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House Bills

HB 1001-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Parker, Hurst, McCune, Moeller, Ross, Kelley, Morrell, Chase, Green, Schmick, Sullivan, Conway, Dickerson, Kenney, Campbell, Kristiansen, Driscoll, Van De Wege, Orwall, O'Brien, Roach, Wallace, Simpson, Bailey, Kretz, and Warnick; by request of Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs)

Concerning veterans' burials.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises procedures regarding unclaimed human remains when certified by the department of veterans affairs to be those of a veteran.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 29 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1002-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton and Hasegawa)

Allowing a certificate of discharge to be issued when an existing order excludes or prohibits an offender from having

contact with a specified person or business, or coming within a set distance of any specified location.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds clarification of RCW 9.94A.637 is desirable to provide clarity to the courts that a certificate of discharge shall be issued, while the no-contact order remains in effect, once other obligations are completed.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.

Jan 22 Executive session in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 29 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 3 Scheduled for public hearing and executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM in anticipation of other legislative action.

HB 1052-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Williams, Blake, Chase, and Kretz)

Concerning firearm licenses for persons from other countries.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to firearm licenses for persons from other countries.
Provides penalties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 29 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive session in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
Feb 2 Referred to General Government Appropriations.

HB 1095-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa, Green, Nelson, Kelley, Kenney, Chase, Conway, and Hudgins)

Increasing small business access to state contracting opportunities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) State government procurement of goods and services is a largely untapped market for Washington state small businesses; and

(2) Small businesses generally lack awareness of state procurement opportunities and how such opportunities can be pursued.

Declares an intent to: (1) Require state agencies to use the state's common vendor registration and bid notification system for publishing all procurement notices; and

(2) Direct the state's central services agencies to develop procurement policies, procedures, and materials that encourage and facilitate the purchase of products and services by state agencies from Washington small businesses.

Requires the director of the office of financial management, the director of the department of general administration, and the information services board to develop procurement policies and procedures, such as unbundled contracting and subcontracting, that encourage and facilitate the purchase of products and services by state agencies and institutions from Washington small businesses to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with international trade agreement commitments.

Requires the public printer to develop procurement policies and procedures, such as unbundled contracting and subcontracting, that encourage and facilitate the purchase of such services or supplies from Washington small businesses to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with international trade agreement commitments.

Directs the department of general administration to convene a working group including representatives of the office of financial management, the department of information services, and the state printer to work collaboratively to develop common policies and procedures that encourage and facilitate state government purchases from Washington small businesses.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 21 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade at 8:00 AM.

Jan 28 CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1103-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Green, Morrell, and Kenney)

Concerning the estates of vulnerable adults.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to the estates of vulnerable adults.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 29 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive session in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

HB 1129-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Pettigrew, Ericks, Liias, Hudgins, Rolfes, Sells, Hasegawa, O'Brien, Chase, Dunshee, Wallace, Ormsby, Sullivan, and Nelson)

Establishing a lifelong learning account steering committee.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) Lifelong learning accounts allow employers and workers to coinvest in their futures; and

(2) Combined with free career advising, lifelong learning accounts can make a significant difference in the lives of workers and their families, as well as for employers in need of well-trained workers.

Declares an intent to facilitate the creating of lifelong learning accounts for workers in the state of Washington.

Directs the workforce training and education coordinating board to establish a state lifelong learning account steering committee.

Authorizes the workforce training and education coordinating board to receive gifts, grants, or endowments from public or private sources for the use and benefit of the board in support of the lifelong learning account program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade at 1:30 PM.

Jan 28 CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1170-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Rodne, Kelley, Warnick, Seaquist, Angel, Green, Shea, Sells, McCune, Kagi, Ormsby, and Smith; by request of Washington State Bar Association)

Modifying parenting plans based on the military service of a parent.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies parenting plans based on the military service of a parent.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 29 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive session in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1280-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives

Condotta, Chandler, Crouse, Kretz, Kristiansen, and Armstrong)

Regarding explosives licenses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes the background check requirement to every three years for renewal of an explosives license.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.

Jan 30 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1878 by Representatives Jacks, Driscoll, Maxwell, Wallace, Quall, Green, Darneille, Moeller, and Kenney; by request of Washington State School for the Blind

Authorizing the transfer of accumulated leave of employees of the state school for the blind and the school for the deaf.

