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House Bills

HB 1069-S by House Committee on Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Kagi, Nelson, Van De Wege, Hasegawa, Williams, Dunshee, McCoy, Appleton, Liias, Takko, Simpson, Darnelle, Rolfes, Dickerson, Kenney, White, and Chase)

Reducing light pollution.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the increased use of ineffective and inefficient exterior lighting in Washington that has generated unnecessary light pollution and wasteful energy consumption.

Requires the state building code council to: (1) Convene a technical advisory group to examine issues and barriers pertaining to the lighting issues; and

(2) Develop recommendations for reducing light pollution and report the findings of the advisory group.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government & Housing at 10:00 AM.

Feb 5 LGH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1096-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally

sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa, Green, Kenney, Chase, Hudgins, and Moeller)

Enhancing small business participation in state purchasing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) It is in the state's economic interest and serves a public purpose to promote and facilitate the fullest possible participation by Washington businesses of all sizes in the process by which goods and services are purchased by the state; and

(2) Large businesses have the resources to participate fully and effectively in the state's purchasing system, and because of many factors, including economies of scale, the purchasing system tends to create a preference in favor of large businesses and to disadvantage small businesses.

Declares an intent to assist, to the maximum extent possible, small businesses to participate in order to enhance and preserve competitive enterprise and to ensure that small businesses have a fair opportunity to be awarded contracts or subcontracts for goods and services purchased by the state.

Requires the state purchasing and material control director, under the powers granted by RCW 43.19.190 through 43.19.1939, to apply a preference in the award of contracts for goods and services and give assistance to small businesses.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Feb 4 CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1128-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Bailey, Pettigrew, Chase, Hudgins, Haler, Hasegawa, Darneille, Kelley, and Sullivan)

Changing innovation partnership zone provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department of community, trade, and economic development to design and implement an innovation partnership zone program through which the state will encourage and support research institutions, workforce training organizations, and globally competitive companies to work cooperatively in close geographic proximity to create commercially viable products and jobs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 29 Executive session in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 4 CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1180-S by House Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Hudgins, Campbell, Dunshee, Pedersen, Hunt, Rolfes, Appleton, Moeller, Kagi, Van De Wege, Hunter, Cody, Chase, Green, Morrell, Pettigrew, White, Williams, Simpson, and Kenney)

Regarding the use of bisphenol A.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Restricts the use of bisphenol A.

Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of health, to conduct an alternatives assessment for bisphenol A in cans, jars, or other containers that are used to hold liquids, food, or beverages primarily for human consumption and are not prohibited under the act.

Requires a manufacturer of products that are restricted under the act to notify persons that sell the manufacturer's products in this state about the provisions of the act no less than ninety days before the effective date of the restrictions.

Requires a manufacturer that produces, sells, or distributes a product prohibited from manufacture, sale, or distribution in this state under the act to recall the product and reimburse the retailer or any other purchaser for the product.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

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

HB 1201-S by House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Dickerson, Hurst, and Appleton)

Establishing the community integration assistance program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the offender reentry community safety program, formerly known as the community integration assistance program, to promote public safety by providing intensive services to an offender identified by the secretary of the department of corrections as an offender who: (1) Is

reasonably believed to be dangerous to himself, herself, or others; and

(2) Has a mental disorder.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 5 HS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1202-S by House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst, Bailey, Kelley, Roach, Kirby, and Parker)

Allowing noninsurance benefits as part of life insurance policies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows noninsurance benefits to be included as part of a life insurance policy.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 5 FII - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1275-S by House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, O'Brien, Cody, Hurst, Green, and Dammeier)

Concerning the consideration of respondents' recent and past acts in involuntary commitment proceedings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, to effectuate the legislature's goal of protecting public safety, as provided in RCW 71.05.010, within the context of the Washington state supreme court's holding in *In re Harris*, 98 Wn.2d 276 (1982), the legislature intends that a court determining whether a person presents a likelihood of serious harm has the ability to consider a respondent's recent and past acts where such acts would indicate a substantial risk to public safety.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 5 HS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1290-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Maxwell, Rodne, Kenney, Green, Clibborn, Liias, Anderson, and Hunter)

Concerning local tourism promotion areas.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the definition of "legislative authority" in chapter 35.101 RCW (tourism promotion areas).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 4 CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

HB 1296-S by House Committee on Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams, Warnick, Goodman, McCune, Rodne, Simpson, and Kelley)

Providing limitations on rental housing inspections.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits a local government from requiring a landlord to engage or hire a third party to conduct inspections or searches of dwelling units and common areas under RCW 59.18.150. A local government may not assess the cost of an inspection by a local building official under RCW 59.18.150 against the landlord or owner.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government & Housing at 1:30 PM.

