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House Bills

HB 1110-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Sullivan, Lias, Upthegrove, Orwall, and Simpson)

Prohibiting advertising and marketing to students receiving home-based instruction and their parents.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits school districts from advertising, marketing, and otherwise providing unsolicited information about learning programs offered by the school district to students and their parents who have filed a declaration of intent to cause a child to receive home-based instruction under RCW 28A.200.010.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 10:00 AM.

Feb 3 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1951 by Representatives Finn, Short, Takko, Walsh, Blake, Johnson, McCune, Pearson, Williams, and Van De Wege

Regarding the operation and management of salmonid hatcheries.

Directs the department of fish and wildlife to establish a program that uses public-private partnerships for the resumption or continued operation and management of state-owned salmonid hatcheries now closed or scheduled for closure during the 2009-2011 biennium.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1952 by Representatives Kenney, Ormsby, Blake, Flannigan, Maxwell, Pettigrew, Springer, Hudgins, Lias, Morrell, White, Conway, Hasegawa, Chase, Sullivan, Dickerson, Wood, and Santos

Regarding the building communities fund program competitive process.

Revises proposed project requirements with regard to the building communities fund program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 1953 by Representatives Conway, Bailey, Seaquist, Hurst, Van De Wege, Green, Simpson, Crouse, Orcutt, Ormsby, Williams, and Hinkle; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy and LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

Allowing department of fish and wildlife enforcement officers to transfer service credit.

Allows a member of plan 2 who was a member of the public employees' retirement system plan 2 or plan 3 while employed as an enforcement officer for the department of fish and wildlife to make an election no later than December 31, 2009, filed in writing with the department of retirement systems, to transfer all service credit previously earned as an enforcement officer in the public employees' retirement system plan 2 or plan 3 to the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 2.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1954 by Representative Dickerson
Sealing juvenile records under certain conditions.

Requires records of certain vacated deferred dispositions to be automatically sealed upon a juvenile's eighteenth birthday.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 1955 by Representatives Haler, Hinkle, Crouse, and Takko

Enabling utilities to demonstrate what sources of energy will be used when intermittent alternative energy is not available.

Requires each electric utility to include in its integrated resource plan an evaluation and short-term plan indicating what generating resources will be used by the utility to stabilize intermittent renewable resources such as wind and solar power.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1956 by Representatives Williams, Chase, Ormsby, Darneille, Van De Wege, Dickerson, and Simpson

Authorizing the housing of homeless persons on property owned or controlled by a church.

Authorizes a church to provide shelter or housing to homeless persons on property owned or controlled by the church whether within buildings located on the property or elsewhere on the property outside of buildings.

Prohibits a county, city, or town from enacting an ordinance or regulation or taking any other action that: (1) Unreasonably interferes with the decisions or actions of a church regarding the location of housing or shelter for homeless persons on property the church owns or controls;

(2) Prohibits or attempts to regulate the housing of homeless persons on church property based upon the property's proximity to a school or day care center;

(3) Requires a church to maintain property and casualty insurance; or

(4) Requires a church to obtain insurance pertaining to the liability of a municipality with respect to homeless persons housed on church property or otherwise requires the church to indemnify the municipality against such liability.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1957 by Representatives Jacks, Warnick, and Van De Wege

Identifying qualified applicants and procedures within the Washington wildlife and recreation program.

Identifies qualified applicants and procedures within the Washington wildlife and recreation program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1958 by Representatives Cody, Campbell, Van De Wege, Dickerson, and Wood

Establishing the office of the health care authority ombudsman.

Establishes the position of health care authority ombudsman within the office of the insurance commissioner.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1959 by Representatives Simpson, Rodne, Williams, and Armstrong; by request of Governor Gregoire

Concerning land use and transportation planning for marine container ports.

Declares an intent to ensure that: (1) Local land use decisions are made in consideration of the long-term and widespread economic contribution of our international container ports and related industrial lands and transportation systems; and

(2) Container ports continue to function effectively alongside vibrant city waterfronts.

