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House Bills

HB 1085-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Green, and Dickerson)

Concerning body piercing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds and declares that the practices of body piercing and body art involve an invasive procedure with the use of needles, single-use disposable sharps, reusable sharps, instruments, and jewelry. These practices may be dangerous when improperly sterilized, presenting a risk of infecting the client with bloodborne pathogens including, but not limited to, HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C. It is in the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare to establish requirements in the commercial practice of body piercing in this state.

Provides penalties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.

Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1282-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives White, Rodne, Cody, and Kenney)

Creating a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of health and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to jointly establish a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program in one urban school district and one rural school district.

Directs the department of health to convene a working group to plan the school-based influenza vaccination pilot program.

Expires July 1, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1303-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Green, and Roberts)

Collecting child mortality reviews into a database.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department of health to: (1) Assist local health departments to collect the reports of any child mortality reviews conducted by local health departments and assist with entering the reports into a database to the extent that the data is not protected under RCW 70.05.170(3);

(2) Respond to any requests for data from the database to the extent permitted for health care information under chapter 70.02 RCW; and

(3) Provide technical assistance to local health departments and child death review coordinators conducting child mortality reviews and encourage communication among child death review teams. The

department shall conduct these activities using only federal and private funding.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1357-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Dickerson, Orwall, Walsh, Moeller, Kenney, and Wood)

Regarding the designation of "social worker."

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits a person from representing himself or herself as a social worker unless the person is licensed under RCW 18.225.090 as an advanced social worker or an independent clinical social worker; or has graduated with a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a social work educational program accredited by the council on social work education.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1360-S by House Committee on Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby, Orcutt, Simpson, Smith, Dunshee, Springer, Liias, Upthegrove, Eddy, Takko, Chase, Morrell, Moeller, and Sullivan)

Concerning funding for infrastructure that supports dense, affordable development in transit-oriented areas.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the residential infrastructure program in the department of community, trade, and economic development to provide loans to eligible jurisdictions and grants to nonprofit organizations for public infrastructure that supports increased capacity for dense, affordable residential development in transit-proximate areas.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to determine each year the total amount of funding available in loans and grants and establish the total amount of financial assistance to be appropriated to eligible jurisdiction and nonprofit organization applicants based on certain criteria.

Creates the residential infrastructure account.

Directs the state treasurer to, by August 31, 2010, and by August 31st of every year thereafter, transfer from the general fund into the residential infrastructure account the lesser of fifty million dollars or the excess real estate excise tax growth amount.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 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 1397-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by

Representatives Moeller, Ericksen, Cody, Green, Hinkle, Morrell, Bailey, Williams, Nelson, and Wood)

Concerning the delegation of authority to registered nurses.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Expands delegation of authority to registered nurses.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1514-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Hinkle, Cody, and Morrell; by request of Department of Health)

Regarding counseling professions subject to the authority of the secretary of health.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Adds and removes counseling professions subject to the authority of the secretary of the department of health under the uniform disciplinary act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 2080 by Representatives Driscoll, Shea, Johnson, and Ormsby; by request of Washington State Patrol

Modifying provisions relating to suncreening devices.

Revises provisions relating to suncreening, coloring material, and safety glazing material on motor vehicle windows.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2081 by Representatives Hunt, Kessler, Wallace, McCoy, Carlyle, Ormsby, Chase, and Wood

Regarding shorelines of statewide significance.

Provides that the Olympia Isthmus be declared a shoreline of statewide significance through the shoreline management act to advance the public interest and to protect public investments.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2082 by Representatives Hunt, Kessler, Wallace, McCoy, Carlyle, Ormsby, Chase, and Kenney

Creating the state capitol campus special height district.

Creates a special height district to protect the scenic beauty of the state capitol campus for the citizens of this state and for out-of-state visitors.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2083 by Representatives White, Kenney, Carlyle, Nelson, Moeller, Williams, Pettigrew,

Pedersen, Ormsby, Hunt, Springer, Upthegrove, Dunshee, Kagi, and Chase

Requiring consideration of impacts to tree canopies in large cities through rules implementing the state environmental policy act.

Provides that rules adopted under RCW 43.21C.110(1) (f) must require consideration of the impacts that a proposed action in a large city might have upon the tree canopy of that city.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

HB 2084 by Representatives Kagi, Dickerson, Walsh, and Chase

Concerning forensic investigations.

Requires an autopsy of a child under three years of age be performed in a facility designed for the performance of autopsies that is fully accredited by the national association of medical examiners and prohibits the autopsy from being performed in a funeral home.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 2085 by Representatives Walsh, Kagi, and Kenney

Concerning searching for relatives of children in out-of-home placements.