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

HB 1300-S by House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst, Dickerson, Pearson, Klippert, O'Brien, and Smith)

Accessing mental health information.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs a mental health service provider to release, except to the extent provided otherwise related to a prosecutor's initiation of criminal proceedings, to law enforcement officers, personnel of a county or city jail, public health officers, personnel of the department of corrections or the indeterminate sentence review board, prosecuting attorneys, attorneys retained to represent a person who is the subject of an information request under the act, or the court, upon request, information related to mental health services delivered to a person who: (1) Is currently committed to the custody or supervision of the department of corrections or the indeterminate sentence review board under chapter 9.94A or 9.95 RCW;

(2) Has been convicted of a serious violent offense;

(3) Has been found not guilty by reason of insanity or incompetent to stand trial for a serious violent offense pursuant to chapter 10.77 RCW; or

(4) Has been civilly committed pursuant to RCW 10.77.086(4).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services at 8:00 AM.

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

HB 1304-S by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Orcutt, Takko, Eddy, and Herrera)

Providing a limited property tax exemption for the use of facilities by artistic, scientific, and historical organizations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a limited property tax exemption for the use of facilities by artistic, scientific, and historical organizations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 1:30 PM.

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

HB 1323-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Lias, Haler, Sullivan, Sells, Hasegawa, Maxwell, Chase, Ormsby, Conway, Goodman, Morrell, Driscoll, Simpson, and Orwall; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board)

Providing for coordination of workforce and economic development.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides for coordination of workforce and economic development.

Requires the employment security department to analyze labor market and economic data, including the use of input-output models, for the purpose of identifying industry clusters and strategic industry clusters that meet the criteria identified by the working group convened by the economic development commission and the workforce training and education coordinating board in RCW 43.330.280.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges, in consultation with business, industry, labor, the workforce training and education coordinating board, the department of community, trade, and economic development, the employment security department, and community and technical colleges, to designate centers of excellence and allocate funds to existing and new centers of excellence based on a competitive basis.

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to work with the director of the department of community, trade, and economic development and the economic development commission to ensure coordination among workforce training priorities, the long-term economic development strategy of the economic development commission, and economic development and entrepreneurial development efforts, including but not limited to assistance to industry clusters.

Directs the state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education to identify the strategic industry clusters targeted by the workforce development system.

Requires workforce development councils, in partnership with local elected officials, to develop and maintain a local unified plan for the workforce development system including but not limited to the local plan required by P.L. 105-220, Title I.

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to work with workforce development councils to develop implementation and funding strategies.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade at 10:00 AM.

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

HB 1348-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Conway, and Sullivan)

Concerning professional athletics regulated by the department of licensing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the director of the department of licensing to direct, supervise, and control all boxing, mixed martial arts, kickboxing, and wrestling events conducted within this state and an event may not be held in this state except in accordance with chapter 67.08 RCW.

Prohibits an amateur or professional no holds barred fighting or combative fighting contest, exhibition, match, or similar type of event, or any elimination tournament, from being held in this state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.
Feb 6 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1349-S by House Committee on Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Moeller, Dickerson, Cody, and Kenney)

Renewing orders for less restrictive treatment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that many persons who are released from involuntary mental health treatment in an inpatient setting would benefit from an order for less restrictive treatment in order to provide the structure and support necessary to facilitate long-term stability and success in the community.

Declares an intent to make it easier to renew orders for less restrictive treatment following a period of inpatient commitment in cases in which a person has been involuntarily committed more than once and is likely to benefit from a renewed order for less restrictive treatment.

