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House Bills

HB 2923 by Representatives Hinkle, Warnick, Blake, Chandler, Hailey, Schmick, Kretz, Williams, Eickmeyer, Condotta, McCune, VanDeWege, and Newhouse

Providing an alternative method for weight tickets for transporting hay or straw.

Provides that if agreed upon in writing between a dealer or commission merchant dealing in hay or straw and a grower or consigner, a certified vehicle tare weight and certified vehicle gross weight may be obtained from a hay or straw processing facility with a scale approved by the director.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2924 by Representatives Flannigan, Ormsby, Liias, Kelley, Wood, and VanDeWege

Providing for a driver's license renewal exemption for active foreign service members.

Provides for a driver's license renewal exemption for active foreign service members.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2925 by Representatives Kenney, Pettigrew, Bailey, McDonald, Darneille, Upthegrove, Hasegawa, Loomis, Kelley, Hankins, Rolfes, Morrell, Schual-Berke, and Santos

Establishing a plan for improving the effectiveness of the office of minority and women's business enterprises.

Provides that the office of minority and women's business enterprises shall establish a plan, with timelines, to complete certain goals, with the overall goal of improving the effectiveness of the office of minority and women's business enterprises.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 2926 by Representatives Hunter, Alexander, Roberts, Kagi, and Darneille

Extending the sunset review and termination date for the office of public defense.

Extends the sunset review and termination date for the office of public defense.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 2927** by Representatives Schual-Berke, Hudgins, Hunter, Chase, Miloscia, and Upthegrove
Addressing port district commissioners.
Provides that each commissioner of a port district in a county with one million or more residents must serve in a full-time employment capacity and must be compensated for the performance of his or her official services and duties. The commissioner must have at least one full-time administrative staff member and one full-time confidential assistant.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- HB 2928** by Representatives Schual-Berke, Hudgins, Hasegawa, Chase, Nelson, Hunter, Miloscia, Upthegrove, and Santos
Addressing public contracting by port districts.
Modifies existing provisions and provides new provisions regarding public contracting by port districts.
Requires that each port shall maintain a database on a public web site of all contracts.
Provides that personal services may be procured only in certain circumstances.
Provides that emergency contracts and sole source contracts shall be filed with the commission and made available for public inspection.
Provides that the Washington public ports association shall: (1) Report annually to the governor and the senate and house of representatives on sole source contracts;
(2) Adopt uniform guidelines regarding management of personal service contracts; and
(3) Provide a training course for port personnel responsible for executing and managing personal service contracts.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- HB 2929** by Representatives Hinkle, Morrell, and McDonald
Modifying certificate of need review requirements.
Modifies provisions related to circumstances in which critical access hospitals are exempt from certificate of need review requirements.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 2930** by Representatives Armstrong, Ericks, Priest, Warnick, McCune, Hailey, Walsh, Kretz, Grant, Schindler, Newhouse, Anderson, Dunn, Ross, Blake, Condotta, Hankins, and Hurst
Verifying that applicants for drivers' licenses and identicards are lawfully within the United States.
Declares that a driver's license or identicard applicant must provide the department of licensing with documentation that the applicant is a United States citizen or that the applicant's presence in the United States is lawful.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- HB 2931** by Representatives Anderson and Chandler
Requiring development and use of the grants, contracts, and loan management system by state agencies.
Requires that the office of financial management shall develop and maintain a grants, contracts, and loan management system for use by all state agencies. Beginning July 1, 2008, the department of ecology and the department of community, trade, and economic development must use the system. By July 1, 2012, all other state agencies shall use the system.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 2932** by Representatives Anderson, Alexander, Haler, Bailey, Rodne, and Kelley
Establishing the state council on fiscal management.
Finds that it would improve budget transparency, government accountability, and better public understanding of state finances for the state to prepare in public process a long-term outlook on the budget, to review and update that outlook, and to make it available to the public.
Establishes the council on fiscal management.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Appropriations.
- HB 2933** by Representatives Wallace, Kenney, Anderson, Darneille, Roberts, Kelley, Hankins, Hasegawa, and Chase
Creating a work group to assess prior learning at institutions of higher education.
Declares an intent to create pathways for adult learners to gain credit for learning from a variety of sources so that college level learning acquired before enrollment can be applied toward academic and workforce degrees.
Provides that the higher education coordinating board shall convene a work group to examine policies related to the acceptance of prior learning credits at institutions of higher education.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- HB 2934** by Representatives Grant, Haler, Ross, Walsh, McIntire, and Hankins; by request of Department of Revenue
Concerning the business and occupation tax classification for cleaning up radioactive waste certain other byproducts.
Includes services supporting the Hanford radioactive waste cleanup within the radioactive waste cleanup business and occupation tax classification.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