Declares key freight transportation corridors serving certain marine ports are facilities and services of statewide significance.

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1960 by Representatives Sullivan, Simpson, and Blake

Establishing liability protection for countywide flood control zone districts.

Establishes liability protection for countywide flood control zone districts.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1961 by Representatives Roberts, Haler, Pettigrew, Kagi, Carlyle, Pedersen, and Wood

Implementing the federal fostering connections to success and increasing adoptions act of 2008.

Declares an intent to: (1) Clarify existing authority for foster care services beyond age eighteen and to establish authority for future expansion of housing and other supports for youth aging out of foster care and youth who achieved permanency in later adolescence; and

(2) Make relative guardianships, as permitted under federal law, available to Washington families through amending the state's dependency guardianship statute and through certain implementation directives for a relative guardianship program.

Authorizes a youth who remains eligible for placement services or benefits pursuant to department of social and health services' rules to continue to receive placement services and benefits until the youth reaches his or her twenty-first birthday.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 1962 by Representative Miloscia

Modifying the duties of the director of personnel related to training and career programs.

Requires the director of the department of personnel to:

- (1) Set goals and develop performance plans and accountability measures for state agency training plans and programs;

- (2) Encourage agencies to provide quality management assessment examiners training, such as Washington state quality award examiner training or an equivalent program; and

- (3) Report yearly to the government management accountability and performance program the numbers of employees that have successfully completed the training.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1963 by Representative Miloscia

Establishing housing self-sufficiency income standards.

Declares an intent to increase the percentage of households who are ultimately able to obtain and retain housing without government subsidies or other public support by increasing the percentage of jobs that pay wages that meet or exceed housing self-sufficiency income standards as determined by the department of community, trade, and economic development.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to establish two housing self-sufficiency income standards based upon the cost of housing, which includes mortgage or rent payments and other associated housing expenses, such as utilities other than telephone, for each county in the state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1964 by Representatives Kretz, DeBolt, Hinkle, and Upthegrove

Modifying motorcycle helmet use requirements.

Revises motorcycle helmet use requirements.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1965 by Representatives Hunt, Upthegrove, Dickerson, and Simpson

Granting leave to employees with sensory disabilities to attend service animal training.

Provides allowances for employees with sensory disabilities who must attend training necessary to attain a new service animal.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1966 by Representatives McCoy, Ormsby, and Simpson

Adding wheelchair users to the types of individuals for whom drivers must take additional precautions.

Requires a driver of a vehicle to take all necessary precautions when approaching a person with a disability using a wheelchair or a power wheelchair.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1967 by Representatives White, Campbell, Nelson, Simpson, Williams, Wallace, Dunshee, Dickerson, Hunt, Ormsby, and Sullivan

Prohibiting expansions of urban growth areas into one hundred year floodplains.

Prohibits the expansion of certain urban growth areas into the one hundred year floodplain of any river or river segment that is located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains and has a mean annual flow of one thousand or more cubic feet per second.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 1968 by Representatives Williams, Campbell, Kirby, Dunshee, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Hunt, Dickerson, Simpson, and Haigh

Regarding the prevention of animal cruelty.

Revises prevention of animal cruelty provisions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1969 by Representatives Haigh, Appleton, Kagi, Seaquist, Hurst, O'Brien, Morrell, Green, Dickerson, and Sullivan

Promoting predictable funding for school districts that provide residential education.

Promotes predictable funding for school districts that provide residential education.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Education Appropriations.

HB 1970 by Representatives Blake, Chandler, Williams, and Pearson

Concerning marine transportation facilities for sand and gravel.

Gives the department of natural resources the exclusive authority to regulate the design, construction, and operation of a marine transportation facility for sand and gravel associated with mining projects located primarily on lands designated as forest or mineral resource lands under RCW 36.70A.060 in counties located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains with a population of fewer than thirty-thousand persons.

Prohibits a state agency, county, city, or town from requiring review or approval of a separate plan or permit for facilities under the exclusive authority of the department of natural resources.

Prohibits a marine transportation facility capable of being used for sand and gravel from being constructed without first obtaining a marine transportation facility permit from the department of natural resources.

- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 4 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.
- HB 1971** by Representatives Hunter, Carlyle, Eddy, Priest, Maxwell, Ericks, and Sullivan
 Authorizing certain school districts and educational service districts to designate a district treasurer.
 Authorizes the board of directors of a school district and the board of directors of an educational service district to designate by resolution an employee of the district or some other person having experience in financial or fiscal matters to act as the district treasurer.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 4 First reading, referred to Education.
- HB 1972** by Representatives Dunshee, Blake, and Williams
 Regarding access to information for outdoor recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities.
 Increases the fee for a fish and wildlife lands use permit if purchased separately.
 Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Develop information accessible through the department's internet web site that promotes outdoor recreational and wildlife viewing opportunities; and
 (2) Require, as a condition of accessing the web-based information, the purchase of certain recreational license documents, including the fish and wildlife lands vehicle use permit.
 Provides that the act applies prospectively only.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 4 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.
- HB 1973** by Representatives Nelson, Kagi, Simpson, Springer, Ormsby, Eddy, Sullivan, and Dickerson
 Creating a housing everyone financing tool program.
 Creates the housing everyone financing tool program in the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purpose of making project awards to local governments for the financing of affordable housing within the local government's designated area or areas.
 Requires the program to be developed and administered by the department with advice and input from the affordable housing advisory board.
 Authorizes a local government that has been approved by the department to use housing everyone financing tool financing to impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of the act and subject to certain criteria.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 4 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.
- HB 1974** by Representative Santos
 Restricting the ability of collection agencies to report public debt to consumer reporting agencies.
 Limits the ability of collection agencies to report public debt to consumer reporting agencies.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 4 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.
- HB 1975** by Representatives Santos and Williams
 Concerning school impact fees.
 Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop criteria for extending the use of school impact fees from six to ten years. This extension must require an evaluation for each respective school board of the appropriateness of the extension.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 4 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.
- HB 1976** by Representative Santos
 Redesigning the statewide student assessment system.
 Finds that: (1) A statewide student assessment system should improve and inform classroom instruction, support accountability, and provide useful information to all levels of the educational system;
 (2) Components of the assessment system should: (a) be instructionally supportive formative assessments, (b) be a state-administered summative achievement assessment that can be used as a check on the educational system in order to guide state expectations for the instruction of children and satisfy legislative demands for accountability, and (c) include classroom-based assessments, which may be formative, summative, or both;
 (3) To sustain a strong and viable assessment system, preservice and ongoing training should be provided for teachers and administrators on the effective use of different types of assessments; and
 (4) As the statewide data system is developed, data should be collected for all state-required statewide assessments to be used for accountability and to monitor overall student achievement.
 Declares an intent to redesign the current statewide system, in accordance with the recommendations of the Washington assessment of student learning legislative work group.
 Requires the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the state board of education, to begin design and development of an overall assessment system that meets the principles and characteristics described in section 1 of the act.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 4 First reading, referred to Education.
- HB 1977** by Representatives Santos, Sullivan, and Rolfes
 Concerning a sales and use tax exemption for home heating fuel.
 Provides a sales and use tax exemption for the sale of home heating fuel to an eligible buyer if the home heating fuel is used to heat the buyer's residence.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 4 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 1978** by Representatives Clibborn, Liias, and White;

by request of Office of Financial Management

Concerning economic stimulus transportation funding and appropriations.

Declares it is the intent of the governor and the legislature to stimulate Washington's lagging economy and reduce the state's unemployment rate by quickly putting people to work on infrastructure projects that will promote safety, relieve traffic congestion, and make long-term investments that will provide benefits into the future.

Adopts the economic stimulus transportation budget.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1979 by Representatives Takko and Blake

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

Revises provisions regarding current use valuation for crops under the property tax open space program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1980 by Representatives McCune, Shea, Crouse, Schmick, Cox, Roach, Hinkle, and Kristiansen

Concerning the institution of marriage.