Provides that public safety is enhanced when a designated mental health professional or developmental disabilities professional is able to file a petition to revoke an order for less restrictive treatment under RCW 71.05.340 before a person who is the subject of the petition becomes ill enough to present a likelihood of serious harm.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services at 8:00 AM.
Feb 5 HS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1355-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Probst, Quall, Kessler, Sullivan, Wallace, Maxwell, Rolles, Springer, Green, Jacks, Carlyle, Kenney, Ormsby, Seaquist, Liias, Sells, Priest, Dammeier, Hunt, Hudgins, Morrell, Van De Wege, Moeller, Chase, Conway, Goodman, Driscoll, Simpson, Santos, and Kelley)

Establishing the opportunity internship program for high school students.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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 business and occupation tax credit for persons participating in an opportunity internship consortium that offers paid internships of at least ninety hours in length 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 --

- Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 6 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1359-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Williams and Ormsby)

Regarding the practice of landscape architecture.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that in order to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote public welfare, it is necessary to regulate the practice of landscape architecture.

Prohibits a person from practicing or offering to practice landscape architecture in this state unless the person is licensed or authorized to practice in this state under chapter 18.96 RCW.

Changes the name of the state board of registration for landscape architects to the licensure board for landscape architects.

Modifies the duties and membership of the licensure board for landscape architects.

Creates the landscape architects' license account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.
Feb 6 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1420-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Condotta, Maxwell, Williams, Chandler, Wood, Hinkle, and Kelley)

Revising real estate seller disclosure requirements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies real estate seller disclosure requirements.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.
Feb 6 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1512-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Roach, and Klippert)

Authorizing the funding of rail freight service through grants.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows funding of rail freight service through grants.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 5 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1518-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Condotta, Green, Kelley, and Wood; by request of State Board of Accountancy)

Regarding prohibited practices in accountancy.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits a firm with an office in this state from performing or offering to perform attest services or compilation services, as those terms are defined in RCW 18.04.025, unless the firm is licensed under RCW 18.04.195 and all offices of the firm in this state are maintained and registered under RCW 18.04.205.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 6 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1564-S by House Committee on Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Rodne, Kirby, Kelley, Roach, Williams, Hasegawa, Simpson, and Nelson; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Requiring the disclosure of information on flood insurance coverage.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires every insurer issuing a homeowner, condominium unit owner, residential tenant, and residential fire insurance policy to notify the policyholder that the policy does not cover damage caused by flood.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 5 FII - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 2052 by Representative Cody; 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 9 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2053 by Representatives Cox and Schmick

Exempting certain cities from the national pollutant discharge elimination system municipal separate storm sewer systems permit program.

Exempts cities with a population between 24,500 and 25,000 located in a county with a population between 40,500 and 41,500, as reported in the 2000 census, east of the crest of the Cascade mountains from the requirement to obtain a national pollutant discharge elimination system municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) permit.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2054 by Representative Kirby

Concerning asbestos-related liabilities and consumer and worker injuries.

Limits a successor corporation's liability for asbestos-related claims to an amount equal to the predecessor corporation's adjusted total gross assets.

Applies to corporations that became successor corporations before January 1, 1972.

Provides that the act is remedial and retroactive, and applies to all causes of action filed before December 11, 2008, and to all causes of action filed on or after the effective date of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2055 by Representative Chase

Regarding global affairs centers at community colleges.

Directs the state board for community and technical colleges to recognize and support existing and emerging global affairs centers established at community colleges. The mission of a global affairs center is to foster global awareness, engagement, and partnerships that serve the needs of its students as well as the greater surrounding community. The goal is to create a central hub to bring together the college community, government agencies, businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2056 by Representatives Chase and Condotta

Establishing standards for visitation rights for grandparents.

Establishes standards for visitation rights for grandparents.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2057 by Representatives Hope, Bailey, Haler, McCune, Rodne, Schmick, Kristiansen, Pearson, Kelley, and Condotta

Reducing sales tax on new home construction to increase economic activity.

Increases economic activity by reducing the sales tax on new home construction.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2058 by Representatives Hope, Kristiansen, Haler, Pettigrew, McCune, Pearson, Warnick, Cox, Schmick, Hinkle, Rodne, Smith, Bailey, Johnson, Kelley, and Condotta

Providing an annual sales and use tax holiday to assist families with educational supplies.