- HB 2935** by Representatives Hurst and Conway
Regarding utilization review of physical therapy services covered by industrial insurance.
Concerns utilization review of physical therapy services for persons receiving industrial insurance benefits.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
- HB 2936** by Representatives Moeller and Morrell; by request of Department of Social and Health Services
Modifying confidential information provisions.
Modifies confidential information provisions related to abuse of vulnerable adults.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 2937** by Representatives Moeller, Morrell, Schual-Berke, and Chase; by request of Department of Social and Health Services
Providing for vulnerable adult fatality review.
Provides that the department of social and health services may conduct a vulnerable adult fatality review when the department has reason to believe that the death of the vulnerable adult may be related to the abuse, abandonment, exploitation, or neglect of the vulnerable adult.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 2938** by Representatives Simpson, Schindler, Wood, Hankins, and VanDeWege
Clarifying annexation procedures between cities and fire districts.
Provides that a city or town incorporating or annexing property shall, prior to the effective date of the incorporation or annexation, enter into a service agreement with each fire protection district whose boundaries will be changed by the incorporation or annexation.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- HB 2939** by Representatives Kelley, Kirby, Rodne, and McCune
Regulating exchange facilitators.
Provides that the purpose of this act is to create a law that imposes safeguards ensuring that persons or entities acting as qualified escrows, qualified trusts, qualified intermediaries, and exchange accommodation titleholders are regulated while they are acting as exchange facilitators in exchanges under section 1031 of the internal revenue code.
Declares that a person may not engage in the business of an exchange facilitator without first obtaining and maintaining a license.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection.
- HB 2940** by Representatives Kelley, Warnick, Barlow, McCune, Seaquist, Rodne, VanDeWege, Linville, Lias, Sullivan, Williams, Wood, Rolfes, Campbell, Morrell, Upthegrove, Chase, Kessler, and Ormsby
Establishing the veteran-owned business linked deposit program.
Establishes the veteran-owned business linked deposit program.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection.
- HB 2941** by Representatives Moeller and Conway; by request of Department of Labor & Industries
Concerning licensing fees under the explosives act.
Increases licensing fees under the explosives act.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
- HB 2942** by Representatives Conway, Wood, and Ormsby; by request of Department of Labor & Industries
Adjusting the fee for approval of statements of intent to pay prevailing wages and certification of affidavits of wages paid to forty dollars.
Increases the fee for approval of statements of intent to pay prevailing wages and certification of affidavits of wages paid to forty dollars.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
- HB 2943** by Representatives Wood and Conway; by request of Department of Labor & Industries
Making changes to the factory assembled structures laws administered and enforced by the department of labor and industries.
Modifies provisions related to mobile, manufactured, and recreational units or vehicles.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.
- HB 2944** by Representatives Williams, O'Brien, Hasegawa, Lantz, and Nelson
Regarding the management of the Puget Sound commercial salmon fishery.
Instructs, consistent with RCW 77.50.120, 15.65.028, and this act, the fish and wildlife commission and department managers to facilitate the commercial harvest of Puget Sound salmon with the Puget Sound salmon

commission and prioritize the management of fisheries in ways that, after meeting conservation objectives, prioritize the state's interest in promoting local value-added and processing activities, raising taxable values, and supporting the local food economy of the state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2945 by Representatives Linville, Kessler, Williams, Kirby, Springer, Pearson, O'Brien, Goodman, Lantz, Dunshee, Jarrett, Roach, Campbell, Morrell, Upthegrove, Hurst, and Ormsby

Creating a cause of action for the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal.

Creates a cause of action and provides remedies for the wrongful injury or death of a companion animal.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2946 by Representatives Dickerson, Priest, Kagi, Walsh, Lias, Sullivan, Roberts, Linville, Campbell, Simpson, Upthegrove, Schual-Berke, Hurst, Darneille, Hasegawa, Kessler, Hudgins, and Ormsby; by request of Attorney General

Authorizing leave sharing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Authorizes leave sharing for state employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2947 by Representatives Hunter, Hudgins, Schual-Berke, Anderson, McIntire, Jarrett, Hurst, Rodne, Eddy, Cody, Upthegrove, and Chase

Addressing port districts.

Provides that each commissioner of a port district in a county with one million or more residents must serve in a full-time employment capacity and must be compensated for the performance of his or her official services and duties. Each commissioner must have at least one full-time administrative staff member and one full-time confidential assistant.

Establishes the legislative task force on port district structure and operation.

Provides that each port shall maintain a database on a public web site of all contracts.

Provides that personal services may be procured only in certain circumstances.

Provides that emergency contracts and sole source contracts shall be filed with the commission and made available for public inspection.

Requires that the Washington public ports association shall: (1) Report annually to the governor and the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives on sole source contracts;

(2) Adopt uniform guidelines for management of personal service contracts by all ports; and

(3) Provide a training course for port personnel responsible for executing and managing personal service contracts.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2948 by Representatives Wallace, Goodman, Hasegawa, Priest, Dunshee, Anderson, Linville, Haigh, Fromhold, Ormsby, Roberts, Kelley, and Chase

Providing for a full-time or emeritus faculty member on the governing boards of state colleges and universities.