Requires the department of social and health services to contract for a statewide relative search service provider, with the goal of earlier identification of more persons who can be appropriate and stable placement options for children in dependency or termination proceedings.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 2086 by Representatives Short, Dunshee, Kretz, Williams, Morris, Shea, Blake, Ormsby, Smith, Roach, Pearson, McCune, Takko, Orcutt, Warnick, and Kristiansen

Regarding voluntary participation in a state or national animal identification system.

Regulates participation in an animal identification system.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2087 by Representatives Springer, Hunter, and Kelley; by request of Governor Gregoire

Eliminating certain boards, committees, and commissions and the transfer of certain duties effective June 30, 2009.

Eliminates certain boards, committees, and commissions and transfers certain duties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2088 by Representatives Darneille, Clibborn, Morrell, Wallace, Kenney, Simpson, Wood, and Conway

Improving access to facilities for persons with special transportation needs.

Directs the agency council on coordinated transportation to appoint a work group, chaired by the office of financial management, to develop criteria and guidelines to ensure better coordination between the siting of state funded facilities, whether funded in part or in full, which employ or provide services to a high proportion of persons with special transportation needs, and access to those facilities by patrons of special needs transportation providers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2089 by Representative Chase

Regarding the use of certain food service products.

Prohibits food service businesses from selling or providing food for consumption on or off the premises: (1) In expanded polystyrene food service products with certain exceptions, effective January 1, 2010; and (2) In or with disposable plastic food service ware, effective July 1, 2010.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

HB 2090 by Representatives Hope, Angel, Pearson, Ericks, McCune, Kristiansen, Newhouse, Kelley, Johnson, and Simpson

Providing a property tax exemption for first-time home buyers.

Exempts a residence purchased by a first-time home buyer from property taxes levied for any state purpose.

Provides that the exemption applies only to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2091 by Representatives Short and Warnick

Concerning visitation rights for grandparents.

Recognizes that the recent Washington state supreme court decision in *In re Parentage of C.A.M.A.* reaffirmed that Washington's grandparent visitation statutes are unconstitutional.

Declares an intent to bring the law in line with the court's holding in that case, in order to ensure that grandparents have a viable means of petitioning the court for visitation with their grandchildren.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2092 by Representatives Short, Chase, Warnick, and McCune

Specifying that qualified grandparents are the priority placement option for children needing out-of-home care in dependency proceedings.

Provides that if the court orders an out-of-home placement for a child under chapter 13.34 RCW (juvenile court act--dependency and termination of parent-child relationship), the court shall order the child placed with a qualified grandparent unless the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the placement would not be in the child's best interests.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 2093 by Representatives Roach, Blake, Shea, Haler, DeBolt, Crouse, McCune, Schmick, Orcutt, Rodne, Campbell, Kelley, Warnick, Bailey, Johnson, and Condotta

Requiring a reduction in toll rates charged to motorcycles.

Requires a reduction in toll rates charged to motorcycles.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2094 by Representatives Carlyle, Kenney, White, Cody, Nelson, Dickerson, Pettigrew, Morris, Pedersen, Hunt, Hasegawa, Hudgins, and Dunshee

Limiting the use of capital levy proceeds to support direct costs associated with technology systems and support.

Prohibits a school district from expending more than three percent of the proceeds from a levy or that portion of a levy to support the construction, modernization, or remodeling of school facilities that is expressly authorized for certain purposes on the costs of training or other authorized salary costs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2095 by Representatives Orwall, Finn, Upthegrove, Simpson, Rodne, and Quall

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

Clarifies provisions relating to driver training schools.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2096 by Representatives Rolfes, Wood, Herrera, Eddy, and Van De Wege

Modifying instances when vehicle owners may be allowed to deviate from license plate attachment requirements.

Allows a vehicle owner to deviate from license plate attachment requirements under certain conditions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2097 by Representatives McCoy, Blake, Van De Wege, Nelson, Jacks, Lias, Ormsby, Eddy, Carlyle, Chase, and Kessler

Regarding rainwater collection facilities.

Regulates rainwater collection facilities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2098 by Representative Anderson

Creating a single need-based financial aid program.

Declares an intent to provide per student incentives to institutions of higher education to increase the number of financial aid recipients who graduate and achieve career placement.

Reduces eligibility for the state need grant to include students with family incomes at or below fifty percent of the state median family income, adjusted for family size.

Provides that institutions of higher education that participate in the state need grant program are eligible for institutional incentive grants for tracking and improving student achievement.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2099 by Representatives Conway, Condotta, Chase, and Simpson

Allowing out-of-state online wine retailers to ship to consumers in the state.