Assists families with educational supplies, purchased on the second adjacent Saturday and Sunday of August of each year, by providing an annual sales and use tax holiday.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

- HB 2059** by Representatives Hope, Ericksen, Johnson, McCune, Haler, Bailey, Kristiansen, Cox, Warnick, Schmick, Rodne, Smith, and Kelley
 Creating a sales and use tax exemption to encourage the purchase of motor vehicles that reduce air pollution.
 Provides a sales and use tax exemption on the purchase of certain motor vehicles that reduce air pollution.
 Expires July 1, 2015.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 2060** by Representatives Hope, Kristiansen, Haler, Cox, McCune, Rodne, Smith, Warnick, Schmick, Bailey, Johnson, Armstrong, and Condotta
 Providing tax relief to motor vehicle dealers.
 Provides tax relief to motor vehicle dealers.
 Expires January 1, 2011.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 2061** by Representative Kirby; by request of State Treasurer
 Concerning the powers of the public deposit protection commission in regard to banks, savings banks, and savings associations as public depositories.
 Modernizes and clarifies the powers of the public deposit protection commission in regard to banks, savings banks, and savings associations as public depositories.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.
- HB 2062** by Representative Pearson
 Changing the definition of a professional archaeologist.
 Revises the definition of "professional archaeologist" in chapter 27.53 RCW (archaeological sites and resources).
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 2063** by Representatives Orcutt, McCune, Herrera, Smith, Hope, Kelley, and Morrell
 Requiring notice of the incarcerated status of a convicted felon in any solicitation posted on the internet.
 Requires any solicitation posted, with or without the knowledge or direction of the incarcerated person, on the internet by or on behalf of a convicted felon who is incarcerated regarding any donation of money or other thing of value to or for the benefit of him or her, the sale of any good or service provided by or for the benefit of him or her, or the seeking of any pen pal or other correspondence partner for him or her to include notice of the incarcerated status of the felon.
 Prescribes penalties.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.
- HB 2064** by Representatives Orcutt, Morrell, Angel, and Cody
 Concerning continuing education for pharmacy technicians.
 Requires pharmacy technicians to complete continuing education requirements established in rule by the board of pharmacy.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 2065** by Representatives Orcutt, Blake, and Maxwell
 Issuing firearms certificates to retired law enforcement officers.
 Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to develop an annual qualification certificate form to be used by retired law enforcement officers as proof that the officer has completed the annual qualification requirement.
 Requires a retired law enforcement officer, in addition to the firearms certificate, to also carry an annual qualification certificate that the officer has been qualified or otherwise found to have met the standards established by the criminal justice training commission for firearms qualifications for active law enforcement officers in the state not less than one year before the date the officer is carrying a firearm.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 2066** by Representatives Orcutt, Newhouse, Hope, McCune, Warnick, Kelley, and Chandler
 Excluding the value of rebates from sales and use taxation.
 Excludes from sales and use taxation the value of a rebate given by a manufacturer on a motor vehicle and assigned to a seller by a buyer.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 2067** by Representatives Orcutt, Anderson, Warnick, McCune, and Herrera
 Allowing valuation increases to be spread over time.
 Provides that the county assessor is to spread increases in property value over time.
 Provides that the act applies to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 2068** by Representatives Goodman, Hurst, Priest, O'Brien, Miloscia, Seaquist, Cody, Appleton, Roberts, Campbell, and Morrell
 Concerning criminal background checks.
 Revises provisions relating to investigating the criminal history of persons working with certain vulnerable populations.
 Grants concurrent responsibility to the department of health and the department of social and health services for purposes of determining suitability for employment, based on qualifying crimes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2069 by Representative Sullivan

Creating community facilities districts.

Authorizes community facilities districts for the provision of community facilities operations and projects to be established.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 2070 by Representatives Sullivan, Dammeier, and Kenney

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 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2071 by Representatives Green, Kagi, Miloscia, Pettigrew, Nelson, Haler, Priest, Goodman, Conway, Ormsby, Santos, and Kenney

Concerning education for parents of needy families.

Directs the WorkFirst program to develop appropriate strategies to increase participation in educational and training programs available to recipients in order to promote higher rates of postprogram employment in living wage jobs and to reduce the rate of reentry into the program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 2072 by Representatives Wallace, Clibborn, and Wood

Concerning transportation for persons with special transportation needs.

Advances effective transportation for persons with special transportation needs by establishing a system of statewide oversight that seeks input, collaboration, and cooperation from and among all local service providers, including public agencies, private organizations, and community-based groups.