Declares an intent to repeal, nullify, or void all provisions, applications, or effects of domestic partnerships as established in chapter 6, Laws of 2008 and chapter 156, Laws of 2007.

Provides that a state registered domestic partnership created before the effective date of the act is declared null and void and of no legal effect. Any references in state law regarding state registered domestic partnership or state registered domestic partner are declared null and void and of no legal effect.

Directs the code reviser to: (1) Note, wherever state registered domestic partnership or state registered domestic partner is used or referred to in state law, that the underlying statutes creating state registered domestic partnerships have been repealed; and

(2) Prepare legislation for the next session following the 2009 regular session that removes all statutory references to state registered domestic partnerships or state registered domestic partners.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Senate Bills

SB 5832 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Stevens, and Marr; by request of Sentencing Guidelines Commission

Allowing the prosecution of sex offenses against minor victims until the victim's twenty-eighth birthday if the offense is listed in RCW 9A.04.080(1) (b)(iii)(A) or (c).

Allows the prosecution of sex offenses against minor victims until the victim's twenty-eighth birthday for certain offenses.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5833 by Senators Regala, Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, and McDermott

Providing certain procedures for tenants who are victims of sexual assault, sexual harassment, and stalking.

Authorizes a tenant, if a tenant or a household member is a victim of sexual assault, stalking, or sexual harassment by a landlord, to: (1) Terminate the rental agreement and quit the premises without further obligation under the rental agreement or under chapter 59.12 RCW (forcible entry and forcible and unlawful detainer) prior to making a copy of a valid order for protection or a written record of a report signed by a qualified third party available to the landlord, if certain conditions are met;

(2) Change or add locks to the tenant's dwelling unit at the tenant's expense and give a copy of the new key to a qualified third party, regardless of whether the tenant exercises his or her rights to terminate the rental agreement; and

(3) Sue the landlord in any court of competent jurisdiction for relocation assistance.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5834 by Senators Kohl-Welles and Holmquist

Regarding alcoholic beverage regulation.

Revises provisions regarding alcoholic beverage regulation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5835 by Senators Hatfield, Morton, Hargrove, Schoesler, Parlette, and Shin

Authorizing limited outdoor burning.

Authorizes outdoor burning under certain conditions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5836 by Senators Haugen and Swecker

Concerning the transport of infrastructure project materials through marine transportation facilities.

Gives the department of natural resources the exclusive authority to regulate the design, construction, and operation of a marine transportation facility for sand and gravel associated with mining projects located primarily on lands designated as forest or mineral resource lands under RCW 36.70A.170 in counties with a population of fewer than thirty-five thousand persons having a boundary on Puget Sound.

Prohibits a state agency, county, city, or town from requiring review or approval of a separate plan or permit for a marine transportation facility.

Prohibits a marine transportation facility for sand and gravel associated with mining projects located in certain areas from being constructed without first obtaining a marine transportation facility permit from the department of natural resources.

- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5837** by Senators McCaslin and Benton
Siting new mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities.
Establishes a process for authorizing the siting of new mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities outside of urban growth areas designated under RCW 36.70A.110.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.
- SB 5838** by Senators McDermott, Jacobsen, Murray, Kohl-Welles, and Fairley
Concerning traffic infractions where the conduct is a proximate cause of death, great bodily harm, or substantial bodily injury.
Provides that a local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution relating to committing a traffic infraction, where the conduct is a proximate cause of death, great bodily harm, or substantial bodily harm to another while operating or controlling a motor vehicle, may be classified as a criminal offense.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- SB 5839** by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Shin
Regarding the administration of irrigation districts.
Modifies provisions relating to irrigation district administration.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.
- SB 5840** by Senators Marr, Honeyford, Rockefeller, Holmquist, Hatfield, Parlette, Ranker, Morton, Sheldon, Jarrett, Delvin, and Hewitt
Modifying the energy independence act.
Amends the energy independence act by: (1) Expanding the definition of "eligible renewable resource" and "biomass energy";
(2) Expanding the geographic boundaries for eligible renewable resources and renewable energy credits;
(3) Creating a renewable energy credit exception for anaerobic digesters;
(4) Increasing the eligible renewable acquisition targets and allowing limited use of conservation to meet those targets;
(5) Limiting the use of purchased incremental hydroelectric power from the Bonneville power administration; and
(6) Creating a solar incentive.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.
- SB 5841** by Senator Keiser; by request of Health Care Authority
Delaying the implementation of the health insurance partnership.
Delays implementation of the health insurance partnership.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 5842** by Senators Fraser, Brandland, and McAuliffe; by request of Office of Financial Management
Concerning construction financing for colleges and universities.
Allows building fees deposited in capital projects accounts for certain institutions of higher education and community and technical colleges to be used for certificates of participation.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5843** by Senators Pridemore and Swecker
Identifying qualified applicants and procedures within the Washington wildlife and recreation program.
Identifies qualified applicants and procedures within the Washington wildlife and recreation program.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 5844** by Senators Tom, Brandland, Fraser, and Shin; by request of Capital Projects Advisory Review Board
Changing public works bid limits.
Changes public works bid limits.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 5845** by Senators Tom, Oemig, and McDermott
Limiting access to birth certificates.
Limits access to certain birth certificates.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 5846** by Senators Tom, Kohl-Welles, and McDermott
Addressing the covering of vehicular loads.
Imposes a monetary penalty for commercial vehicle operators for a violation of RCW 46.61.655 (dropping load, other materials--covering).
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5847** by Senators Kastama and Shin
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 4 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.

SB 5848 by Senator Keiser

Increasing immunization.

Declares an intent to promote positive health outcomes for the children of the state by transferring to local health jurisdictions those funds appropriated to the department of health for the purpose of administering immunization protection to the citizens of the state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5849 by Senators Kline and Shin; by request of Secretary of State

Registering business entities and associations with the secretary of state.

Revises provisions relating to registering business entities and associations with the secretary of state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5850 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Swecker, Keiser, Franklin, Kline, Hargrove, Fraser, Tom, Regala, Prentice, McAuliffe, and Shin

Protecting workers from human trafficking violations.

Requires domestic employers of foreign workers and international labor recruitment agencies to disclose certain information to foreign workers who have been referred to or hired by a Washington employer.

Requires persons licensed to practice medicine in this state, psychologists, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers to take a one-time course on human trafficking that teaches methods of recognizing victims of human trafficking, including minor victims, what services are available for these victims, and where to report potential trafficking situations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5851 by Senator Keiser

Concerning the license surcharge for the impaired physician program.

Prohibits the department of health from withholding any part of certain surcharges or assessing any fees related to the collection and administration of the impaired physician program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5852 by Senators Murray, Becker, and Keiser

Concerning health care assistants.

Declares an intent to enhance the delivery of health care to the citizens of the state.

Encourages some minor expansions to the scope of practice of registered health care assistants, so long as there are clearly defined limitations to their scope expressly linked to education, training, and supervision.

Grants limited authority to a health care assistant to administer certain over-the-counter and prescribed medications by oral, topical, rectal, otic, ophthalmic, or inhaled routes pursuant to a written order.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5853 by Senators Kastama, Haugen, Marr, Kohl-Welles, and Shin; by request of Governor Gregoire

Requiring land use and transportation planning for marine container ports.

Declares an intent to ensure that: (1) Local land use decisions are made in consideration of the long-term and widespread economic contribution of our international container ports and related industrial lands and transportation systems; and

(2) Container ports continue to function effectively alongside vibrant city waterfronts.

Declares key freight transportation corridors serving certain marine ports are facilities and services of statewide significance.

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5854 by Senators Kilmer, Pridemore, Ranker, Rockefeller, Marr, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Murray, and Keiser

Reducing climate pollution in the built environment.

Reduces climate pollution in the built environment.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop and implement a strategic plan for enhancing energy efficiency in and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from homes, buildings, districts, and neighborhoods.

Directs the department of community, trade, and economic development and the state building code council to convene a work group to inform the initial development of the strategic plan.

