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House Bills

HB 2808-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sullivan, Upthegrove, Quall, Lias, Priest, Green, Conway, Pedersen, Kenney, Hudgins, Santos, Kelley, and Ormsby)

Providing additional opportunities to assist students who have not completed all graduation requirements.

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

Provides additional opportunities to assist students who have not completed all graduation requirements.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop information and training for counselors and mentor teachers on providing guidance to students who have completed required course credits but will not be ready to graduate with their class because they need additional skills in key academic areas, including meeting state standards on the Washington assessment of student learning.

Authorizes the office of the superintendent of public instruction to allocate grants to school districts, skill centers, and educational service districts to create high school plus programs targeted to students who have completed required course credits but are not ready to graduate with their class because they need additional skills in key academic areas, including meeting state standards on the Washington assessment of student learning.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to submit a report on the program design and outcomes of high school plus programs created by the act to the education committees of the legislature by September 15, 2009.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading.

Feb 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

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

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

HB 2815-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee, Priest, Linville, Upthegrove, Nelson, Goodman, Hurst, Lantz, Hunt, Cody, McCoy, Quall, Pettigrew, Fromhold, Dickerson, Darneille, Appleton, Green, Sells, Pedersen, Jarrett, Conway, Morrell, Miloscia, Sullivan, Schual-Berke, McIntire, Williams, Hudgins, Simpson, Ericks, VanDeWege, and Ormsby; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Providing a framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Washington economy.

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

Requires the state to limit greenhouse gas emissions to achieve emission reductions for Washington state established by this act.

Requires the director to develop, in coordination with the western climate initiative, a design for a regional multisector market-based system to limit and reduce emissions of greenhouse gas consistent with the emission reductions established in this act.

Requires the department of ecology and the department of community, trade, and economic development to provide a report to the legislature with recommendations regarding a regional multisector market-based system, by December 1, 2008.

Requires the department to adopt rules requiring annual reporting of total greenhouse gas emissions.

Declares that the department of transportation shall adopt broad statewide goals to reduce annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 2050 consistent with the stated goals of executive order 07-02.

Establishes a comprehensive green economy jobs growth initiative based on the goal of, by 2020, increasing the number of green economy jobs to twenty-five thousand from the eight thousand four hundred jobs the state had in 2004.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not 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, 64; nays, 31; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

HB 2818-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell and Hudgins)

Concerning the duties of the department of ecology's office of waste reduction and sustainable production.

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

Increases the duties of the office of waste reduction within the department of ecology regarding the decrease of toxic chemicals use.

Directs the department of ecology to convene a balanced stakeholder group to evaluate the pollution prevention plan requirements in RCW 70.95C.200 and 70.95E.030 and report its findings to the legislature by December 31, 2008.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 30 ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

HB 2938-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Schindler, Wood, Hankins, and VanDeWege)

Clarifying annexation procedures between cities and fire districts.

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

Provides that if any portion of a fire protection district is proposed for annexation to or incorporation into a city, code city, or town, both the fire protection district and the city, code city, or town shall inform the employees of the fire protection district about hires, separations, terminations, and any other changes in employment that are a direct consequence of annexation or incorporation.

Declares that transfers shall be made in order of seniority.

Asserts that cities and towns annexing territory shall, prior to completing the annexation, make legislative findings regarding the likely effects that the annexation and any associated asset transfers may have upon the safety of residents within and outside the proposed annexation area.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 5 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 6 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, 94; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 21 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

HB 3117 by Representatives Hunter, Sullivan, and McIntire

Requiring a LEAP document that provides estimates of educational programs and services for each publicly proposed budget document. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Requiring LEAP to prepare and post on a web site a presentation that provides estimates of educational programs and services for each publicly proposed budget document.)

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

Requires the legislative evaluation and accountability committee to cause to be prepared a presentation.

Declares that the purpose of the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee presentation is to make transparent to the public, using categories and terms that are readily understood, examples of the type and level of educational programs and services supported by funding appropriated in the omnibus appropriations act under specified programs for support of the common schools.

Requires each legislative evaluation and accountability program committee presentation prepared to provide estimates for certain items, based on the level of state funding appropriated in the budget bill for which the document is prepared and for the school year immediately following the legislative session in which the bill is considered.

- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 22 First reading, referred to Appropriations.
- Feb 11 APP - Executive action taken by committee. APP - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 14 Made eligible to be placed on 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 Ways & Means.

HB 3131-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Goodman, Williams, Kelley, and Ormsby)

Addressing school safety.

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

Prohibits a variety of weapons and dangerous objects on public or private elementary or secondary school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public or private schools, and prohibits possession and use of any object, implement, or instrument that has the capacity to inflict death or substantial bodily harm when the use, attempt, threat, or intent is of a nature likely to inflict death or substantial bodily harm.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to convene a multistakeholder school threat assessment work group to develop a model policy and programmatic guidance on threat assessment and threat management in schools.

Requires each school district board of directors to adopt a policy on threat assessment and threat management in schools that addresses how schools will provide for the safety of all individuals involved in or affected by threats of violence or harm, or the use, attempted use, threatened use, or intent to use a firearm or other weapon prohibited under RCW 9.41.280.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Feb 6 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, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.

Vote on final passage will be reconsidered.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 92; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE SENATE --

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

HB 3137 by Representatives DeBolt, Kessler, Orcutt, Alexander, Hunt, Blake, Williams, Rolfes, Loomis, Sullivan, VanDeWege, Halder, Kelley, Dunn, Kretz, Ross, Bailey, McCune, Skinner, Herrera, and Ormsby

Providing property tax relief for property damaged in the 2007 floods.

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

Provides real and personal property reduced in value and subject to an abatement under RCW 84.70.010 is exempt from state and local portions of the property tax for three calendar years, beginning in the calendar year in which the property initially qualifies under RCW

84.70.010. Property taxes already paid during the calendar year in which the property initially qualifies under this section are subject to refund under RCW 84.69.020.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Finance.

Feb 12 FIN - Executive action taken by committee.

FIN - Majority; do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 18 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 Ways & Means.

HB 3139-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Wood, Green, Moeller, Simpson, and Ormsby)

Providing for stays of industrial insurance orders on appeal.

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

Provides an order by the department of labor and industries awarding benefits shall become effective and benefits due on the date issued. Subject to this act, if the department order is appealed the order shall not be stayed pending a final decision on the merits unless ordered by the board.

Provides if upon reconsideration requested by a worker or medical provider, the department has ordered an increase in a permanent partial disability award from the amount reflected in an earlier order, the award reflected in the earlier order shall not be stayed pending a final decision on the merits.

Provides if any party appeals an order establishing a worker's wages or the compensation rate at which a worker will be paid temporary or permanent total disability or loss of earning power benefits, the worker shall receive payment pending a final decision on the merits based on the following: (1) When the employer is self-insured, the wage calculation or compensation rate the employer most recently submitted to the department; or

(2) When the employer is insured through the state fund, the highest wage amount or compensation rate uncontested by the parties.

Requires, effective July 1, 2009, the department of labor and industries to establish procedures by rule to collect information concerning self-insured claim overpayments resulting from decisions of the board or court, and to recoup such overpayments from state fund claims.

States that the department shall study appeals of workers' compensation cases and collect information on the impacts of this act on state fund and self-insured workers and employers.

-- 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 15 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 19 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 62; nays, 32; absent, 0; excused, 4.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 20 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.
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Senate Bills

- SB 6952** by Senators Marr, Keiser, and Kohl-Welles
Establishing fees for certain health professions.
Establishes fees for athletic trainers, dental assistants, physical therapists, and physical therapist assistants.
-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 22 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.