Provides for a full-time or emeritus faculty member on the governing boards of state colleges and universities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2949 by Representatives Linville, Conway, Armstrong, Condotta, Fromhold, and Wood; by request of Liquor Control Board

Designating nonappropriated expenses of the liquor control board paid from the liquor revolving fund.

Modifies provisions related to administrative expenses of the liquor control board appropriated and paid from the liquor revolving fund.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2950 by Representatives Eddy, Simpson, Warnick, Schindler, Takko, and Springer

Addressing concurrency and impact fees for transportation purposes.

Modifies provisions related to comprehensive plans of counties and cities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2951 by Representatives McDonald, O'Brien, and Morrell

Authorizing law enforcement officers to issue traffic citations for motor vehicle transfer of ownership offenses.

Authorizes law enforcement officers to issue traffic citations for motor vehicle transfer of ownership offenses.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2952 by Representatives O'Brien, Kirby, Sullivan, Schual-Berke, Ericks, Kelley, and Conway

Allowing civil forfeiture of conveyances used in prostitution-related offenses.

Provides that conveyances used in prostitution-related offenses are subject to forfeiture.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2953 by Representatives Blake, Orcutt, Takko, Hailey, Grant, Eickmeyer, Kretz, Linville, Sump, Condotta, and Kessler

Concerning the sales and use tax rate for public facilities in rural counties.

Provides the maximum sales and use tax rates for public facilities in rural counties.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2954 by Representatives Hunter, Priest, Jarrett, and Anderson

Authorizing certain school districts and educational service districts to designate a district treasurer.

Authorizes certain school districts and educational service districts to designate a district treasurer.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2955 by Representatives Hunter, O'Brien, Hurst, Sullivan, Williams, Kelley, and Morrell; by request of Department of Labor & Industries, Department of Social and Health Services, Employment Security Department, Department of Licensing, Attorney General, and Criminal Justice Training Commission

Ensuring access to criminal justice information.

Authorizes the employment security department to investigate fraud and to receive criminal history information in that pursuit.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2956 by Representatives Haler, Hailey, Crouse, Campbell, and VanDeWege

Regarding firearm possession while hunting.

Declares that a person who is otherwise qualified by law to carry a firearm may carry or have in his or her possession such a firearm, including a muzzle loader, while in the field archery hunting during an archery season specified for a designated area or while in the field hunting during muzzle loading season.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2957 by Representatives Hunt, Armstrong, Appleton, Dickerson, VanDeWege, and Chase; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission

Regarding private business activities in state-owned housing provided by the department of fish and wildlife or the parks and recreation commission.

Provides that the department of fish and wildlife and the parks and recreation commission may approve private business activity in state-owned housing provided under Title 77 RCW or chapter 79A.05 RCW. Prior to granting

approval of private business activity in state-owned housing, the fish and wildlife commission and the parks and recreation commission must adopt a private business activity policy that is approved by the executive ethics board.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2958 by Representatives Hunter, McIntire, and Jarrett

Consolidating state lottery revenue distributional directives into a single provision of law.

Consolidates state lottery revenue distributional directives into a single provision of law.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2959 by Representatives Wood, Ormsby, Springer, Conway, Linville, Barlow, Walsh, and Quall

Concerning craft distilleries.

Includes craft distilleries as manufacturers authorized to manufacture, import, sell, and export liquor from the state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2960 by Representatives Barlow, Goodman, O'Brien, Ormsby, Seaquist, Kelley, McCoy, Pettigrew, Williams, Rolfes, Campbell, Morrell, and Simpson

Extending the statute of limitations for certain sex offenses against minors.

Extends the statute of limitations for certain sex offenses against minors.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2961 by Representatives Nelson, Simpson, and Hasegawa

Authorizing the establishment of utility local improvement districts for underground facilities that transmit or distribute electricity or communications.

Authorizes the establishment of utility local improvement districts for underground facilities that transmit or distribute electricity or communications.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2962 by Representatives Kelley, Ross, Ericks, Chandler, VanDeWege, Armstrong, Wood, Ahern, Conway, O'Brien, Simpson, Green, McIntire, and Hurst; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

Providing additional revenues for public safety.

Provides additional revenues for public safety, including law enforcement officers and firefighters plan 2 pension plan benefits.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2963 by Representatives Conway, Campbell, Chase, Hasegawa, Sullivan, Simpson, Seaquist, Appleton, Sells, Wood, Green, Blake, Ericks, Kenney, Williams, McIntire, Pettigrew, Kirby, Moeller, Fromhold, Hunt, VanDeWege, Ormsby, and Hudgins

Authorizing collective bargaining for Washington State University employees who are enrolled in academic programs.

Authorizes collective bargaining for Washington State University employees who are enrolled in academic programs.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2964 by Representatives Rodne and Simpson

Concerning the effect of special fuel taxes on regional transit authorities.

Modifies provisions concerning the effect of special fuel taxes on regional transit authorities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2965 by Representatives Ericks, Orcutt, Green, Hinkle, Eddy, Alexander, Morrell, Williams, Pettigrew, Warnick, Grant, Condotta, Armstrong, Chandler, Linville, McIntire, and Kessler

Developing a feasibility plan for authorizing state administration and collection of local business and occupation taxes.