Allows out-of-state online wine retailers to ship to consumers in the state if certain conditions are met.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2100 by Representative Clibborn

Concerning the certification of a driver's visual acuity by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Limits the department of licensing's authority to require a person to obtain a certificate or a statement signed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist certifying the person's visual acuity and certifying whether the person has a visual condition that could impair his or her ability to safely operate a motor vehicle at night.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2101 by Representatives Condotta, McCune, Kristiansen, Hope, Roach, Warnick, and Pearson

Increasing distributions of off-road vehicle moneys.

Increases distributions of off-road vehicle moneys.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2102 by Representatives Morrell, Smith, Dammeier, Newhouse, Blake, Rolfes, Moeller, Dunshee, Van De Wege, Haigh, and Warnick

Creating a mobile custom farm slaughtering unit loan program.

Finds that: (1) The loss of livestock slaughter facilities has significantly impeded local meat production in many regions of the state;

(2) Mobile custom farm slaughtering units, capable of visiting farms and ranches to slaughter animals humanely and inexpensively, can assist in reviving local meat production; and

(3) Establishing a loan program that enables local governments to purchase mobile custom farm slaughtering units for lease to livestock producers, conditioned upon producers' donation of a portion of meat processed by the units to local food banks, will both support Washington's disadvantaged citizens and reinvigorate rural economies.

Establishes the mobile custom farm slaughtering unit loan program within the department of agriculture.

Creates the mobile custom farm slaughtering unit loan account.

Directs the director of agriculture to report to the legislature and the governor on the status of the program on or before December 1, 2010, and annually thereafter.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2103 by Representatives Miloscia, O'Brien, Hasegawa, McCoy, Kessler, Chase, and Conway

Concerning the taxation of adult entertainment materials and services.

Dedicates revenue from a tax on the sale and use of adult entertainment materials and services to crime victims' compensation, with an emphasis towards providing services, support, or therapy to those children who are victims of sexual abuse.

Imposes an additional tax on each retail sale of adult entertainment materials and services equal to eighteen and one-half percent of the selling price.

Requires all revenue collected on sales and use of adult entertainment materials and services to be deposited in the general fund to be used solely for the general assistance-unemployable program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2104 by Representatives Jacks, Wallace, Pettigrew, Dunshee, McCune, Cody, Morrell, Kessler, Kenney, Nelson, Simpson, and Ormsby

Concerning sales and use tax exemptions for prescribed power wheelchairs.

Provides a tax exemption on the sale or use of power wheelchairs and the related accessories and services as prescribed by a person licensed under the laws of this state to prescribe such equipment.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2105 by Representatives Cody and Morrell

Concerning diagnostic imaging services.

Directs the speaker of the house of representatives and the majority leader of the senate to convene a work group to analyze and identify nationally accepted best practice guidelines or protocols applicable to advanced diagnostic imaging services and any decision and support tools available to implement the guidelines or protocols.

Requires the Washington state health care authority, no later than January 1, 2010, to implement for all state purchased health care programs the nationally accepted best practice guidelines or protocols applicable to advanced diagnostic imaging services, and the decision and support tools to implement the guidelines or protocols.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2106 by Representatives Kagi, Roberts, Kenney, and Morrell

Improving child welfare outcomes through the phased implementation of strategic and proven reforms.

Requires the children's administration within the department of social and health services to collaborate with community partners and stakeholders in one demonstration region to jointly develop a plan for implementation of a core set of performance-based contracts to provide an array of evidence-based and promising prevention and early intervention services to children and families who are at risk for an out-of-home placement or the filing of a dependency petition.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 2107 by Representatives Kagi, Roberts, Kessler, Kenney, and Santos

Regarding the delivery of early learning home visitation programs.

Requires the department of early learning, jointly with the early learning private-public partnership and within available funds, to fund evidence-based and research-based home visitation programs for high-risk families to improve parenting skills and awareness about children's early development and its impact on long-term outcomes for children.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 2108 by Representatives Kagi, Morrell, Kenney, Quall, and Ormsby

Reducing administrative and regulatory burdens on public schools.

Reduces administrative and regulatory burdens on public schools.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2109 by Representatives Upthegrove and Chase

Concerning state parks and recreation funding.

