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House Bills

HB 1151-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Pearson, Kretz, Dunshee, B. Sullivan, Kristiansen, Warnick, and Haler)

Creating a livestock identification advisory committee.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/12/2007)

Requires the director of the department of agriculture to convene a livestock identification advisory committee.

Requires that, in conjunction with the department, the advisory committee shall: (1) Review the recommendations made by the cattle identification advisory committee for implementation of a voluntary national animal identification system in Washington state; and

(2) Assess the impacts of such a system, whether federal or state only, on the commercial livestock industry, noncommercial livestock owners, livestock-related educational and recreational organizations, concerned citizens, and Indian tribes, in terms of costs, domestic commerce, international marketing and sales, animal health, privacy rights, and other potential impacts identified by the committee.

Requires the department of agriculture, in conjunction with the livestock identification advisory committee, to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 12 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 14 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

HB 1432-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives P. Sullivan, Upthegrove, Simpson, Hunter, Moeller, Linville, Schual-Berke, and Santos)

Granting service credit to educational staff associates for nonschool employment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the calculation of years of service for occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, and psychologists regulated under Title 18 RCW may include experience in schools and other nonschool positions as occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, or psychologists. The calculation shall be that one year of service in a nonschool position counts as one year of service for purposes of this act, up to a limit of five years of nonschool service.

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

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 9 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 20 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 9 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 10 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 89; nays, 9; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

Mar 22 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1488-S2 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Upthegrove, Appleton, Dunshee, Hunt, Dickerson, VanDeWege, Campbell, Kessler, Eickmeyer, McCoy, Chase, Green, Sells, Kenney, Ericks, Roberts, Lantz, Goodman, Wood, Kagi, Moeller, and Rolfes)

Enhancing the state's oil spill response program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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

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

Declares that, if specific funding for the purposes of section 3 of this act, referencing section 3 of this act by bill or chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, section 3 of this act is null and void.

Declares that, if specific funding for the purposes of section 4 of this act, referencing section 4 of this act by bill or chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, section 4 of this act is null and void.

Declares that, if specific funding for the purposes of section 5 of this act, referencing section 5 of this act by bill or chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, section 5 of this act is null and void.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 5 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 27 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 12 Executive session in committee.
 FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Placed on second reading.
 Mar 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 66; nays, 29; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 15 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

HB 1555-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Rodne, Lantz, Chase, and Ericks)

Addressing sexual assault protection orders.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent that the sexual assault protection order created by chapter 7.90 RCW be a remedy for victims who do not qualify for a domestic violence order of protection.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
 Jan 31 Executive session in committee.
 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Feb 28 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 2 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
 Mar 20 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1573-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Priest, P. Sullivan, Pettigrew, Kenney, Kagi, Wallace, McCoy, Dickerson, Lovick, Santos, Hunt, Hasegawa, Simpson, Pedersen, Morrell, Conway, Lantz, O'Brien, and Ormsby; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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

(2) Coaches or mentors for students as necessary;

(3) Staff responsible for coordination of community partners that provide a seamless continuum of academic and nonacademic support in schools and communities;

(4) Retrieval or reentry activities; and

(5) Alternative educational programming, including, but not limited to, career and technical education preparatory programs and online learning opportunities.

Declares that the grant awarded under this act shall be for a two-year demonstration project focusing on providing fifth through twelfth grade students with a program that utilizes technology and is integrated with state standards, basic academics, cross-cultural exposures, and age-appropriate preemployment training. The project shall: (1) Establish programs in two western Washington and one eastern Washington urban areas;

(2) Identify at-risk students in each of the distinct communities and populations and implement strategies to close the achievement gap;

(3) Collect and report data on participant characteristics and outcomes of the project, including the characteristics and outcomes specified under this act; and

(4) Submit a report to the legislature by December 1, 2009.

Provides that school districts may use basic education allocations under RCW 28A.150.250 to fund contracts with alternative educational service providers that provide education programs for students who are at risk of dropping out of school, or who have dropped out of school, if the educational service provider meets the following criteria: (1) Provides access to at least twenty-five hours of instruction per week; however, funding need not be based on seat-time attendance requirements;

(2) Provides GED content area instruction or high school credit recovery instruction from recognized curriculum; and

(3) Has certificated teachers or community and technical college faculty to provide and oversee instruction.

Directs the state-level work group established under this act to examine issues related to school districts' use of basic education allocations under this act including, but not limited to, findings or other relevant communications by the state auditor. The work group shall develop recommendations and submit a report to the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2009.