Creates a local coordinating coalition in each nonemergency medical transportation brokerage region designated by the department of social and health services to advance local efforts to coordinate and maximize efficiencies in special needs transportation programs and services, contributing to the overall objectives and goals of the agency council on coordinated transportation.

Directs the department of social and health services and the department of transportation to jointly implement or develop and implement two pilot projects to promote coordination of public transit and medicaid services, and to keep the agency council on coordinated transportation

informed of progress made toward implementing the pilot projects.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2073 by Representatives Wallace, Flannigan, Moeller, Kagi, and Dickerson

Consenting to medical care by a minor.

Modifies provisions regarding minors consenting to medical care.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2074 by Representatives Hunter and Springer

Addressing annexations by cities or towns in counties with more than one million five hundred thousand residents.

Declares an intent to establish new annexation mechanisms and related fiscal provisions that apply in counties with more than 1.5 million residents.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2075 by Representative Hunter

Concerning the excise taxation of certain products and services provided or furnished electronically.

Revises provisions relating to the excise taxation of certain products and services provided or furnished electronically.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2076 by Representatives Hope, O'Brien, Kristiansen, Haler, Warnick, McCune, Alexander, Cox, Schmick, Rodne, Smith, Bailey, Johnson, and Armstrong

Concerning moneys appropriated for the original construction of transportation-related buildings.

Returns savings to the motor vehicle fund by suspending the requirement to purchase art for transportation buildings.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2077 by Representatives Goodman, O'Brien, Kirby, Kagi, Roberts, and Chase

Imposing delayed sentencing for offenders with a standard range under one year.

Imposes delayed sentencing for offenders with a standard range under one year.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 9 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

HB 2078 by Representatives Roberts, O'Brien, Walsh, Jacks, Appleton, Goodman, Dickerson, Green, Kagi, Chase, Wood, Kenney, and Haler

Concerning persons with developmental disabilities who are in correctional facilities or jails.

Requires persons with developmental disabilities who are confined to a correctional facility or jail to be identified early during confinement and monitored to ensure their safety during confinement.

Requires jail or correctional staff to determine the reasonable accommodations required while a person with a developmental disability is in the correctional facility or jail.

Requires the department of social and health services, in consultation with the department of corrections, representatives of local jails, a representative of the developmental disabilities council, and other key stakeholder advocate groups, to develop a proposed transition program to support clients with developmental disabilities moving from jail, upon release, to appropriate support services in their local community.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 2079 by Representatives Cody, Ericksen, and Morrell

Concerning the office of financial management's access to health professional licensing information.

Authorizes the office of financial management to access certain health professional licensing information and certain medical or health facility licensing information.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4206 by Representatives Orcutt, Anderson, Warnick, McCune, and Herrera

Providing for value averaging.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to provide for value averaging.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HJR 4207 by Representatives Orcutt, Alexander, Hope, Warnick, McCune, Herrera, Shea, Short, Bailey, Dammeier, Chandler, Newhouse, and Kristiansen

Amending the state Constitution to include an expenditure limit.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to include an expenditure limit.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HJR 4208 by Representatives Orcutt, Hope, Herrera, Warnick, McCune, Armstrong, and Kristiansen

Placing restrictions on tax increases.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to place restrictions on tax increases.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HJR 4209 by Representatives Bailey, Alexander, Dammeier, Smith, Ross, Chandler, Warnick, Newhouse, Kristiansen, and Haler

Requiring extraordinary revenue growth to be transferred to the budget stabilization account.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require extraordinary revenue growth to be transferred to the budget stabilization account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Bills

SB 5009-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Swecker, Hobbs, King, Sheldon, Kilmer, Ranker, Berkey, Haugen, Kauffman, Rockefeller, Hatfield, McAuliffe, Shin, and Roach)

Creating a military service exemption for benefits charged to the experience rating accounts of employers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows a contribution paying base year employer, not otherwise eligible for relief of charges for benefits under RCW 50.29.021, to receive such relief if the benefit charges result from payment to an individual who is a member of the military reserves or National Guard and was called to federal active military service by the President of the United States and is subsequently laid off when that employee is reemployed by their employer upon release from active duty within the time provided for reemployment in RCW 73.16.035.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 3:30 PM.