Requires the department of revenue to develop a feasibility plan for authorizing state administration and collection of local business and occupation taxes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2966 by Representatives Conway, Wood, McIntire, Campbell, Simpson, Appleton, Hasegawa, and Ormsby

Providing for the certification of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and mechanics.

Provides for the certification of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration contractors and mechanics.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2967 by Representatives Conway, Wood, McIntire, Simpson, Hasegawa, and Ormsby

Allowing individuals who left work to enter certain apprenticeship programs to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

Allows individuals who left work to enter certain apprenticeship programs to receive unemployment insurance benefits.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2968 by Representatives Pearson, O'Brien, Kelley, Simpson, and Kretz

Addressing crimes against persons.

Distinguishes what constitutes crimes against persons with what constitutes crimes affecting persons.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2969 by Representatives Hudgins, Hasegawa, and Upthegrove

Requiring local bridge owners to maintain, replace, or appropriate funds for bridges deemed to be especially deficient.

Requires local bridge owners to maintain, replace, or appropriate funds for bridges deemed to be especially deficient.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2970 by Representatives Hudgins, Schual-Berke, Hasegawa, Upthegrove, Kagi, and Chase

Establishing a task force on port district efficiency and collaboration.

Establishes a task force on port district efficiency and collaboration.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2971 by Representatives Simpson, Williams, Conway, Morrell, VanDeWege, Hurst, Chase, and Hudgins

Authorizing the issuance of special license plates to mothers of United States armed forces members killed in combat.

Authorizes the issuance of special license plates to mothers of United States armed forces members killed in combat.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2972 by Representatives Simpson, Williams, Hinkle, VanDeWege, and Hudgins

Addressing the safety of bridges.

Requires the department of transportation to create a bridge safety rating system which must clearly differentiate between bridges that are in need of replacement, bridges in need of major repair, bridges in need of minor repair, and bridges that are not in need of repair.

Requires the department of transportation to erect and maintain bridge safety signs at each approach of every

bridge that is designated as in need of major repair or replacement.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2973 by Representatives McCune, Kelley, Kretz, Campbell, Hailey, Seaquist, Dunn, Wallace, Kristiansen, Walsh, Ericksen, Newhouse, Hasegawa, Ross, Roach, McDonald, Schindler, Ahern, VanDeWege, Linville, Warnick, Eddy, Condotta, Rolfes, Morrell, Nelson, Hurst, Kessler, Bailey, and Ormsby

Exempting school buses from fuel taxes.

Exempts school buses from fuel taxes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2974 by Representatives McCune, Kretz, Warnick, and Bailey

Including the study of the Pledge of Allegiance in high school graduation requirements.

Provides that the study of the Pledge of Allegiance is a condition prerequisite to graduation from the public and private high schools of this state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2975 by Representatives Chandler and Condotta

Regulating the use of agency shop fees.

Regulates the use of agency shop fees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2976 by Representatives Sullivan, Haigh, Quall, Lias, and Nelson; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Approving the segmented mathematics assessment as an alternative assessment.

Approves the segmented mathematics assessment as an alternative assessment.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2977 by Representatives Ericks, Orcutt, Morrell, Hinkle, Williams, Alexander, Eddy, Warnick, Grant, Armstrong, Chandler, O'Brien, Sells, Lias, Roberts, Springer, Linville, Simpson, Hurst, Hasegawa, Kessler, and Ormsby

Concerning the burden of proof for corrections to property tax valuations made by public officials.

Changes the burden of proof for corrections to property tax valuations made by public officials to a preponderance of the evidence.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2978 by Representatives Kretz and Sump

Protecting rural communities from the harmful impacts of interwatershed water rights transfers.

Protects rural communities from the permanent and harmful impacts of interwatershed water rights transfers by allowing only limited and temporary transfers.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2979 by Representatives Williams, Conway, Moeller, and Simpson

Addressing overtime compensation for agricultural employees.

Addresses overtime compensation for certain agricultural employees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2980 by Representatives Williams, Conway, Moeller, and Hasegawa

Prohibiting ex parte contacts with medical providers during industrial insurance appeals.

Prohibits certain ex parte contacts with medical providers during industrial insurance appeals.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2981 by Representatives Williams, Blake, and Simpson

Concerning the regulation of surface mines.

Finds that the list of exemptions in the current system of surface mining regulations creates a patchwork mosaic where essentially identical surface mining operations receive disparate regulatory treatment based solely on who owns the mine and for what reason it exists.

Provides that a county may not directly or indirectly purchase gravel, sand, or rock from a resource excavation operation that is not included within the definition of surface mine if the operation is excluded from the definition of surface mine solely based on one or more of the exemptions provided in RCW 78.44.031(17)(d).

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2982 by Representatives Haigh and Simpson

Authorizing certain members of the teachers' retirement system plan 1 to join the public employees' retirement system plan 1.