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-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1879 by Representatives Jacks, Kagi, Moeller, Orcutt, Wallace, Appleton, and Kenney

Providing for the delivery of educational services to children who are deaf and hearing impaired.

Establishes the Washington state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss at Vancouver, Clark county. The center shall be housed at and shall include the school and related facilities formerly known as the state school for the deaf.

Abolishes the state school for the deaf and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the Washington state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss.

Requires the director of the Washington state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss to convene an advisory panel for the purpose of implementing in two educational service districts a structured program for delivering education services to children who are deaf and hearing impaired. The advisory panel expires January 1, 2010.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1880 by Representatives Armstrong, Hunt, Appleton, Alexander, and Nelson

Concerning ballot envelopes.

Modifies provisions regarding ballot envelopes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1881 by Representatives Williams, Wood, Hunt, Morris, and Nelson

Regulating soil and wetland science professions.

Regulates soil and wetland science professions.

Takes effect January 1, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1882 by Representatives Santos, Hunter, and Kenney; by request of Department of Revenue

Providing a property tax exemption for real and personal property leased to public hospitals established under chapter 36.62 RCW.

Provides a property tax exemption for real and personal property leased to public hospitals established under chapter 36.62 RCW.

Provides that the act applies both prospectively and retroactively beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2002 and thereafter.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1883 by Representatives Morris and Quall

Creating regulatory restrictions applicable to metropolitan park districts.

Creates regulatory restrictions applicable to metropolitan park districts.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1884 by Representatives Ericksen, Roach, Takko, Johnson, Hinkle, Cox, Walsh, Dunshee, Sells, McCoy, Hope, Van De Wege, Goodman, and McCune

Reviewing the decision to terminate Western Washington University's football team.

Establishes a legislative task force to review reinstatement of the Western Washington University football program.

Requires the task force to: (1) Review whether current fund-raising efforts by Western Washington University alumni and affected stakeholders are sufficient to reinstate and sustain the Western Washington University football program;

(2) Review the impact of both terminating and reinstating the Western Washington University football program on diversity and inclusion at Western Washington University; and

(3) Immediately commence work on this issue, hold meetings until June 30, 2009, and report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by July 1, 2009.

Expires December 31, 2009.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1885 by Representatives Van De Wege, Blake, Warnick, Takko, Ormsby, and Liias

Regarding the feeding of wildlife.

Declares an intent to protect wildlife from becoming habituated to humans and to protect the public against the serious health and safety risk posed by wildlife who are drawn into contact with humans and related infrastructure by individuals who intentionally feed wildlife.

Prohibits a person from intentionally feeding, attempting to feed, or attracting wildlife to land or a building.

Penalizes a person who intentionally feeds wildlife in violation of a written warning or previous infraction.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1886 by Representative Takko

Concerning flood control districts.

Revises construction and maintenance contract provisions and bidding procedures with regard to flood control districts.

Authorizes the annexation of contiguous territory outside of a special purpose district that receives services from the district.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1887 by Representative Takko

Concerning diking districts.

Revises construction and maintenance contract provisions and bidding procedures with regard to diking districts.

Authorizes the annexation of contiguous territory outside of a special purpose district that receives services from the district.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1888 by Representatives Springer and Angel

Repealing RCW 46.12.295.

Repeals RCW 46.12.295 relating to transfer of mobile home titling.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1889 by Representatives Sullivan, Priest, Ormsby, Santos, and Simpson

Regarding paraeducator tutor certification.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to adopt rules establishing paraeducator tutor certification requirements.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1890 by Representatives Sullivan, Santos, Pettigrew, Kenney, McCoy, Hunt, Appleton, Ormsby, Simpson, and Nelson

Regarding basic education allocations for tribal schools.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to allocate basic education allocations generated under chapter 28A.150 RCW for students enrolled in tribal schools in the state that are operated by federally recognized Indian tribes to the serving tribe rather than to the school district.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1891 by Representatives Chase, Hudgins, and Nelson

Incorporating human health analysis into environmental review under chapter 43.21C RCW.

Incorporates an analysis of a proposed project's impact on human health into the environmental impact statement and detailed statement requirements of the state environmental policy act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Environmental Health.