Feb 9 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5110-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, McCaslin, Hewitt, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, and Holmquist)

Allowing spas, wedding boutiques, and art galleries to serve wine or beer to their customers who are twenty-one years of age or older.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows spas, wedding boutiques, and art galleries to serve wine or beer to their customers who are at least twenty-one years old.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 1:30 PM.

- Feb 9 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5161-S** by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Rockefeller, Honeyford, Hewitt, Oemig, Shin, Zarelli, Regala, Benton, Kilmer, Kline, Roach, Haugen, and Pridemore)
Extending tax incentives for renewable resources, including tidal and wave energy.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Extends tax incentives for renewable resources, including tidal and wave energy.
-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 9 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5381-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Jarrett, Haugen, King, Marr, Shin, Tom, and Carrell)
Authorizing the issuance of cease and desist orders and civil penalties for violations committed by unlicensed persons engaging in scrap processing or hulk hauling activities.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Declares an intent to authorize the department of licensing to issue cease and desist orders and civil penalties for violations committed by unlicensed persons engaging in the activities of a hulk hauler or scrap processor.
Authorizes the director of the department of licensing to assess a fine of up to one thousand dollars.
-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 9 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5388-S** by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Murray, Swecker, Carrell, King, Tom, Kohl-Welles, and Franklin)
Concerning the disclosure of any known damage and repair to a new motor vehicle by motor vehicle dealers.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Prohibits a dealer from entering into a new motor vehicle sales contract without disclosing in writing to a buyer of the new motor vehicle, or to a dealer in the case of an unregistered motor vehicle, any known damage and repair to the new motor vehicle if the damage exceeds five percent of the manufacturer's suggested retail price as calculated at the dealer's authorized warranty rate for labor and parts, or one thousand dollars, whichever amount is greater.
-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 9 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5419-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)
Concerning voluntary donations of vehicle owners at the time of initial or renewal registration.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the 4-H account.
Provides an opportunity for certain vehicle owners to, at the time of initial or renewal registration, voluntarily donate five dollars or more to be deposited in the 4-H account to be used for life skills education for young people from ages five through nineteen.
Applies to registrations due or to become due on or after January 1, 2010.
-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 9 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5440-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Kauffman, Kline, Roach, and McDermott)
Concerning the naming or renaming of state ferries.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Involves tribal governments when naming or renaming state ferries.
Directs the transportation commission, when naming or renaming state ferry vessels, to consider selling the naming rights and make recommendations to the legislature.
-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 9 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5605-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Hargrove)
Concerning the time period during which sales and use tax for public facilities in rural counties may be collected.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies provisions relating to the time period during which sales and use tax for public facilities in rural counties may be collected.
-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 9 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5647-S** by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Hatfield, Hewitt, Delvin, and Fraser)
Establishing a pilot local water management program in one qualified jurisdiction.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a pilot local water management program in water resource inventory area 32.
Expires June 30, 2019.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5677-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senator Hatfield)

Regarding the dairy nutrient management program.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the director of the department of agriculture to enter at all reasonable times in or upon dairy farms for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions relating to the pollution of any waters of the state.

Revises the definition of "violation" in chapter 90.64 RCW (dairy nutrient management).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 AREC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5926 by Senators Jacobsen and Morton

Regarding geoduck diver licenses.

Requires a diver engaged in the commercial harvest of subtidal geoduck clams to obtain a geoduck diver license.

Prohibits the director of the department of fish and wildlife, after July 1, 2009, from issuing new geoduck diver licenses.

Provides that the act applies retroactively to geoduck diver licenses issued on or after January 1, 2009.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5927 by Senator Morton

Regarding notice requirements for special meetings.

Revises notice requirements for special meetings under the open public meetings act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5928 by Senator Brown; by request of State Treasurer

Concerning the powers of the public deposit protection commission in regard to banks, savings banks, and savings associations as public depositaries.

Modernizes and clarifies the powers of the public deposit protection commission in regard to banks, savings banks, and savings associations as public depositaries.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5929 by Senators Carrell, Hargrove, Honeyford,

Hobbs, and Roach

Including correctional employees who have completed government-sponsored law enforcement firearms training to the lists of law enforcement personnel that are exempt from certain firearm restrictions.