Provides that beginning July 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2008, an eligible member of plan 1 of the teachers' retirement system may make a one-time irrevocable election, filed in writing with the department, to leave any service credit earned as a member of plan 1 of the teachers' retirement system in that system and join plan 1 of the public employees' retirement system. An eligible

member who makes this election may, upon satisfying the requirements of chapter 41.54 RCW, become a dual member of the two systems in order to combine service in each system for the purpose of determining benefit eligibility.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2983 by Representatives Haigh, Schual-Berke, Hunt, Sullivan, Lias, Roberts, Chase, and Santos

Expanding the state leadership academy to include training for school directors.

Expands the state leadership academy to include training for school directors.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2984 by Representatives Ericksen and Roberts

Allowing counties to use existing revenues for public trails.

Allows eligible counties to use existing revenues for public trails.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2985 by Representatives Lias, Ericks, Ormsby, Appleton, Hunt, O'Brien, Loomis, Pettigrew, Kagi, Blake, Simpson, and Chase

Establishing local public works assistance funds.

Authorizes county legislative authorities to establish local public works assistance funds for the purpose of funding public works projects located wholly or partially within the county.

Authorizes counties, in consultation with cities and towns within the county, to make loans to local governments from funds established under this act for the purpose of assisting local governments in funding public works projects.

Requires county legislative authorities utilizing or providing money under this act to develop a prioritization process for funding public works projects that gives priority to projects necessary to address public health needs or substantial environmental degradation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 2986 by Representatives Takko and Schindler

Concerning property tax collection and assessment.

Modifies property tax collection and assessment provisions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2987 by Representatives Wallace, Fromhold, Priest, Sullivan, Roberts, McIntire, Simpson, and Hasegawa

Authorizing the transfer of accumulated leave between the common school and higher education systems.

Authorizes the transfer of accumulated leave between the common school and higher education systems.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2988 by Representatives Quall, Priest, Sullivan, and Santos

Changing requirements for student learning plans.

Removes requirements for student learning plans and creates requirements for student improvement plans.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Education.

Senate Bills

SB 6550 by Senator Roach

Repealing the special sex offender sentencing alternative.

Repeals the special sex offender sentencing alternative.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6551 by Senator Roach

Establishing eligibility for the special sex offender sentencing alternative.

Modifies eligibility for the special sex offender sentencing alternative.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6552 by Senators Roach and Benton

Repealing the statute authorizing use of banked levy capacity.

Repeals the statute authorizing use of banked levy capacity.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6553 by Senators Roach and Benton

Requiring voter approval for setting regular property tax levies at increased amounts by using banked levy capacity.

Requires voter approval for setting regular property tax levies at increased amounts by using banked levy capacity.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6554 by Senators Roach, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, Kline, Stevens, Delvin, McCaslin, Shin, and Holmquist

Excluding waste vegetable oil from the special fuel tax.

Excludes waste vegetable oil from the special fuel tax.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6555 by Senators Roach, Pflug, Delvin, Pridemore, Stevens, Parlette, Shin, and Benton

Requiring notification to the secretary of state when a person summoned for jury service does not meet the qualifications of a juror.

Requires notification to the secretary of state when a person summoned for jury service does not meet the qualifications of a juror.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6556 by Senators Honeyford, Pflug, Morton, Stevens, and Swecker

Requiring the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop anaphylactic policy guidelines.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the department of health, to develop anaphylactic policy guidelines for schools to prevent anaphylaxis and deal with medical emergencies resulting from it. The policy guidelines shall be developed with input from pediatricians, school nurses, other health care providers, parents of children with life-threatening allergies, school administrators, teachers, and food service directors.

Requires, by September 1, 2008, the superintendent of public instruction to report policy guidelines to school districts for the districts to use to develop and adopt their policies.

Requires, by January 1, 2009, each school district to use the guidelines developed under this act to develop and adopt a school district policy for each school in the district to follow to assist schools to prevent anaphylaxis.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6557 by Senators Honeyford, Benton, Hobbs, Morton, King, Holmquist, McCaslin, Pflug, Swecker, Stevens, Delvin, Shin, Carrell, Roach, Sheldon, and Kilmer

Concerning property valuation freezes for senior citizens and persons retired due to physical disability.

Provides, for a person who otherwise qualifies under this act and has a combined disposable income of fifty thousand dollars or less, the valuation of the residence shall be the assessed value of the residence on the later of January 1, 1995, or January 1st of the assessment year the person first qualifies under this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6558 by Senators Honeyford, Benton, McCaslin, Holmquist, Morton, Delvin, Pflug, Stevens, Swecker, Roach, and Hatfield

Exempting heating oil, propane, and natural gas used to heat qualifying residences from the retail sales and use tax.

Exempts heating oil, propane, and natural gas used to heat qualifying residences from the retail sales and use tax.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6559 by Senators Honeyford, McCaslin, King, Morton, Delvin, Swecker, Holmquist, and Stevens

Regarding the exemption for construction of a private dock under RCW 90.58.030.