HB 1892 by Representatives Appleton and Williams

Concerning health care financing.

Establishes a single financing entity called the Washington health security trust to provide coverage for a set of health services for all residents.

Requires all Washington state employers to pay a health security assessment to the department of revenue to fund the Washington health security trust.

Requires all Washington residents eighteen years old or older, except medicare and medicaid beneficiaries, with incomes over one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level to pay a standard monthly flat rate health security premium effective May 15, 2011.

Abolishes the health care authority and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the Washington health security trust.

Creates the reserve account, the displaced worker training account, and the benefits account.

Expires the displaced worker training account on January 1, 2014.

Makes an appropriation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1893 by Representatives Pettigrew, Ericks, Kagi, Darneille, Appleton, Ormsby, Dunshee, Nelson, Conway, Hunt, Simpson, Dickerson, Alexander, Morrell, Moeller, Santos, Kenney, and Wood

Creating the Washington voluntary retirement accounts program.

Creates the Washington voluntary retirement accounts program.

Finds that: (1) Small and medium sized businesses find it difficult to offer retirement plans because of the complexity and costs;

(2) The program provides a simple and cost-effective way for employers to offer an important employee benefit; and

(3) The program provides a simple and inexpensive way for workers to save for retirement.

Establishes the Washington voluntary retirement accounts partnership program account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1894 by Representatives Seaquist and Angel

Concerning jurisdictional public highway transfers between a city or county and the state.

Requires the state, upon the jurisdictional transfer of a public highway from city or county control to state control, to assume all responsibility with respect to the upgrade, deactivation, or removal of existing water or sewer pipelines beneath the public highway, provided that the pipelines met the applicable standards and requirements established by the transferring jurisdiction at the time of installation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1895 by Representatives Finn, Appleton, Seaquist, and Rolfes

Concerning the development of clean technology within port district properties.

Declares an intent to encourage the development of clean technology industries by providing tax incentives to site those industries at port district properties that serve as incubators for the development of clean technology.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1896 by Representatives Chandler, Springer, Condotta, Pedersen, Newhouse, Haigh, Armstrong, Moeller, and Kretz

Creating the Washington state essential worker pilot program.

Finds that: (1) Washington's combination of excellent wages, working conditions, and services have attracted workers from other states and countries to work in our agricultural, construction, retail, restaurant, and hospitality industries;

(2) A controversy exists because some of these workers may lack employment eligibility;

(3) Considerable controversy has occurred over eligibility for government services; and

(4) The federal government is encouraging employers to conduct background investigations or use other systems to verify the identity of workers after hiring them, but these steps are not required by federal law, take several weeks to accomplish, and are not feasible for many employers.

Declares an intent for our state to proactively work with the federal government to establish a program to provide an adequate, legal, and stable workforce for employers in Washington.

Requires the employment security department, on behalf of the state, to petition the United States congress to create a new classification of nonimmigrant visa.

Establishes the Washington state essential worker pilot program.

Directs the employment security department to immediately begin work to establish the parameters of the program and to implement the program.

Requires employers to provide housing to essential workers while they are employed.

Requires the employment security department to offer training programs for essential workers, including but not limited to basic English language and civics training.

Expires December 1, 2013.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1897 by Representatives Simpson, Shea, Takko, and Miloscia

Regarding assumption of water-sewer districts by cities.

Revises provisions regarding assumption of water-sewer districts by cities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1898 by Representatives Dunshee, Warnick, and Pearson

Setting priorities for higher education capital projects.

Requires the office of financial management to convene a board by August 15th of each even-numbered year to rank higher education capital projects in priority order in a single list to be submitted to the legislature for the ensuing biennium.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1899 by Representatives Warnick and Hinkle

Concerning physicians holding a retired active license.

Modifies continuing education requirements for physicians holding a retired active license.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1900 by Representatives Kelley and Hurst

Modifying the notice requirement when an attorney or private investigator requests vehicle owner information.

Modifies the notice requirement when an attorney or private investigator requests vehicle owner information.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1901 by Representatives Johnson, Warnick, Chandler, Ross, Cody, Newhouse, Wood, Moeller, Pedersen, Appleton, Erickson, Cox, Finn, Liias, Quall, Dammeier, Haler, Hunt, Angel, Schmick, Armstrong, Jacks, Maxwell, Probst, Morrell, and Hinkle

Establishing additional health sciences and services authorities in certain areas.