Requires the state energy code to be designed to accelerate construction of increasingly energy efficient homes and buildings that help achieve the broader goal of building zero fossil-fuel greenhouse gas emission homes and buildings by the year 2031.

Requires the state building code council to adopt state energy codes that require homes and buildings constructed from 2016 through 2031 to meet certain energy efficiency targets, using the adopted 2006 Washington state energy code as a baseline.

Provides a public utility tax exemption on gross income from sales of electricity, natural gas, or manufactured gas

made to a person for the operation of a qualified building. This exemption expires January 1, 2013.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5855 by Senators Haugen and Kastama

Providing excise tax exemptions for water services provided by small water systems.

Provides excise tax exemptions for water services provided by small water systems.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5856 by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Shin, and McDermott

Creating a housing everyone financing tool program.

Creates the housing everyone financing tool program in the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purpose of making project awards to local governments for the financing of affordable housing within the local government's designated area or areas.

Requires the program to be developed and administered by the department with advice and input from the affordable housing advisory board.

Authorizes a local government that has been approved by the department to use housing everyone financing tool financing to impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of the act and subject to certain criteria.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5857 by Senator Tom

Prohibiting certain food establishments from serving food containing trans fat.

Prohibits a food establishment operating under a permit issued by a local public health officer from serving food containing artificial trans fat.

Requires a food establishment to maintain on-site certain original labels of food products that contain fats, oils, or shortenings that it has purchased.

Requires the director of a local public health jurisdiction or the director's authorized representative to enforce the artificial trans fat restriction and requirements.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5858 by Senators Tom and Kline

Prohibiting the payment of yield spread premiums to mortgage brokers.

Prohibits a mortgage broker from receiving a yield spread premium payment prior to or after the closing of a residential mortgage loan.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5859 by Senators Tom and Jarrett

Requiring a permit to use studded tires.

Requires the department of licensing, upon the payment of an additional fee of one hundred dollars at the time of initial vehicle licensing or vehicle license renewal, to issue a permit for the use of studded tires on a particular vehicle for the following year.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5860 by Senators Tom, McDermott, Pridemore, and Keiser

Concerning the early termination of wireless communications device contracts.

Allows the early termination of wireless communications device contracts up to thirty days after entering into the contract without the subscriber incurring any early termination fees.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5861 by Senators Tom and Pridemore

Addressing the time and date when posting credit card payments made in person.

Requires all payments made in person at an issuing bank, issuing credit union, issuing savings bank, or issuing savings association, or any of their subsidiaries or branches, to be considered payment to the issuer and shall be posted on the day received and at the time of day in the bank, credit union, savings bank, savings association, subsidiary, or branch at which the payment is made.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5862 by Senators Tom, Pridemore, and Kline

Limiting the balance of small loans by a consumer enforced by a database.

Authorizes the director of the department of financial institutions, by contract with a vendor or service provider or otherwise, to develop and implement a system by means of which a licensee may determine: (1) Whether a consumer has an outstanding small loan;

(2) The number of small loans the consumer has outstanding; and

(3) Any other information necessary to comply with chapter 31.45 RCW (check cashers and sellers).

Provides that: (1) A borrower's maximum principal amount of any small loan, or the outstanding principal balances of all combined small loans made by one or more licensees, may not exceed seven hundred dollars at any one time; and

(2) Personal and financial information related to a small loan or any system of authorizing a small loan is exempt from the public records act.

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Feb 4 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5863 by Senators Tom, Pridemore, and Keiser

Concerning the termination of wireless communications device services.

Provides that, if upon the termination of a wireless communications device service, the consumer-requested cancellation date and the billing cycle end dates are not the same, the wireless communications device service ends and is billed at the earlier of the two dates.

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SB 5864 by Senators Berkey and Shin

Establishing the University of Washington Snohomish county branch campus.

Establishes a University of Washington branch campus in Snohomish county.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5865 by Senators Kauffman, Roach, McAuliffe, Hobbs, Kline, and Shin

Requiring a report on early learning services for low-income families.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to review and compare the state early childhood education and assistance program and the federal head start program.

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