Exempts construction of a dock, including a community dock, designed for pleasure craft only, for the private noncommercial use of the owner, lessee, or contract purchaser of single and multiple family residences, that is no more than seven hundred square feet in surface area, including any ramp, and no section of which is wider than ten feet from substantial development under chapter 90.58 RCW.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6560 by Senators Honeyford, Morton, Delvin, and Swecker

Regarding public utility district contracts.

Provides that for district commissions in counties where fewer than two qualified bidders are located, prudent utility management means performing work with regularly employed personnel utilizing material of a worth not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars in value without a contract.

Provides for the awarding of a contract to purchase any item, or items of the same kind of materials, equipment, or supplies in an amount exceeding ten thousand dollars per calendar month, but less than fifty thousand dollars per calendar month, exclusive of sales tax, the commission may, in lieu of the procedure described in RCW 54.04.070 and 54.04.080 requiring public notice to invite sealed proposals for such materials, equipment, or supplies, pursuant to commission resolution use the process provided in RCW 39.04.190.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6561 by Senators Honeyford, Swecker, Holmquist, Stevens, and McCaslin

Requiring registration for drug offenders.

Requires registration for drug offenders.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6562 by Senators Honeyford and Marr

Applying sanctions to additional traffic violations for failure to satisfy the violation.

Applies sanctions to additional traffic violations for failure to satisfy the violation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6563 by Senators Honeyford, Swecker, Delvin, and Stevens

Creating a grant program for neighborhood organizations.

Establishes in the department of community, trade, and economic development a competitive grant program to encourage communities to develop coordinated strategies to reduce crime and promote safety.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6564 by Senators Honeyford, Morton, Holmquist, Delvin, Parlette, Stevens, and McCaslin

Modifying the agricultural exemption from overtime compensation.

Aligns state law with federal law relating to overtime compensation for agriculture, forestry, and fisheries employees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6565 by Senators Zarelli, Hobbs, Benton, Pflug, Stevens, Honeyford, Morton, Holmquist, McCaslin, Delvin, Parlette, Brandland, Hewitt, and Sheldon

Exempting a portion of the valuation of residential property from property taxation.

Exempts a portion of the valuation of residential property from property taxation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6566 by Senator Swecker

Addressing concurrency and impact fees for transportation purposes.

Modifies provisions related to comprehensive plans of counties and cities.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6567 by Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles

Creating a new nursing facility payment system.

Requires, by September 30, 2008, the department of social and health services to develop a draft proposal for a simplified nursing facility payment system and shall consider stakeholder input in the process of developing the proposal.

Establishes a joint legislative task force on long-term care residential facility payment systems to review recommendations of the department of social and health

services on long-term care residential facility payment systems for the care of medicaid-eligible residents of nursing homes, boarding homes, and adult family homes in Washington state.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6568 by Senators Delvin, Pridemore, Morton, Hatfield, Honeyford, Hobbs, Tom, Shin, Roach, and Sheldon

Creating the joint legislative task force on nuclear energy.

Establishes the joint legislative task force on nuclear energy.

Requires the task force shall study the feasibility of pursuing additional nuclear-generated power in Washington.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6569 by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Hatfield, and Holmquist

Permitting public transit vehicle stops at unmarked stop zones under certain circumstances.

Allows a driver of a public transit vehicle to, under circumstances consistent with the driver's duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the roadway, stop upon a roadway momentarily to receive or discharge passengers at an unmarked stop zone if the driver stops the vehicle as far to the right side of the roadway as is practicable so as to not significantly impede traffic.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6570 by Senators Fairley, Roach, Benton, and Oemig; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission

Regarding private business activities in state-owned housing provided by the department of fish and wildlife or the parks and recreation commission.

Provides that the department of fish and wildlife and the parks and recreation commission may approve private business activity in state-owned housing provided under Title 77 RCW or chapter 79A.05 RCW. Prior to granting approval of private business activity in state-owned housing, the fish and wildlife commission and the parks and recreation commission must adopt a private business activity policy that is approved by the executive ethics board.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6571 by Senator Honeyford

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.

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.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6572 by Senators Spanel, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, and McDermott

Allowing microbreweries to maintain off-premises warehouses for distribution.

Allows microbreweries to maintain off-premises warehouses for distribution.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6573 by Senators Kilmer, Brandland, Kauffman, Delvin, Benton, Roach, McAuliffe, and Rasmussen; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

Providing additional revenues for public safety.

Provides additional revenues for public safety, including law enforcement officers and firefighters plan 2 pension plan benefits.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6574 by Senator Pflug

Reforming the health care system in Washington state.

Establishes the Washington state health insurance exchange to serve public purposes provided for in this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6575 by Senator Pflug

Establishing a health care work group.

Creates a health care work group.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6576 by Senators Swecker, Jacobsen, Pflug, Haugen, and Marr

Creating a pilot project to evaluate the use of electronic traffic flagging devices.

Requires the department of transportation to initiate a pilot project to evaluate the benefits of using electronic traffic flagging devices.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6577 by Senators Weinstein, Hatfield, Rockefeller, and Kohl-Welles

Providing for truth in music advertising.