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

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
 Mar 9 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 10 Executive session in committee.
 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Placed on second reading.
 Mar 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 84; nays, 13; absent, 0; excused, 1.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 13 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

HB 1779-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (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.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/12/2007)

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 or achieve a score in the math section of the SAT or the math section of the ACT that is above the ninety-fifth percentile, 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.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Notify elementary, middle, junior high, high school, and school district staff and administrators, and the children's administration of the department of social and health services about the GET ready for math and science scholarship program using methods in place for communicating with schools and school districts; and

(2) Provide data showing the race, ethnicity, income, and other available demographic information of students who achieve level four of the math and science Washington assessment of student learning in the tenth grade. Compare those data with comparable information on the tenth grade student population as a whole. Submit a report with the analysis to the committees responsible for education and higher education in the legislature on December 1st of even-numbered years.

Provides that school districts shall: (1) Notify parents, teachers, counselors, and principals about the GET ready for math and science scholarship program through existing channels. Notification methods may include, but are not limited to, regular school district and building communications, online scholarship bulletins and announcements, notices posted on school walls and bulletin boards, information available in each counselor's office, and school or district scholarship information sessions.

(2) Provide each student who achieves level four on the mathematics or science high school Washington assessment of student learning with information regarding the scholarship program and how to contact the program administrator.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 15 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 27 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 1 Executive session in committee.
 APP - Majority; 2nd 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 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 76; nays, 22; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE SENATE --

- Mar 14 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
 Mar 21 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 1956 by Representatives Pettigrew, Miloscia, Santos, Sells, Ormsby, and Hasegawa

Prohibiting discrimination based on lawful source of income.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/9/2007)

Prohibits discrimination based on lawful source of income.

Declares that it is an unfair practice for any person, whether acting for himself, herself, or another, to discriminate in the rental of a dwelling to, or to refuse to negotiate or enter into a rental agreement with, a person because of the person's lawful source of income.

Provides that, when a finding has been made under RCW 49.60.250 that the respondent has engaged in an unfair practice under this act, the administrative law judge shall promptly issue an order for appropriate relief for the aggrieved party, which may include actual damages and injunctive or other equitable relief.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Housing.
 Feb 12 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 19 Executive session in committee.
 HOUS - Executive action taken by committee.
 HOUS - Majority; do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Feb 21 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Feb 23 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Mar 9 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 72; nays, 25; absent, 0; excused, 1.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 12 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.
 Mar 16 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 2082-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Wallace, Grant, Buri, Miloscia, Kretz, and Newhouse)

Establishing the field of dreams program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the field of dreams program.

Finds that agriculture is a major and critical employer in Washington state and recognizes that the industry is struggling to attract and retain employees.

Declares that the purpose of the program is to provide college tuition in the form of GET units to students working for agricultural employers to benefit the agriculture industry and to assist students in accessing postsecondary education.

Declares that the program shall be administered by the employment security department and the GET units shall be administered by the higher education coordinating board.

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

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 21 Executive session in committee.
 Mar 9 Public hearing in committee.
 Mar 10 Executive session in committee.
 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Placed on second reading.
 Mar 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 Mar 14 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
 Mar 22 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 2220-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representative Lantz)

Regarding shellfish aquaculture.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the sea grant program at the University of Washington to, consistent with this act, commission a series of scientific research studies that examines the possible effects, including the cumulative effects, of the current prevalent geoduck aquaculture techniques and practices on the natural environment in and around Puget Sound, including the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The sea grant program shall use funding provided from the geoduck aquaculture research account created in this act to review existing literature, directly perform research identified as needed, or to enter into and manage contracts with scientific organizations or institutions to accomplish these results.

Provides that all research commissioned under this act must be completed and the results reported to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2013. In addition, the sea grant program shall provide the appropriate committees of the legislature with annual reports updating the status and progress of the ongoing studies that are completed in advance of the 2013 deadline.

Directs the department of ecology to develop, by rule, guidelines for the appropriate siting and operation of geoduck aquaculture operations to be included in any master program under this act.

Provides that the guidelines required under this act must be filed for public review and comment no later than

six months after the delivery of the final report by the shellfish aquaculture regulatory committee.

Requires the department of ecology to update the guidelines required under this act, as necessary, after the completion of the geoduck research by the sea grant program at the University of Washington.

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

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 27 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Mar 3 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
APP - Majority; 2nd 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.
- Mar 10 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 88; nays, 9; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 13 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- Mar 19 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)

HB 2288-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa, Santos, Buri, Cody, Condotta, and Schual-Berke)

Implementing weight-based taxation of moist snuff.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that reforming how this product is taxed will provide more certainty to taxpayers, provide stability to the revenue stream, maintain pricing levels to address access to youth, and simplify administration by the department of revenue. It is the intent of the legislature that any new money attributable to this act shall be dedicated to the health services account, while keeping other accounts whole.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 12 Executive session in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Placed on second reading.
- Mar 15 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2327-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored 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.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

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.

