leveraging of public and private sector resources to accomplish priority projects.
- Requires the department, lead managing entities, and partner communities to prepare a joint report regarding the results of the pilot program in this act and make recommendations for statutory changes to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2010, and every two years thereafter.
- Declares an intent that the community revitalization partnership pilot program be funded by the legislature in the amount of eight hundred fifty thousand dollars each year beginning with fiscal year 2010 and ending with fiscal year 2018.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 22 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee. WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 13 2nd substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 45; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- SB 5522-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Fairley, Weinstein, and Kline)
- Providing for the annexation of a portion of a rural county library district by a city, code city, or town.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides for the annexation of a portion of a rural county library district by a city, code city, or town.
Applies only to entities with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 19 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 27 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 5589-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Schoesler, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, and Delvin; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board)
- Addressing law enforcement officer and firefighter retirement system plan 2 retiree medical.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Revises provisions addressing law enforcement officer and firefighter retirement system plan 2 retiree medical.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5643-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Delvin, Carrell, Hargrove, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Tom, and Kline)
- Addressing children and families of incarcerated parents.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Recognizes the significant impact on the lives and well-being of children and families when a parent is incarcerated. It is the intent of the legislature to support children and families, and maintain familial connections

when appropriate, during the period a parent is incarcerated.

Finds that there must be a greater emphasis placed on identifying state policies and programs impacting children with incarcerated parents. Additionally, greater effort must be made to ensure that the policies and programs of the state are supportive of the children, and meet their needs during the time the parent is incarcerated.

Finds that, according to the final report of the children of incarcerated parents oversight committee, helping offenders build durable family relationships may reduce the likelihood that their children will go to prison later in life. Additionally, the report indicates that offenders who reconnect with their families in sustaining ways are less likely to reoffend.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 21 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing, public hearing, and executive action taken in committee.
WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5883-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Swecker, Hargrove, Stevens, Morton, Jacobsen, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, and Franklin)

Concerning conversion of forest land to nonforestry uses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, if a county, city, town, or regional governmental entity receives a notice of conversion to nonforestry use by the department under RCW 76.09.060, then the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity must deny all applications for permits or approvals, including building permits and subdivision approvals, relating to nonforestry uses of the land that is the subject of the notification. The prohibition created by this act must be enforced by the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity: (1) For a period of six years from the approval date of the applicable forest practices application or notification or the date that the department was made aware of the harvest activities; or

(2) Until the following activities are completed for the land that is the subject of the notice of conversion to a nonforestry use: (a) full compliance with chapter 43.21C RCW, if applicable; (b) the department has notified the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity that the landowner has resolved any outstanding final orders or decisions issued by the department; and (c) a determination is made by the county, city, town, or regional governmental entity as to whether or not the condition of the land in question is in full compliance with local ordinances and regulations.

Provides that all counties and cities adopting or enforcing regulations or ordinances under this act shall include in the regulation or ordinance a requirement that a verification accompany every permit issued for forest land by that county or city associated with the conversion to a

use other than commercial timber operation, as that term is defined in RCW 76.09.020, that verifies that the land in question is not or has not been subject to a notice of conversion to nonforestry uses under RCW 76.09.060 during the six-year period prior to the submission of a permit application.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 22 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 27 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- Mar 19 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)
- Mar 21 Scheduled for executive session in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 5923-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Jacobsen, and Sheldon)

Regarding aquatic invasive species enforcement and control.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides changes to aquatic invasive species enforcement and control.

Requires the department to post signs warning vessel owners of the threat of aquatic invasive species, the penalties associated with introduction of a prohibited aquatic animal or plant species, and the proper contact information for obtaining a free inspection. The signs must be posted at all ports of entry to the state and at all boat launches owned or leased by the department. The signs should provide enough information for the public to discern whether the vessel has been operated in an area that would warrant the need for an inspection.

Directs the department to provide an inspection of a watercraft at no cost to the person requesting the inspection. The department shall provide an inspection receipt verifying that the watercraft is not contaminated.

Directs the department to provide training to all department employees that are deployed in the field to provide for efficient and timely response and inspections of recreational and commercial watercraft.

Declares that a person is guilty of unlawfully avoiding aquatic invasive species check stations if the person fails to: (1) Obey check station signs; or

(2) Stop and report at a check station if directed to do so by a uniformed fish and wildlife officer.