Provides no person shall advertise or conduct a live musical performance or production through the use of a false, deceptive, or misleading affiliation, connection, or

association between a performing group and a recording group unless exceptions listed in the act apply.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6578 by Senators Roach and Keiser

Regulating hospital district annexations.

Provides an election to annex territory may only be called pursuant to a resolution calling for such an election adopted by the district commissioners following two public hearings on such a resolution. Both hearings on a resolution must be held within the boundaries of the territory to be annexed.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6579 by Senators Jacobsen and Brandland

Creating a restricted driver's license for alcohol violators.

Creates a restricted driver's license for alcohol violators.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6580 by Senators Marr, Weinstein, Pridemore, Kauffman, Keiser, McAuliffe, Hobbs, Regala, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Oemig, Rockefeller, Prentice, and McDermott

Addressing the impacts of climate change through the growth management act.

Mitigates the impacts of climate change through the growth management act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6581 by Senators Kastama and Jacobsen

Eliminating certification requirements for public school principals and vice principals.

Eliminates certification requirements for public school principals and vice principals.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6582 by Senators Roach, Oemig, and King

Eliminating the requirement that auditors send a ballot or an application to receive a ballot to inactive voters.

Eliminates the requirement that auditors send a ballot or an application to receive a ballot to inactive voters.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6583 by Senators Brandland and Hargrove

Changing provisions relating to eligibility for medical assistance.

Changes provisions relating to eligibility for medical assistance.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6584 by Senators Brandland and Hargrove

Facilitating continuity of medical assistance for persons confined in correctional institutions and institutions for mental diseases.

Facilitates continuity of medical assistance for persons confined in correctional institutions and institutions for mental diseases.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6585 by Senators Murray, Delvin, Kilmer, and McCaslin

Concerning attachments to utility poles of locally regulated utilities.

Regulates attachments to utility poles of locally regulated utilities.

Requires that a just and reasonable rate charged by a locally regulated utility assure the locally regulated utility the recovery of not less than all the additional costs of procuring and maintaining pole attachments nor more than the actual capital and operating expenses, including just compensation, of the locally regulated utility attributable to that portion of the pole, duct, or conduit used for the pole attachment, including a share of the required support and clearance space, in proportion to the space used for the pole attachment, as compared to all other uses made of the subject facilities and uses that remain available to the owner or owners of the subject facilities.

Requires that a locally regulated utility respond to a licensee's request to attach within forty-five days.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6586 by Senators Sheldon and Stevens

Limiting property taxation.

Provides property tax relief by setting base years for property tax valuation computation and limiting property tax valuation increases to one percent per year over the base year until ownership of the property changes on owner-occupied property claimed as a principal place of residence.

Takes effect if the Constitution is amended to allow it.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6587 by Senators Fraser and Swecker

Concerning property tax collection and assessment.

Modifies property tax collection and assessment provisions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6588 by Senators Kauffman, Prentice, Kastama, Hobbs, Sheldon, Delvin, Shin, McAuliffe, and Rasmussen

Authorizing the transfer of accumulated leave between the common school and higher education systems.

Authorizes the transfer of accumulated leave between the common school and higher education systems.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6589 by Senators Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Brandland, and Delvin

Concerning master collective bargaining agreements.

Concerns master collective bargaining agreements.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6590 by Senators Fairley, Brandland, McAuliffe, Delvin, and Regala; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Modifying confidential information provisions.

Modifies confidential information provisions related to abuse of vulnerable adults.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6591 by Senators Benton and Berkey; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Regulating insurance producers.

Regulates insurance producers, formerly known as brokers, agents, or solicitors.

Takes effect July 1, 2009.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

SB 6592 by Senators Morton, Jacobsen, Hatfield, Zarelli, Shin, Swecker, and Rasmussen

Concerning damage to livestock.

Authorizes the director of fish and wildlife to reimburse owners of commercial livestock that have been damaged by predatory wildlife.

Creates a commercial livestock valuation committee.

Distinguishes payment for crop damage from payment for commercial livestock damage, under certain circumstances.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6593 by Senators Kline, Oemig, Rockefeller, Swecker, Murray, Regala, and Pridemore

Providing for groundwater monitoring and assessments.

Provides for groundwater monitoring and assessments by the department of ecology.

Makes an appropriation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6594 by Senator Carrell; by request of Attorney General

Requiring the creation and distribution of an eminent domain information pamphlet.

Requires the attorney general's office, by December 1, 2009, to publish, and update when appropriate, a pamphlet explaining eminent domain and its purposes and scope, the authority of agencies and entities exercising eminent domain, the rights of persons subject to eminent domain proceedings, and any other issues pertaining to eminent domain as determined by the attorney general. A copy of the pamphlet must be mailed with each notice of planned final action.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6595 by Senator Carrell; by request of Attorney General

Modifying the community renewal law.

Modifies community renewal law provisions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6596 by Senators Hargrove, Carrell, Regala, Stevens, Marr, Shin, McAuliffe, Brandland, and Kilmer

Providing for the creation of a sex offender policy board.