Modifies location requirements for a health sciences and service authority.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1902 by Representatives Dammeier, Walsh, Rodne, Warnick, Alexander, Schmick, Herrera, Orcutt,

Smith, Johnson, Bailey, McCune, Kristiansen, Shea, Kretz, and Hinkle

Improving budget transparency by consolidating accounts into the state general fund.

Declares an intent to: (1) Consolidate the various accounts known as "near general fund" into a single state general fund; and

(2) Bring all expenditures from these accounts within the state expenditure limit.

Directs the state treasurer to transfer to the state general fund all unexpended balances of the public safety and education account, the health services account, the violence reduction and drug enforcement account, the student achievement fund, the education legacy trust account, the pension funding stabilization account, the water quality account, and the equal justice subaccount.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1903 by Representatives Crouse, McCoy, Eddy, Armstrong, and McCune

Regarding marine and aviation fuel.

Declares that, notwithstanding certain provisions, conventional unleaded gasoline must be made available for purchase at all distribution terminals located in Washington state.

Requires retailers and distributors of marine and aviation fuel to be held harmless and have an absolute defense in any action brought by an end-user if the fuel delivered to the end-user contains ethanol or denatured alcohol as required by this chapter and the retailer or distributor did not have direct access to conventional unleaded gasoline when taking delivery from the fuel supplier.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1904 by Representatives Parker, Wallace, Anderson, Warnick, Miloscia, and Kretz

Regarding high-cost critical programs at institutions of higher education.

Requires the higher education coordinating board, in close collaboration with the workforce training and education coordinating board, to identify high-cost critical programs as defined in RCW 28B.76.020 and manage competitive processes for awarding funds for those programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 1905 by Representatives Morrell, Moeller, Seaquist, Conway, and Santos

Concerning insurance coverage of pharmacy services.

Declares in intent to: (1) Facilitate health care insurers to have open pharmacy networks; and

(2) Promote access to ensure the citizens of Washington state can easily obtain their pharmacy services.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1906 by Representatives Conway, Kenney, Wood, Moeller, Green, Hudgins, Williams, Dickerson, Sells, Sullivan, Appleton, Morrell, Hasegawa, Darneille, Ormsby, Kagi, Van De Wege, Santos, Goodman, McCoy, Cody, Simpson, and Nelson

Improving economic security through unemployment compensation.

Improves economic security through unemployment compensation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 1907 by Representatives Rolfes, O'Brien, Lias, Appleton, Ormsby, Sells, Miloscia, Nelson, Sullivan, and Morrell

Concerning strict compliance with notice provisions when manufactured/mobile home communities are offered for sale.

Requires strict compliance with notice provisions when manufactured/mobile home communities are offered for sale.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1908 by Representatives Lias, Sullivan, Nelson, Priest, Ormsby, and Morrell

Modifying the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act.

Protects consumers who live in manufactured/mobile home communities by clarifying the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1909 by Representatives Williams, Carlyle, Chase, Hunt, Hasegawa, Appleton, Darneille, Nelson, Cody, Moeller, Dickerson, Wood, Pedersen, Hudgins, Miloscia, Ormsby, White, Kagi, Santos, and Goodman

Reducing criminal justice expenses by eliminating the death penalty in favor of life incarceration.

Eliminates the death penalty in favor of life incarceration.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1910 by Representatives Wallace, Orcutt, Herrera, and Moeller

Authorizing existing city and county real estate excise taxes to be expended on municipally owned heavy rail short lines.

Authorizes existing city and county real estate excise taxes to be expended on municipally owned heavy rail short lines.

Expires June 30, 2012.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1911 by Representatives Probst, Morris, Ericks, Jacks, Kelley, Conway, and Orcutt

Modifying the business and occupation tax rate on wholesalers of solar energy systems and including semiconductor materials.

Modifies the business and occupation tax rate on wholesalers of solar energy systems using photovoltaic modules, or of manufacturing solar grade silicon, silicon solar wafers, silicon solar cells, thin film solar devices, or compound semiconductor solar wafers used exclusively in components of those systems.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1912 by Representatives Armstrong, Hunt, and Moeller; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Concerning facilities to house sexually violent predators.