Implements programs that will allow park lands to remain open and accessible to all citizens and visitors through times of economic hardship.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

- HB 2110** by Representatives Hasegawa, Chase, Simpson, Santos, and Ormsby
 Requiring a tax expenditure report as part of the biennial budget documents.
 Requires a tax expenditure report as part of the biennial budget documents.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Finance.
- HB 2111** by Representatives Hasegawa, Chase, and Santos
 Establishing the GET ready for college program.
 Encourages families to begin saving for college by paying the enrollment fee for a GET account for each child born in Washington and supplementing that account with additional GET units over the child's educational career.
 Establishes the GET ready for college program.
 Requires the higher education coordinating board, subject to funds appropriated for this specific purpose, to pay the fifty-dollar enrollment fee to open a GET account on behalf of every child born in Washington state after the effective date of the act.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- HB 2112** by Representatives Hasegawa, Green, Chase, and Santos
 Requiring prepaid postage for primary and general election ballots.
 Requires return envelopes for primary and general election ballots to include prepaid postage.
 Requires the state to reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for primary and general elections.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 2113** by Representatives Kagi, Chase, Quall, and Morrell
 Regarding placements of students in residential habilitation centers.
 Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide residential habilitation center impact assistance for actual costs associated with educational services provided to students who are residents of the centers to the extent that those costs exceed funding otherwise provided to serve these students.
 Requires the department of social and health services, at least thirty days prior to the placement of any person between the ages of three and twenty-one into a residential habilitation center, to provide notice of the placement to the superintendent of the school district in which the residential habilitation center is located.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Education.
- HB 2114** by Representatives Seaquist and Cody; by request of Governor Gregoire
 Establishing a forum for testing primary care medical home reimbursement pilot projects.
 Requires the health care authority and the department of social and health services to design, oversee implementation of, and evaluate one or more primary care medical home reimbursement pilot projects in the state to include as participants public payors, private health carriers, and health care providers.
 Expires July 1, 2013.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 2115** by Representative O'Brien
 Allowing booking photographs and electronic images at jails to be open to the public.
 Allows booking photographs and electronic images at jails to be open to the public.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.
- HB 2116** by Representatives Maxwell, Dunshee, Upthegrove, Jacks, Liias, and Simpson
 Concerning water pollution control.
 Revises provisions regarding funding for water pollution control.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.
 Committee relieved of further consideration.
 Referred to Capital Budget.
- HB 2117** by Representatives Cody, Morrell, Kenney, and Conway
 Modifying the basic health plan.
 Revises the basic health plan to enable unemployed workers to maintain their health and avoid the risk of financial hardship related to unpaid medical bills as they search for new employment.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 2118** by Representatives Wallace, Carlyle, Sullivan, and Kenney
 Convening an advisory committee on tuition policy.
 Requires the higher education coordinating board, within existing resources, to convene an advisory committee on tuition policy. The committee shall be guided by the legislature's desire to develop rational policies as the basis for long-term planning and development of higher education in Washington.
 Expires June 30, 2011.
 -- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 2119 by Representatives Wallace, Carlyle, Sullivan, Morrell, Quall, Santos, and Ormsby

Expanding dual credit opportunities.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction, the state board for community and technical colleges, and the public baccalaureate institutions to jointly develop and each adopt rules governing the college in the high school program.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to develop advising guidelines to assure that students and parents understand that college credits earned in high school dual credit programs may impact eligibility for financial aid.

Directs the office of the superintendent of public instruction, in collaboration with the state board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, and the public baccalaureate institutions, to report by September 1, 2010, and annually thereafter to the education and higher education committees of the legislature regarding participation in dual credit programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2120 by Representative Ericksen

Concerning the fixing of pilotage tariffs.

Requires the utilities and transportation commission to annually submit a pilotage tariff recommendation report to the board of pilotage commissioners, the governor, and the chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and the house of representatives for any pilotage district where pilotage is not administered by a port authority.

Requires the board of pilotage commissioners to: (1) Consider any tariff adjustment recommendations included in the utilities and transportation commission report; and

(2) Provide a report clearly documenting specific rationale to the governor and the chairs of the transportation committees of the senate and the house of representatives if the board deviates from tariff adjustment recommendations included in the utilities and transportation commission report.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2121 by Representatives Morrell, Green, Hunt, Hudgins, Kenney, Darneille, Miloscia, Liias, Simpson, Hasegawa, McCoy, Goodman, Williams, Chase, Nelson, Conway, and Ormsby; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Establishing the guaranteed health benefit program act.

Creates the guaranteed health benefit program to provide care to all residents of this state not enrolled in both parts A and B of medicare, veterans' benefits, TRICARE, CHAMPUS, FEHBP, or other federal or state government programs, or who are confined or reside in a government-operated institution.

Establishes the guaranteed health benefits board to govern the program.

Directs the state health care authority to administer, supervise, and manage the program.

Requires employers to make information developed by the state health care authority about the program and open enrollment available to their employees.