Finds there is a sense of urgency to make these corrections. There is not the time or the necessity to build a new set of standards and assessments from the ground up. Rather, the state board of education and the superintendent of public instruction must take advantage of the opportunity to draw on the experience of other states. There are a number of states that use end-of-course assessments to measure student achievement of mathematics and science standards in high school.

Declares an intent to direct the state board of education, in collaboration with the superintendent of public instruction, to select and implement end-of-course 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.

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.

Declares that, if specific funding for purposes of section 4 of this act, referencing section 4 of this act by bill or chapter and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2007, in the omnibus operating appropriations act, sections 2, 3, and 4 of this act are null and void.

Declares that, if specific funding for purposes of section 6 of this act, referencing section 6 of this act by bill or chapter and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2007, in the omnibus operating appropriations act, sections 5, 6, and 8 of this act are null and void.

Declares that, if specific funding for purposes of section 7 of this act, referencing section 7 of this act by bill or chapter and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2007, in the omnibus operating appropriations act, section 7 of this act is null and void.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 9 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 10 Executive session in committee.
APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Placed on second reading.
- Mar 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

- Third reading, passed; yeas, 83; nays, 15; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 14 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- Mar 19 Scheduled for public hearing in committee. (Subject to change)
- HB 2352-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Grant, Linville, Simpson, and Bailey)
- Providing excise tax relief for certain farm services.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Declares that chapter 82.04 RCW does not apply to any: (1) Person performing custom farming services for a farmer when the person performing the custom farming services and the farmer are related; or
(2) Person performing farm management services, contract labor services, services provided with respect to animals that are agricultural products, or any combination of these services, for a farmer or for a person performing custom farming services, when the person performing the farm management services, contract labor services, services with respect to animals, or any combination of these services, and the farmer or person performing custom farming services are related.
Declares that chapter 82.16 RCW shall not apply to any person hauling agricultural products or farm machinery or equipment for a farmer or for a person performing custom farming services, when the person providing the hauling and the farmer or person performing custom farming services are related.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Mar 12 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Placed on second reading.
- Mar 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 90; nays, 5; absent, 0; excused, 3.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 15 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.
- HB 2368-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representative Santos)
- Concerning the municipal business and occupation tax.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Revises provisions concerning the municipal business and occupation tax.
- 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.
- Mar 15 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 2388** by Representatives Alexander, P. Sullivan, and Hunter
- Financing regional centers with seating capacities less than ten thousand that are acquired, constructed, financed, or owned by a public facilities district.
Revises provisions relating to financing regional centers with seating capacities less than ten thousand that are acquired, constructed, financed, or owned by a public facilities district.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Mar 14 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 80; nays, 16; absent, 0; excused, 2.
- HB 2389** by Representatives Clibborn, Jarrett, Eddy, and Goodman
- Addressing the state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV project.
Declares that the needs of the central Puget Sound region and the state are best served by a state route number 520 project alternative that replaces the four existing general purpose lanes and adds two lanes of capacity suitable for transit and other high-occupancy vehicle use. New pontoons for the floating structure must be designed to accommodate the installation of a high capacity transit system, such as light rail or another comparable system. The department must incorporate this policy into any preferred alternative that may be developed for the project's environmental assessment documents.
Requires that, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this act, and after consulting with appropriate local jurisdictions, the department shall hire a mediator to develop consensus-building among the interested parties to support the policy goals identified in this act through fact-finding, facilitation, and mediation. In evaluating the project impacts, the mediator shall consider the concerns of neighborhoods and institutions of higher education directly impacted by the proposed designs, and shall work with the appropriate planning staff.
Requires the mediator to provide monthly updates to the governor and the joint transportation committee regarding the status of the consensus-building process. The mediator must provide the governor and the joint transportation committee with a final recommendation by October 31, 2007.
Declares that the state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV project finance plan must include state funding, federal funding, one billion one million dollars from the regional transportation investment district, and revenue from tolling. The department must provide a proposed finance plan to be tied to the estimated cost of the recommended project solutions, as provided under this act,

to the governor and the joint transportation committee by January 1, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 14 First reading, referred to Transportation.

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

Senate Bills

SB 5503-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Keiser, Brown, Brandland, Fairley, Schoesler, Berkey, Shin, Delvin, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe)

Licensing persons who offer athletic training services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that it is the purpose of this act to provide for the licensure of persons offering athletic training services to the public and to ensure standards of competence and professional conduct on the part of athletic trainers.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 6 Executive session in committee.

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

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 20 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Mar 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 12 1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 39; nays, 8; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Mar 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.