Delays the expiration of certain statutes relating to the siting and constructing of facilities to house sexually violent predators.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 1913 by Representatives Warnick, Flannigan, and Simpson

Changing provisions relating to process servers.

Modifies requirements for a person who serves legal process for a fee in the state of Washington.

Allows the department of licensing to furnish lists of registered and legal owners of motor vehicles, under certain conditions, to registered process servers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1914 by Representatives Sullivan, Kenney, Simpson, and Nelson

Authorizing the financing of higher education institutions' maintenance and operations through the use of certificates of participation.

Authorizes the use of certificates of participation in financing higher education institutions' maintenance and operations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Education Appropriations.

HB 1915 by Representatives Sullivan, Priest, Wallace, Nelson, Conway, Morrell, Ormsby, Kagi, Kenney, and Simpson

Changing Running Start provisions.

Declares an intent to expand participation in the running start program and secure ample support for the continuation of this program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

Senate Bills

SB 5773 by Senators Hobbs, McAuliffe, Kilmer, Kohl-Welles, and McDermott

Establishing the opportunity internship program for high school students.

Creates the opportunity internship program to provide incentives for opportunity internship consortia to use existing resources to build educational and employment pipelines to high-demand occupations in targeted industries for low-income high school students.

Directs the higher education coordinating board to work with institutions of higher education to assure that the institutions are aware of the eligibility of opportunity internship graduates for an award under chapter 28B.92 RCW.

Authorizes, under certain conditions, a credit against the tax otherwise due under chapter 82.04 RCW for persons participating in an opportunity internship consortium that offer paid internships to low-income high school students through an opportunity internship program.

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct an outcome evaluation of opportunity internship programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5774 by Senators Schoesler, Honeyford, and Morton
Regarding school levy equalization.

Modifies provisions regarding school levy equalization.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5775 by Senator Keiser

Concerning the eligibility of foreign medical school graduates for licensing as physician assistants.

Repeals RCW 18.71A.045 (eligibility of foreign medical school graduates).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5776 by Senators McDermott, Schoesler, Fairley, Oemig, Jarrett, and Kohl-Welles

Regarding student fees, charges, and assessments.

Provides that fee increases voted on by college and university students are not subject to the legislative approval provisions of RCW 43.135.055 and use of the fees is not subject to the restriction on legislative activities in RCW 42.17.190.

- Allows student fees to be used for lobbying purposes.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.
- SB 5777** by Senators Murray and Parlette
 Concerning the Washington state insurance pool.
 Revises eligibility requirements for the Washington state insurance pool.
 Requires the board of the Washington state health insurance pool to conduct a study of options for equitable, stable, and broad-based funding sources for the operation of the pool.
 Authorizes the board of the Washington state health insurance pool to solicit funds to conduct the study.
 Provides contingent effective dates.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 5778** by Senators Oemig, Swecker, and Kilmer
 Requiring disclosure of certain course material information for higher education courses.
 Requires the boards of regents of the state universities, the boards of trustees of the regional universities and The Evergreen State College, and the boards of trustees of each community and technical college district, in collaboration with affiliated bookstores and student and faculty representatives, to adopt rules requiring that affiliated bookstores disclose certain information to students on required course materials at least two weeks before the start of the class for which the materials are required.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.
- SB 5779** by Senators McAuliffe, Hobbs, Jarrett, and Tom
 Regarding adoption of school environmental health and safety rules.
 Recognizes that the legislature cannot practically implement the state board of health's proposed school environmental health and safety rules without an extended phase-in period in light of other budget constraints.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 5780** by Senators Tom and Brandland; by request of Washington State Patrol
 Establishing chapter 46.55 RCW as the exclusive remedy for any claims resulting from the impoundment of a motor vehicle.
 Clarifies that the procedures and remedies contained in RCW 46.55.120 (redemption of vehicles--sale of unredeemed property--improper impoundment) are intended to be the exclusive remedy for any claim based on impoundment at the direction of a law enforcement officer or governmental agency, and any civil cause of action for damages based on impoundment at the direction of a law enforcement officer or governmental agency is abolished.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5781** by Senators Morton and Stevens
 Regarding open range laws on public land.
 Requires written grazing privileges only: (1) In stock restricted areas or in areas that are adequately fenced to prevent livestock from running at large; and
 (2) On public lands owned or managed by the department of fish and wildlife.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 5782** by Senators Marr and Brown
 Regarding services provided by hosting jurisdictions.
 Revises provisions relating to services provided by hosting jurisdictions.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5783** by Senators Jarrett, Swecker, Marr, and Parlette
 Concerning the fuel tax rate used to determine fuel tax distributions to the snowmobile account.
 Requires the department of licensing to use a fuel tax rate equal to the motor vehicle fuel tax rate when determining fuel tax distributions to the snowmobile account.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5784** by Senators Jacobsen, Hobbs, McCaslin, Delvin, and Shin
 Reviewing the decision to terminate Western Washington University's football team.
 Establishes a legislative task force to review reinstatement of the Western Washington University football program.
 Requires the task force to: (1) Review whether current fund-raising efforts by Western Washington University alumni and affected stakeholders are sufficient to reinstate and sustain the Western Washington University football program;
 (2) Review the impact of both terminating and reinstating the Western Washington University football program on diversity and inclusion at Western Washington University; and
 (3) Immediately commence work on this issue, hold meetings until June 30, 2009, and report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by July 1, 2009.
 Expires December 31, 2009.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.
- SB 5785** by Senators Kline, Rockefeller, Jacobsen,