Creates a sex offender policy board.

Specifies the duties of the board.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6597 by Senators Hargrove, Stevens, Regala, and Kohl-Welles

Increasing the minimum age for gambling.

Increases the minimum age for all gambling activities to twenty-one years.

Prohibits the state lottery and its lottery sales agents from actively targeting advertisement to persons under the age of twenty-one years.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6598 by Senators Regala and Kastama

Authorizing a local sales and use tax for parks and recreation, trails, and open space allocation.

Authorizes a local sales and use tax for costs associated with parks and recreation, trails, and open space.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6599 by Senators Murray, Regala, Pridemore, and Rockefeller

Regarding civil penalty provisions for on-site sewage disposal systems administered by local health jurisdictions.

Clarifies the civil penalty provisions for on-site sewage disposal systems administered by local health jurisdictions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6600 by Senators Stevens, Hargrove, McAuliffe, Carrell, Brandland, and Tom

Establishing procedures for civil contempt proceedings in truancy matters.

Establishes procedures for civil contempt proceedings in truancy matters.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6601 by Senators Keiser, Zarelli, Kauffman, and Shin

Regulating contracting standards of home care agencies.

Provides the department of social and health services shall not contract with any home care agency, as defined in RCW 70.127.010, that has been found by the department of labor and industries or a court of competent jurisdiction to have violated any provision of chapters 39.12, 49.46, and 49.48 RCW, unless the department finds that denying a contract would seriously inhibit the state's ability to provide vulnerable and elderly residents with quality community-based home care.

Provides a home care agency licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW shall not subcontract with any agency or individual to provide care to a client.

Provides a home care agency shall not employ, or be reimbursed for, a family member of a client who provides care for the client.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6602 by Senators Haugen and Swecker; by request of Board of Pilotage Commissioners

Modifying certain provisions of the pilotage act.

Modifies certain provisions of the pilotage act.

Establishes standards for pilot applicant examinations and training programs.

Establishes a system for pilot applicants to seek review of examination results.

Establishes immunity from civil liability for pilots, pilot trainees, and the board of pilotage commissioners, in certain circumstances.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6603 by Senators Fairley, Kohl-Welles, and Fraser;
by request of Insurance Commissioner

Establishing the guaranteed health benefit program act.

Establishes a program to protect residents of this state from catastrophic health costs and ensure access to meaningful preventive health care for all residents of this state not enrolled in medicare, veterans' benefits, TRICARE, CHAMPUS, FEHBP, or other federal government programs, or who are confined or reside in government-operated institutions.

Establishes the guaranteed health benefits board to govern the program.

Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6604 by Senators Murray, Holmquist, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, King, and Marr

Enhancing the mobility of certified public accountants.

Finds the multiple state licensing and registering requirements for certified public accountants to be cumbersome and an unnecessary constraint on the consumers of professional certified public accountant services. In order to serve their various client needs, certified public accountants must often delay service while they first spend countless hours and dollars to register with regulators in the jurisdiction of the client.

Declares an intent to eliminate the requirement for out-of-state certified public accountants to notify the Washington state board of accountancy of intent to practice and pay a fee, unless these individuals or firms are providing audit or opinion-type services.

Modifies the requirements for entities that must hold a license to practice as a CPA firm.

Provides that an individual whose principal place of business is not in this state shall be presumed to have qualifications substantially equivalent to this state's requirements and shall have all the privileges of licensees of this state without the need to obtain a license under RCW 18.04.105 if the individual: (1) Holds a valid license as a certified public accountant from any state that requires, as a condition of licensure, that an individual: (a) have at least one hundred fifty semester hours of college education; (b) achieve a passing grade on the uniform certified public accountant examination; and (c) possess at least one year of experience including service or advice involving the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax, or consulting skills, all of which was verified by a licensee; or

(2) Holds a valid license as a certified public accountant from any state that does not meet the requirements of (1) of this subsection, but such individual's CPA qualifications are substantially equivalent to those requirements.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6605 by Senators Franklin, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Hobbs, Murray, Marr, Keiser, Kauffman, Shin, McAuliffe, Regala, Rasmussen, Brown, Pridemore, Kline, Eide, Fraser, Tom, and Kilmer

Creating an energy efficiency worker training program.

Creates an energy efficiency worker training program.
Expires June 30, 2013.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6606 by Senators Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Honeyford, Prentice, Murray, and Rasmussen

Requiring the licensing of home inspectors.

Requires the licensing of home inspectors.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6607 by Senators Spanel, Haugen, and Rasmussen

Exempting certain dairy animal feeding operations from shellfish protection district wastewater discharge assessments.

Exempts certain dairy animal feeding operations from shellfish protection district wastewater discharge assessments.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8226 by Senators Zarelli, Hobbs, Benton, Pflug, Stevens, Honeyford, Holmquist, McCaslin, Parlette, Brandland, Hewitt, Delvin, Rasmussen, and Sheldon

Providing a homestead exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.

Provides a homestead exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.