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House Bills

HB 2143-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Hunt, Chase, Flannigan, Hudgins, Morrell, and Ormsby)

Requiring the use of alternatives to lead wheel weights.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Finds that lead hazards associated with lead wheel weights represent a preventable environmental health problem. Lead wheel weights fall off of vehicle wheels along Washington's roadways.

Requires the department to establish an advisory committee, in consultation with the department of health, the traffic safety commission, and the department of general administration, to identify and make readily available to tire distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and auto manufacturers by January 1, 2009, an approved list of environmentally preferred alternatives to lead wheel weights that are available for purchase.

Provides that use of environmentally preferred alternative wheel weights is required at the time of the first tire replacement or the first tire balancing after: (1) January 1, 2010, for all state-owned vehicles;

(2) January 1, 2011, for all used vehicles registered in Washington state; and

(3) January 1, 2012, for all new vehicles registered in Washington state.

Provides that failure of a person that installs wheel weights to comply with this act is punishable by a civil penalty.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 14 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
- Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 18 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 78; nays, 17; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

HB 2438-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Williams, Blake, McCune, Newhouse, Takko, Chandler, Condotta, Armstrong, Dunn, McDonald, Warnick, and Pearson)

Making permanent a pilot project that allows for the use of dogs to hunt cougars. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Extending a pilot project that allows for the use of dogs to hunt cougars.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Extends the pilot program in which cougars may be pursued or killed with dogs, to aid the department of fish and wildlife in the gathering of information necessary to formulate a recommendation to the legislature regarding whether a permanent program is warranted, and if so, what constraints, goals, and objectives should be included in a permanent program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 4 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

- Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 66; nays, 29; absent, 0; excused, 3.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

HB 2494-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Ormsby, and Chase)

Requiring the department of health to develop a medical treatment preference form and limiting liability for providers who act in accordance with such forms.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

Requires the department of health to develop a simple medical order form for documenting a person's life-sustaining and emergency treatment preferences, which clearly indicates "resuscitate" or "do not resuscitate" and other choices for life-sustaining and emergency treatment or related comfort care that shall be followed by emergency medical personnel certified under chapters 18.71 and 18.73 RCW.

Provides that emergency medical personnel who, in good faith, provide, withhold, or withdraw treatment from a person in accordance with the directions stated on a medical order form developed and endorsed by the department of health under this act and executed in accordance with this act are immune from civil or criminal liability, including professional conduct sanctions.

Provides that any provider who, in good faith, provides, withholds, or withdraws life-sustaining treatment, emergency treatment including "resuscitate" or "do not resuscitate," or related treatment for comfort care from a person in accordance with the directions stated on a medical order form developed and endorsed by the department of health under RCW 43.70.480 and signed in accordance with RCW 43.70.480(3) is immune from civil or criminal liability, including professional conduct sanctions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 6 Referred to Appropriations.
- Feb 8 Committee relieved of further consideration. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 83; nays, 14; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2626-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives VanDeWege, Kessler, Blake, Takko, DeBolt, Ormsby, Roberts, Kenney, Morrell, Simpson, and Chase)

Studying options for suspending the waiting week for individuals who are unemployed because of an emergency or disaster.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/18/2008)

Requires the employment security department to conduct a study of options for suspending the waiting period requirement for individuals who are unemployed because of an emergency or disaster, and shall examine ways to mitigate the impacts, if any, of these options on the unemployment compensation system. The employment security department shall also forward information provided by the military department about other means of providing assistance to individuals impacted by an emergency or disaster. The employment security department shall report on its study to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 18 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 20 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

HB 2709-S2 by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst, Pettigrew, Appleton, Sells, Green, Conway, Morrell, Anderson, Sullivan, Kenney, Schual-Berke, McIntire, Wood, Hudgins, Simpson, Goodman, VanDeWege, Ormsby, and Rolfes)

Authorizing school districts to establish a price preference to purchase locally grown food. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Exempting purchases of Washington grown food from school district competitive bid procedures.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Provides school districts the authority to consider the distance food travels from the point of production to the point of consumption when making food procurement decisions.