Murray, Franklin, Keiser, and Shin

Concerning for hire vehicles and for hire vehicle operators.

Finds that taxicab, limousine, and other for hire vehicle operators are at significant risk of injury due to work-related accidents or work-related crimes that may not be covered by standard vehicle insurance policies. Since most taxicab, limousine, and other for hire vehicle business operations are independent small business franchises, their owners or operators may opt out of industrial insurance coverage without full consideration for the risk of financial exposure due to such action. As a result, health care may be provided to them at public expense or not at all, and erroneous claims may be made by health care providers for insurance coverage, against the state department of labor and industries, private businesses, or the taxicab associations in which certain municipalities require participation. For hire vehicle operators do not enjoy the benefit of the broad public policy embodied in Title 51 RCW that mandates industrial insurance protection for workers.

Declares that all taxicab, limousine, and other for hire vehicle businesses, defined in the act as urban transportation business operations, and all for hire vehicle operators are subject to mandatory industrial insurance coverage under Title 51 RCW.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5786 by Senators Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Honeyford, and Shin

Authorizing the creation of cultural access authorities.

Authorizes formation of cultural access authorities and funding for public school cultural access programs and the support of cultural organizations, subject to voter approval.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5787 by Senators Keiser, Pflug, and Kohl-Welles

Addressing the collective bargaining of adult family home providers' health benefits.

Addresses collective bargaining of adult family home providers' health benefits.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5788 by Senators Prentice, Benton, Pflug, Hobbs, Shin, and Kline

Addressing state funding for low-income housing.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to include a life-cycle cost analysis in its process for evaluating proposals for state funding for low-income housing.

Requires the housing finance commission to include a life-cycle cost analysis in its process for evaluating proposals for awarding funding for low-income housing.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5789 by Senators King, Marr, and Holmquist

Authorizing a second health sciences and services authority.

Modifies location requirements for a health sciences and service authority.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5790 by Senators Carrell, Holmquist, Benton, Marr, Oemig, Stevens, Brandland, Honeyford, Hatfield, Roach, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Tom, and McDermott

Prohibiting persons convicted of animal cruelty from owning or caring for similar animals for certain periods of time.

Revises time limits relevant to persons convicted of animal cruelty owning or caring for similar animals.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5791 by Senators Hobbs, Franklin, Keiser, Fraser, Jarrett, Kohl-Welles, Shin, and McDermott

Creating the Washington voluntary retirement accounts program.

Creates the Washington voluntary retirement accounts program.

Finds that: (1) Small and medium sized businesses find it difficult to offer retirement plans because of the complexity and costs;

(2) The program provides a simple and cost-effective way for employers to offer an important employee benefit; and

(3) The program provides a simple and inexpensive way for workers to save for retirement.

Establishes the Washington voluntary retirement accounts partnership program account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5792 by Senators Sheldon, Hatfield, Schoesler, Swecker, and Holmquist

Concerning current use valuation under the property tax open space program.