Includes correctional officers and sergeants from counties with a population of one million or more, who have completed government-sponsored law enforcement firearms training, to the lists of law enforcement personnel that are exempt from certain firearm restrictions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5930 by Senators Prentice and Tom

Regarding public employees' health care costs.

Directs the Washington state health care authority to establish tiered premium contributions for health care based on an employee's salary.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5931 by Senators Murray, Delvin, and Kline

Regarding mental health counselor privilege.

Modifies provisions regarding mental health counselor privilege.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5932 by Senators Fairley, Pflug, Parlette, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and McAuliffe

Concerning adult family homes.

Requires the department of social and health services to establish a specialty license to include geriatric specialty certification for providers who have successfully completed the University of Washington school of nursing certified geriatric certification program and testing.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5933 by Senators McDermott, Benton, Hobbs, Shin, and Kohl-Welles

Allowing the owner of a self-service storage facility to offer self-service storage insurance.

Requires an owner of a self-service storage facility that intends to offer self-service storage insurance to file a self-service storage insurance producer license application with the insurance commissioner. The license authorizes a self-service storage insurance producer and its employees to offer insurance covering the loss of or damage to personal property stored at a facility on a master, corporate, group, or individual policy basis.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5934 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Kline,

Kauffman, McCaslin, and Shin

Concerning conveyances used in prostitution-related offenses.

Revises provisions relating to conveyances used in prostitution-related offenses.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5935 by Senators McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Regarding public school education programs for the prevention of child abuse.

Finds that: (1) The number of children who have been found to be victims of abuse is unacceptable;

(2) This victimization often leads adult survivors into struggles with depression, alcohol and drug addiction, and other mental illnesses; and

(3) There is evidence that indicates effective abuse prevention and personal safety education can be very valuable in efforts to reduce incidents of abuse.

Declares an intent to: (1) Address this issue by establishing guidelines for schools to integrate effective programs that teach students skills to prevent abuse; and

(2) Involve communities and families in the work of the schools to enhance the efforts to prevent child abuse.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with professionals in the field of child abuse prevention and interested organizations, to establish a statewide child abuse prevention program to be incorporated into existing programs at each public school.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5936 by Senators Brandland and Kohl-Welles

Concerning consumer reports of employees or volunteers who will or may have unsupervised access to children, individuals with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adults.

Authorizes a consumer reporting agency to make a consumer report containing information on any prospective employee or volunteer who will or may have unsupervised access to children, individuals with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adults.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5937 by Senator Prentice

Exempting from sales and use tax sales for and use by tribal administration and programs of any landless Washington state federally recognized Indian tribe.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for tribal administration and programs of any landless Washington state federally recognized Indian tribe.

Requires the amount of local use tax liability that is subject to the exemption in and is reported to the department of revenue under section 2 of the act to be deposited in the local sales and use tax account from the state portion of taxes collected under chapter 82.08 RCW (retail sales tax) and chapter 82.12 RCW (use tax).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5938 by Senators Ranker, Swecker, Haugen, Delvin, Eide, Sheldon, Jacobsen, Shin, and McAuliffe

Clarifying the permitting, training, and licensing process for driver training schools.

Clarifies provisions relating to driver training schools.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5939 by Senators Hobbs, Schoesler, Benton, Fairley, McDermott, Keiser, Sheldon, and Shin

Concerning personnel practices regarding exempt employment.

Requires the director of the department of personnel to require each state agency to report semiannually on the number of classified and nonclassified employees in the agency and the change compared to the previous report, the number of bonuses and performance-based incentives awarded to agency staff, and the cost of each bonus or incentive awarded.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5940 by Senator Honeyford

Concerning publicly owned industrial wastewater treatment facilities.

Modifies provisions relating to awarding grants or providing loans to publicly owned industrial wastewater treatment facilities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5941 by Senators Oemig, Kastama, Jarrett, McAuliffe, Marr, Hobbs, and Tom

Regarding comprehensive education data improvement systems.

Declares an intent to establish comprehensive education data improvement systems for financial, student, and educator data to monitor student progress, assure educator quality, monitor and analyze the costs of programs, provide for financial integrity and accountability, and have the capability to link across these various data components by student, by class, by teacher, by school, by district, and statewide.

Establishes a data governance group within the educational data center to assist in the design and implementation of an education data improvement system for financial, student, and educator data.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5942 by Senators Prentice, Zarelli, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Shin, Marr, Brandland, Keiser, Murray,

Hatfield, Fraser, Honeyford, Hargrove, Hewitt, and Holmquist

Concerning the taxation of newspapers.