Authorizes the board of directors of any school district to implement policies and procedures to facilitate and maximize purchases of Washington grown food.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 2nd 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 --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- HB 2734** by Representatives Newhouse and Hudgins
Encouraging the removal of artificial vertical shoreline bank structures.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)
Provides that a substantial development permit is not required for development within a restoration area if the proposed project is to be located on shorelines designated as a high-intensity shoreline environment under the applicable master plan or shorelines consistent with a high-intensity shoreline environment designation under the applicable master plan.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 16 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- Feb 1 LG - Executive action taken by committee.
LG - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.
- HB 2879-S** by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Ericksen, Hasegawa, Morrell, and Kelley; by request of Attorney General)
Modifying provisions regulating spyware.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Identifies and makes unlawful various deceptive practices involving transmission of software to computers without the knowledge or authorization of the owner.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 5 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.
- HB 2881-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Hinkle, Kenney, and Cody)
Concerning the practice of dentistry.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)
Allows dentists who have practiced in another state for at least five years and who have completed at least a one-year postdoctoral residency to obtain a license without examination.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 4 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- HB 2907-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Schual-Berke, Hinkle, Green, Morrell, Simpson, and Haler)
Concerning operating agreements between the secretary of health and health care licensing and disciplinary boards and commissions.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Provides that the secretary of health and each of the professional licensing and disciplinary boards and commissions shall enter into written joint operating agreements that detail the budgetary, staffing, administrative, and other licensing and disciplinary support that the department will provide each board and commission. The intent of these agreements is to provide a legal framework for ensuring that each board and commission is provided with adequate administrative and staff support from the department to effectively enable the board or commission to fulfill its statutory responsibilities.
Revises how executive directors of various licensing and disciplinary boards and commissions are employed.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 4 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 5 Referred to Appropriations.
- HB 2994-S** by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko, Crouse, Hasegawa, VanDeWege, Roberts, Hankins, and Haler)
Promoting renewable energy.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the state shall make payments to the owner of any qualified renewable energy facility. The state shall make payments to the owner of a qualified renewable energy facility only for the duration that the facility is eligible to receive federal renewable energy production incentive payments as provided under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 13317 as of August 8, 2005. If a facility is currently in operation as of the effective date of this act, the state shall make payments to the owner of a qualified renewable energy facility for the remaining time the facility is eligible to receive federal renewable energy production incentive payments as provided under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 13317 as of August 8, 2005.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 6 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 3001-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Nelson, Simpson, Williams, Appleton, Eddy, VanDeWege, Kenney, Roberts, and Upthegrove)

Prohibiting discrimination in community athletics programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits discrimination by any city, town, county, or district against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct, or administration of community athletics programs for youth or adults or in the allocation of park and recreation facilities and resources that support these programs. Cities, towns, counties, districts, and public school districts shall not authorize or grant permits or other permissions to third parties for the use of such facilities or resources for community athletics programs if the third party's program discriminates against any person on the basis of sex.

Establishes a work group to study reporting guidelines that will enable effective compliance monitoring of community athletics programs in order to accomplish the intent of this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 15 Placed on second reading.
Feb 19 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 3002-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Sells, Ericks, Simpson, Hurst, Loomis, Conway, Lias, VanDeWege, Kenney, Linville, and Ormsby)

Applying arbitration to bargaining by the state and the Washington state patrol.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/15/2008)

Imposes minimum obligations for appointment of an interest arbitration panel and for selection of negotiation dates.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 4 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
Feb 13 Placed on second reading.
Feb 15 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 90; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 8.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Feb 19 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

HB 3048-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Goodman, Pettigrew, Roberts, Darneille, Appleton, Hasegawa, and Kenney)

Creating a pilot program addressing legal representation for children in dependency proceedings who are age twelve and over.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the dependent youth representation pilot program to promote adequate and effective legal representation for children age twelve and over in dependency proceedings. The pilot program shall be administered by the University of Washington school of law, children and youth advocacy clinic.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Feb 6 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 3071-S by House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Rodne, and Williams)

Harmonizing statutes that address the termination of condominiums.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides, subject to RCW 64.34.010 (1) and (2) and the rights of mortgagees and the holders of all liens affecting any of the apartments, apartment owners may remove a property from the provisions of this act and terminate the condominium in the manner set forth in RCW 64.34.268 (1) through (7) and (10), in which event all of the provisions of RCW 64.34.268 (1) through (7) and (10) shall apply to such removal in lieu of RCW 64.32.150 (1) and (2).