Expands the definition of "farm and agricultural land" for current use valuation under the open space tax program to certain crops that have a harvest expected within fifteen years.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5793 by Senators Schoesler, Hewitt, Honeyford, and Morton

Concerning privately operated manlifts.

Defines "privately operated manlift" in chapter 70.87 RCW (elevators, lifting devices, and moving walks).

- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.
- SB 5794** by Senators Kilmer, Parlette, Zarelli, Prentice, Keiser, and Shin
Concerning the department of social and health services' audit program for pharmacy payments.
Modifies provisions regarding the department of social and health services' audit program for pharmacy payments.
Provides that section 2 of the act applies retroactively to audits commenced by the department of social and health services under chapter 74.09 RCW (medical care) on or after April 1, 2010.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5795** by Senators Kilmer and Franklin
Modifying the use of funds from the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account.
Prohibits toll charges, other revenues, and interest from the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account from being used to pay for costs that do not contribute directly to the financing, operation, maintenance, and management and necessary emergency repairs of the tolled facility.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5796** by Senators Kilmer and Franklin
Concerning the use of state bond proceeds for certain public-private transportation projects.
Requires prior legislative approval for capital improvements or preservation of certain public-private transportation projects.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5797** by Senators Haugen, Ranker, Brandland, and Hatfield
Regarding exemptions from solid waste handling permit requirements.
Exempts an anaerobic digester that meets certain conditions from the need to obtain a solid waste handling permit under chapter 70.95 RCW (solid waste management--reduction and recycling).
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.
- SB 5798** by Senators Kohl-Welles, McCaslin, Keiser, Pflug, and Kline
Concerning medical marijuana.
Provides that health care professionals shall be excepted from liability and prosecution for the authorization of marijuana use to qualifying patients for whom, in the health care professional's professional judgment, medical marijuana may prove beneficial.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 5799** by Senators Fraser, Swecker, Fairley, Murray, and Shin
Creating the state capitol campus special height district.
Creates a special height district to protect the scenic beauty of the state capitol campus for the citizens of this state and for out-of-state visitors.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5800** by Senators Fraser, Swecker, Fairley, Murray, Shin, and Kline
Regarding shorelines of statewide significance.
Provides that the Olympia Isthmus be declared a shoreline of statewide significance through the shoreline management act to advance the public interest and to protect public investments.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5801** by Senators Kauffman, Jarrett, Sheldon, Shin, and McDermott
Regarding basic education allocations for tribal schools.
Requires the superintendent of public instruction to allocate basic education allocations generated under chapter 28A.150 RCW for students enrolled in tribal schools in the state that are operated by federally recognized Indian tribes to the serving tribe rather than to the school district.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 5802** by Senators Oemig, McAuliffe, Hobbs, Kauffman, Jarrett, Tom, and Shin; by request of Governor Gregoire
Changing professional educator standards board provisions.
Changes composition of the professional educator standards board and its duties.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 5803** by Senators Shin, Kauffman, and Berkey
Making changes to the adoption support program.
Modifies the adoption support program in chapter 74.13 RCW (child welfare services).
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 2 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 5804** by Senators Keiser, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, and

Kline

Setting forth the circumstances under which a person qualifies for benefits when voluntarily leaving part-time work.

Provides that an individual who was simultaneously employed in full-time employment and part-time employment and is otherwise eligible for benefits from the loss of the full-time employment shall not be disqualified from benefits because the individual: (1) Voluntarily quit the part-time employment before the loss of the full-time employment; and

(2) Did not have prior knowledge that he or she would be separated from full-time employment.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5805 by Senators Jarrett, Benton, Kilmer, Kauffman, and Shin

Providing a financial incentive to school districts for high school students who complete postsecondary credits.

Provides a financial incentive to school districts for high school students who complete postsecondary credits.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5806 by Senators Jarrett, Holmquist, Benton, King, Marr, and Kline

Concerning solid waste for the purposes of defining a renewable resource.

Amends the definition of "renewable resource" in the energy independence act to include source separated nonrecyclable solid waste.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5807 by Senators Brandland, Fraser, McAuliffe, King, Oemig, and Shin

Concerning the use of capital projects funds by school districts.

Authorizes certain school district capital projects funds to be used for painting of facilities, major equipment repair, and other major preventative maintenance purposes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.