Declares that unlawfully avoiding aquatic invasive species check stations is a gross misdemeanor.

Declares that: (1) A person is guilty of unlawfully introducing a prohibited aquatic animal species if the

person fails to: (a) have a vessel inspected by state patrol officers or state fish and wildlife officers prior to launching the vessel in Washington waters; and (b) the vessel is contaminated with an aquatic invasive species, as defined by the department.

(2) The penalty for unlawfully introducing a prohibited aquatic animal species may include forfeiture of the contaminated watercraft, under RCW 77.15.070.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 19 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 5 Public hearing, public hearing, and executive action taken in committee.
WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5967-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Zarelli, Berkey, Schoesler, Eide, Marr, Parlette, Sheldon, Tom, Hobbs, Carrell, Hatfield, Honeyford, Roach, Shin, and Benton)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 82.08.0264 and 82.08.0273.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.

SB 5995-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored 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.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 21 Executive session in committee.
 Mar 2 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 5 Executive session in committee.
 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 7 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Mar 8 2nd substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Mar 10 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.
 Mar 19 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

SB 6016-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Regala and Kohl-Welles)

Concerning good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 74.08A.270 relating to good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
 Mar 5 Public hearing, public hearing, and executive action taken in committee.
 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
 Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Mar 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 29; nays, 18; absent, 0; excused, 2.

SB 6117-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Poulsen, Rockefeller, Marr, Kohl-Welles, and Kline)

Regarding reclaimed water.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to: (1) Effectuate and reinvigorate the original intent behind the reclaimed water act to expand the use of reclaimed water for nonpotable uses throughout the state;

(2) Restate and emphasize the use of reclaimed water as a matter of water resource management policy;

(3) Address current barriers to the use of reclaimed water, where changes in state law will resolve such issues;

(4) Develop information from the state agencies responsible for promoting the use of reclaimed water and address regulatory, financial, planning, and other barriers to the expanded use of reclaimed water, relying on state agency expertise and experience with reclaimed water;

(5) Facilitate achieving state, regional, and local objectives through use of reclaimed water for water supply purposes in high priority areas of the state, and in regional and local watershed and water planning;

(6) Provide planning tools to local governments to incorporate reclaimed water and related water conservation into land use plans, consistent with water planning;

(7) Expand the scope of work of the advisory committee established under chapter 279, Laws of 2006 to identify other reclaimed water issues that should be addressed; and

(8) Provide initial funding, and evaluate options for providing additional direct state funding, for reclaimed water projects.

Provides that, by January 1, 2008, the department of health shall file a brief report with the appropriate committees of the legislature on the general status of: (1) Development of permit fees for industrial and commercial uses of reclaimed water as required by RCW 90.46.030;

(2) Development of standards and guidelines for greywater use as required by RCW 90.46.140; and

(3) Permitting of greywater use by local health officers and plumbing officials in accordance with standards and guidelines developed pursuant to RCW 90.46.140.

Requires the report to also identify: (1) A general description of the number, type, and location of reclaimed water opportunities included in water supply and coordinated water system plans since 2003, as required by RCW 90.46.140;

(2) The best information currently available regarding potential public health risks associated with reclaimed water, if any, any known occurrences of any public health incidents associated with reclaimed water use, the approaches to reclaimed water-related public health issues taken in other states, and resource needs of the department to evaluate any known public health risks; and

(3) A description of a basic public information and public acceptance program necessary to generate public support for the beneficial use of reclaimed water.

Finds that the state should take a lead in increasing the visibility of the use of reclaimed water.

Directs the department of general administration to develop a proposal to provide a comprehensive campus-wide plan for the use of nonpotable water in lieu of the use of potable water to serve as a demonstration project for the use of reclaimed water. The department of general administration shall work with LOTT alliance to provide a report to the legislature by December 1, 2007, of the needed infrastructure, cost, and potential funding sources for the project.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 23 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
 Mar 5 Public hearing, public hearing, and executive action taken in committee.
 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.

- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 10 2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 31; nays, 14; absent, 0; excused, 4.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Mar 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.
- Mar 22 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8210-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Oemig, Kline, Marr, Brown, Kauffman, Keiser, Pridemore, Kilmer, Franklin, Spanel, and Jacobsen)

Providing a homestead exemption from property taxation for residences.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to provide a homestead exemption from property taxation for principal residences.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 16 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 5 Executive session in committee. WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.