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 4 HOUS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 18 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 52; nays, 43;
absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 20 First reading, referred to Consumer
Protection & Housing.

HB 3077-S by House Committee on State Government &
Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by
Representatives Lias, Armstrong, Appleton, Hunt,
O'Brien, Green, Rodne, Ericks, Miloscia, Williams,
Simpson, and Hasegawa)

Transferring leave to leave pool programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides, with the permission of an employee who
transfers leave, the leave may be transferred to the sick
leave pool under RCW 41.04.680.

Requires annual leave that is lost by an employee
because he or she did not take it within the required time
period to be transferred equally to the uniformed service
shared leave pool created under RCW 41.04.685 and the
sick leave pool created under RCW 41.04.680.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do pass.

Feb 6 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 3078-S by House Committee on Human Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives
O'Brien, Dickerson, Darneille, Haler, Roach, Wallace,
Walsh, Roberts, Springer, Williams, Green, Simpson,
Conway, and Ormsby)

Establishing a lifelong services program for persons with
developmental disabilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Orders the department of social and health services to
adopt and implement rules that enable working age adults
with developmental disabilities to pursue and maintain
gainful employment in integrated settings. The rules must
provide that counties, under contract with the department
and within available funding, will develop and make
available services that offer support for working age adults
who do not have a severe or profound developmental
disability or are not nearing retirement age to pursue or
maintain gainful employment, including support and
technical assistance to achieve integrated employment
outcomes; and offer persons with a severe or profound
developmental disability and persons nearing retirement
age the option to participate in employment-related
activities and nonemployment-related community access
services.

Orders department staff to: (1) Authorize services to
working age adults that support the individual's ability to
pursue and maintain integrated, gainful employment; and

(2) Authorize community access services for persons
with severe or profound developmental disabilities or
adults nearing retirement age.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 HS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do pass.

Feb 6 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 3095-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally
sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Ericks,
Kagi, Pedersen, Green, Moeller, Goodman, Seaquist,
Williams, and Ormsby)

Concerning provisions governing firearms possession by
persons who have been involuntarily committed.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the convicting or committing court to issue
notification of a person's disqualification from possessing a
firearm within three judicial days.

Revises the standards and processes that apply when a
person who was involuntarily committed applies for
restoration of the right to possess a firearm.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 6 Referred to Appropriations.

Feb 11 APP - Executive action taken by
committee.

APP - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill
proposed by Judiciary.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second
reading.

Feb 15 Placed on second reading.

Feb 19 Returned to Rules Committee for second
reading.

HB 3133-S by House Committee on Housing (originally
sponsored by Representatives Lias, Ormsby,
Miloscia, Sells, Roberts, Priest, Hunt, Appleton, Rolfes,
Loomis, Sullivan, Goodman, Morrell, McIntire, Wood,
Hurst, Nelson, and Santos)

Requiring a minimum of three years' notice on closures or
conversions of mobile home parks and manufactured
housing communities.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Requires the landlord to give the tenants in mobile
home parks or manufactured housing communities two
years' notice in advance of the effective date of a closure or
conversion.

Provides that the two-year closure notice requirement
does not apply under certain conditions.

Requires a tenant who sells a mobile home,
manufactured home, or park model within a park to provide
the buyer with a copy of any closure notice provided by a
landlord, as required under RCW 59.20.080, at least seven
days in advance of the intended sale and transfer.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 HOUS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 5 Placed on second reading.

Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third
Reading.

Rules suspended.

Returned to second reading for
amendment.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 59; nays, 36; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

HB 3145-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Haler, Roberts, Walsh, Pettigrew, Dickerson, Conway, Green, Goodman, Kenney, Wood, and Ormsby)

Implementing a tiered classification system for foster parent licensing.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/15/2008)

Requires the department of social and health services to select two or more geographic areas with high concentrations of children with significant needs in foster care for the implementation of phase one of a specialized foster parent program. During phase one of the implementation of the program, only state-licensed foster parents shall be eligible to participate in the program.

Requires the department of social and health services to report to the governor and the appropriate members of the legislature by September 1, 2009, and to identify the essential elements of the specialized foster parent program that should be addressed or replicated as the program is expanded to the next phase.