Decreases the business and occupation tax on the printing and/or publishing of newspapers.

Expires July 1, 2015.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5943 by Senators Hargrove, Stevens, Fairley, Regala, McAuliffe, Jarrett, Tom, Brandland, Kauffman, Kline, Delvin, and Shin

Requiring performance-based contracts for the provision of child welfare services.

Establishes the child welfare transformation design committee as a mechanism to design, in collaboration with the department of social and health services, the transition to performance-based contracts in the delivery of out-of-home care and case management services.

Expires the committee on June 30, 2012.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5944 by Senators Ranker, Brandland, Hargrove, Morton, Haugen, Shin, Fraser, Pridemore, Kastama, Kilmer, Jacobsen, Rockefeller, Sheldon, Kauffman, Berkey, Kline, Hobbs, and Marr

Implementing a demonstration project to reduce phosphorus loading in Lake Whatcom.

Directs the Puget Sound partnership to assist the city of Bellingham and Whatcom county to implement a demonstration program regarding phosphorus loading into Lake Whatcom.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5945 by Senators Keiser, Franklin, and Kohl-Welles

Creating the Washington health partnership plan.

Creates the Washington health partnership plan to provide comprehensive health coverage to all residents of the state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5946 by Senators McDermott, Murray, Keiser, Fairley, Kline, and Marr

Protecting freedom of student press and speech.

Declares an intent to ensure free speech and free press protections for both high school and college students in the state in order to encourage students to become educated, informed, and responsible members of society.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5947 by Senator Pflug

Reforming the health care system in Washington state.

Reforms the Washington state health care system.

Establishes the Washington state apple health insurance board to facilitate the availability, portability, choice, and adoption of private health insurance plans to eligible individuals and groups.

Requires the insurance commissioner to convene a high-risk transfer pool task force to develop a high-risk transfer proposal that will best serve the apple health insurance board, its carriers, and its enrollees for transferring high-risk claims evenly among carriers and to consider active and proposed models from other states that function to spread high risk in the most equitable manner possible.

Creates the apple health community care account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5948 by Senators Shin, Kastama, Jacobsen, Franklin, Berkey, and Hargrove

Regarding water conservation appliances.

Declares an intent to encourage water efficiency by requiring the building code council to set a policy regarding high-efficiency toilets.

Requires all toilets and all urinals, other than institutional toilets or institutional urinals, sold or installed in this state, to be high-efficiency toilets and high-efficiency urinals, by January 1, 2014.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5949 by Senators Marr and Kohl-Welles

Creating a statewide centers of occupational health and education program.

Declares that the centers of occupational health and education program has been: (1) Very successful at reducing costs associated with workers' compensation claims; and (2) Operating on a pilot basis, limiting access to these services to a small percentage of the Washington employee population and reducing potential cost savings.

Requires the department of labor and industries, in consultation with the workers' compensation advisory committee, to create a statewide centers of occupational health and education program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5950 by Senators Kline, Franklin, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, and Roach

Concerning criminal background checks.

Revises provisions relating to investigating the criminal history of persons working with certain vulnerable populations.

Grants concurrent responsibility to the department of health and the department of social and health services for purposes of determining suitability for employment, based on qualifying crimes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5951 by Senators Roach, Hatfield, Pridemore, and McDermott

Protecting the voter's signature and telephone number on envelopes provided for return of voted ballots.

Protects certain voter information on envelopes provided for returning a ballot.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5952 by Senators McDermott, Murray, Fairley, Prentice, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Pridemore, Tom, Regala, Jacobsen, Marr, Oemig, Haugen, Franklin, Hobbs, and McAuliffe

Modifying the definition of "sexual orientation" for malicious harassment prosecution purposes.

Modifies the definition of "sexual orientation" for malicious harassment prosecution purposes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5953 by Senators Kilmer, Ranker, Haugen, Marr, and Rockefeller

Eliminating the requirement that security amounts for certain marine vessel contracts adequately protect one hundred percent of the state's or county's exposure to loss.

Eliminates the requirement that security amounts for certain marine vessel contracts adequately protect one hundred percent of the state's or county's exposure to loss.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.