Applies collective bargaining provisions to the governor with respect to specialized foster care home providers.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 15 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 72; nays, 22; absent, 0; excused, 4.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 19 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

HB 3160-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Newhouse, Ericks, Goodman, Armstrong, Linville, McDonald, Kessler, Dickerson, Wood, Wallace, Hunter, Blake, Clibborn, Morrell, Williams, Loomis, Lias, Kelley, Eddy, Takko, Warnick, Jarrett, Rodne, Sullivan, Roach, VanDeWege, Kenney, and Ormsby)

Addressing the availability of nutrition information.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Establishes a legislative task force on nutritional information disclosure.

Requires the task force to study current efforts on nutritional information disclosure at restaurants including, but not limited to, systems for estimating actual nutritional

information, health impacts of menu labeling, cost and impact to the restaurant industry, and alternatives to any current approaches.

Provides that a moratorium is enacted upon all local boards of health or health districts from adopting an ordinance, rule, policy, regulation, or permit requirement regarding mandatory menu labeling or nutritional information disclosure until April 26, 2009.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Feb 8 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 82; nays, 13; absent, 0; excused, 3.

Vote on third reading will be reconsidered.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 81; nays, 14; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

HB 3306-S2 by House Committee on App Subcom Ed (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace and Dunn)

Regarding eLearning at institutions of higher education.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/2008)

States the legislature's intent to establish and maintain a comprehensive set of best practices and standards of accountability and quality for all eLearning programs to guide students and their families when making course and program degree selections.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to convene a work group that includes representatives from the workforce training and education coordinating board, the prosperity partnership, the technology alliance, the higher education coordinating board, a private career or vocational school, a four-year public institution of higher education, the council of faculty representatives, the united faculty of Washington state, community and technical college faculty, and a community or technical college student to take actions related to electronic learning listed in the act.

Defines "eLearning".

Requires the work group to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2009.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 APPE - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading.

Feb 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

- Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- HB 3317** by Representatives Hunter, Anderson, McIntire, and Santos
- Regarding standards and curriculum in mathematics and science. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Regarding mathematics standards.)
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)
- Provides the legislature intends that the revised mathematics standards by the office of the superintendent of public instruction will set higher expectations for Washington's students by fortifying content and increasing rigor; provide greater clarity, specificity, and measurability about what is expected of students in each grade; supply more explicit guidance to educators about what to teach and when; enhance the relevance of mathematics to students' lives; and ultimately result in more Washington students having the opportunity to be successful in mathematics.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 30 First reading, referred to Education.
- Feb 5 ED - Executive action taken by committee.
ED - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 6 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 19 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- HB 3376** by Representatives Dunn and McCune
- Regarding reporting of impaired drivers by health care professionals.
- Provides that a health care provider or health care facility may disclose health care information about a patient without the patient's authorization if the disclosure is to federal, state, or local law enforcement authorities, when the health care provider is providing medical care in a health care facility immediately after a motor vehicle accident to a person reasonably believed to be the operator of a motor vehicle involved in the accident and the health care provider becomes aware, as a result of any blood test performed in the course of that treatment, that the person's blood alcohol level meets or exceeds the legal limit.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
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- Senate Bills**
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- SB 5271-S2** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally
- sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Benton, Kline, Swecker, Roach, and Rasmussen)
- Modifying when a special election may be held.
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)
- Provides a special election may be held on the second Tuesday in February; the fourth Tuesday in April; the day of the primary as specified by RCW 29A.04.311; or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 13 Executive session in committee.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 4 GO - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 1; absent, 1; excused, 1.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- SB 6235-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Keiser)
- Addressing public works procurement.
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)
- Introduces new types of services included in the public works procurement process.
- Requires port districts to specifically comply with chapter 39.80 RCW in the procurement of all architectural, engineering, and other construction-related services, as those terms are defined in RCW 39.80.020.
- Provides that when a public port district purchases property outside of the district's jurisdictional boundaries, as part of the planning process for developing the property, the port must study and disclose through the public hearing process in the impacted community the impact of the proposed development plans.
- Requires the commission to establish, by resolution, policies to comply with RCW 39.04.280 that set forth the conditions by which competitive bidding requirements for public works contracts may be waived.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 18 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.

- Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 33; nays, 15; absent, 1; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 20 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- SB 6360-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug, Keiser, Swecker, Fairley, Hewitt, Schoesler, and Kohl-Welles)
- Establishing a task force on primary care medical practice. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing a work group on primary care medical practice.)
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)
- Establishes the work group on primary care medical practice.
Requires the work group to examine ways to recruit and retain primary care physicians in the state.
Requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008.
Requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the office of financial management by December 1, 2008, for consideration in the office of financial management's study of the primary care system, pursuant to Substitute Senate Bill No. 6282 (2008).
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 8 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 12 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- SB 6438-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Rockefeller, Oemig, Honeyford, Murray, Delvin, and Pridemore)
- Creating a statewide high-speed internet deployment and adoption initiative. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Coordinating the development of a statewide high-speed internet deployment and adoption initiative.)
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)
- Requires the department of information services, as the state agency responsible for coordinating with the education sectors on the K-20 educational network, to work to coordinate the development of a comprehensive, statewide high-speed internet deployment and adoption initiative that will be implemented through a public-private partnership with a nonprofit organization, as set forth in this act.
- Provides, by September 1, 2008, the department and the work group created in this act shall develop a high-speed internet deployment and adoption strategy for implementation by a nonprofit organization to accomplish specified goals.
Requires the department to contract with a nonprofit organization to accomplish the objectives set forth in this act.
- Provides that, by January 1, 2009, the department, in consultation with the utilities and transportation commission and other relevant agencies, shall identify and make publicly available a web directory of public facilities that provide community technology programs throughout the state.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 18 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 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.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.
- SB 6580-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored 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.
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)
- Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop and provide advisory climate change response methodologies, computer modeling programs, and estimates to counties and cities that include a range of methodologies and estimates.
Establishes a local government global warming mitigation and adaptation program to assist counties and cities that are addressing climate change through their land use and transportation planning, and those that aspire to do so but lack necessary resources.
Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to present a report to the legislature regarding climate change recommendations and assessments.
- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 7 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Government Operations & Elections.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 18 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 31; nays, 18; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 20 First reading, referred to Local Government.

SB 6641 by Senators Regala, Zarelli, and Carrell; by request of Department of Revenue

Providing that voter-approved increases in property tax levy limitations for a multiyear period of up to six years do not permanently increase a taxing district's levy base, unless otherwise provided in the ballot proposition.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Provides that voter-approved property tax increases do not permanently increase a taxing district's levy base, unless expressly stated in the ballot proposition.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 21 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 1 WM - Majority; do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 18 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Finance.

SB 6809-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Eide, Oemig, Hatfield, Regala, Fraser, Brown, Fairley, Tom, Kilmer, Keiser, Franklin, Kauffman, Kline, Rasmussen, Spanel, Jacobsen, and Kohl-Welles)

Providing a tax exemption for working families measured by the federal earned income tax credit.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Declares the intent to provide a sales and use tax exemption, in the form of a remittance, to lower-income working families in Washington and to use the federal earned income tax credit as a proxy for the amount of sales tax paid.

Declares that the department of revenue must assess the implementation of the working families' tax exemption in a

report to the legislature to identify administrative or resource issues that require legislative action.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 18 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 32; nays, 16; absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Finance.

SB 6821 by Senators Hatfield and Jacobsen

Exempting certain information obtained by the department of fish and wildlife from disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning fish and wildlife harvest management.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)

Exempts information that the department of fish and wildlife has received or accessed but may not disclose due to confidentiality requirements in the Magnuson-Stevens fishery conservation and management reauthorization act of 2006 from public disclosure.

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to purchase commercial fishing vessels and appurtenant gear, and the current state commercial fishing licenses, delivery permits, and charter boat licenses if the license or permit holder was substantially restricted in fishing as a result of compliance with *United States of America et al. v. State of Washington et al.*

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- Feb 7 NROR - Majority; do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 18 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Rules suspended.
Returned to second reading for amendment.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 3; absent, 1; excused, 1.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB 6951 by Senators Prentice and Oemig

Concerning the taxation of moist snuff.

Provides for a tax on the sale, handling, or distribution of moist snuff in an amount equal to fifty cents per container.

Asserts that payment of the tax imposed or exemption from such tax must be evidenced by: (1) Stamps affixed to each container of moist snuff; or

(2) Some other indicia of tax payment or exemption applied to each container of moist snuff, as authorized.

Declares that no person other than a licensed distributor may possess unstamped moist snuff within this state for sale, handling, or distribution.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.