Establishes the guaranteed benefit program trust account and the guaranteed benefit program reserve trust account.

Requires the state auditor to examine the records of the program every second year, or more frequently upon request of the board, and to recommend methods of accounting and the rendering of periodic reports of projects undertaken by the board.

Directs the secretary of the department of social and health services to seek all necessary waivers or amendments needed for full implementation of the program and to seek to obtain federal reimbursements for all eligible persons who enroll in the program.

Directs the insurance commissioner to study and report on whether to retain, eliminate, or change the Washington state health insurance pool, created in chapter 48.41 RCW, after full implementation of the program.

Provides for submission of the act to a vote of the people.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2122 by Representatives Kessler, Blake, Ericks, Takko, Wallace, Morris, Liias, Hunt, Kelley, Quall, Sullivan, and Van De Wege

Reducing the business and occupation tax burden on the newspaper industry.

Reduces the business and occupation tax burden on the newspaper industry.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2123 by Representatives Kessler, Blake, Ericks, Takko, Wallace, Morris, Liias, Hunt, Kelley, Green, Quall, Sullivan, Miloscia, Van De Wege, and Ormsby

Reducing the business and occupation tax rate on the business of printing, and of publishing newspapers, magazines, or periodicals.

Reduces the business and occupation tax rate on the business of printing and on the business of publishing newspapers, magazines, or periodicals.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2124 by Representatives Rolfes, Simpson, and Santos

Prohibiting unfair practices in public community athletics programs by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex.

Prohibits a city, town, county, or district from discriminating against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct, or administration of community athletics programs for youth or adults.

Prohibits cities, towns, counties, districts, and public school districts from authorizing or granting permits or other permission to third parties for community athletics programs if the third party's program discriminates against any person on the basis of sex.

Requires a task force to be established in October 2011 of interested stakeholders to compile and review the results of the reports as required under section 9 of the act and look

for common themes to the types of complaints that are made statewide.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2125 by Representatives Santos and Kenney

Addressing community preservation and development authorities.

Authorizes creation of community preservation and development authorities to restore or enhance the health, safety, and economic well-being of communities adversely impacted by the construction or ongoing operation of multiple major public facilities, public works, and capital projects with significant public funding.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 2126 by Representatives Orwall, Darneille, Nelson, Jacks, Hasegawa, Van De Wege, Lias, and Kenney; by request of Governor Gregoire

Consolidating the cemetery board and the board of funeral directors and embalmers.

Consolidates and modifies the duties of the cemetery board and the board of funeral directors and embalmers into one board to be known as the funeral and cemetery board.

Consolidates the funeral directors and embalmers account and the cemetery account into one account to be known as the funeral and cemetery account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 Held on first reading.

HB 2127 by Representatives Seaquist, Kenney, and Simpson

Concerning health care coverage for children.

Requires the department of social and health services to: (1)Take the opportunity provided in the federal children's health insurance program reauthorization act to implement express lane eligibility for children's health coverage not later than July 1, 2010;

(2) Manage its outreach, application, and renewal procedures with the goal of achieving year by year improvements in enrollment, enrollment rates, renewals, and renewal rates;

(3) Use an eligibility card for the program that clearly identifies the bearer, by text and by logo, as a participant in the apple health for kids program; and

(4) Establish a concise set of explicit performance measures that can indicate whether children enrolled in the program are receiving health care through an established and effective medical home, and whether the overall health of enrolled children is improving.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2128 by Representatives Seaquist and Simpson

Concerning health care coverage for children.

Requires the department of social and health services to: (1)Take the opportunity provided in the federal

children's health insurance program reauthorization act to implement express lane eligibility for children's health coverage not later than July 1, 2010;

(2) Manage its outreach, application, and renewal procedures with the goal of achieving year by year improvements in enrollment, enrollment rates, renewals, and renewal rates;

(3) Use an eligibility card for the program that clearly identifies the bearer, by text and by logo, as a participant in the apple health for kids program; and

(4) Establish a concise set of explicit performance measures that can indicate whether children enrolled in the program are receiving health care through an established and effective medical home, and whether the overall health of enrolled children is improving

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Feb 10 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2129 by Representative Eddy

Regarding the greenhouse gas emissions performance standard under chapter 80.80 RCW.

Revises provisions regarding the greenhouse gas emissions performance standard.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2130 by Representatives Probst, Jacks, Morris, Morrell, Kenney, Conway, and Ormsby

Concerning tax incentives for renewable energy manufacturing facilities.

Allows a fifty percent business and occupation tax credit for each dollar of capital invested in renewable energy manufacturing expenditures, up to a maximum of twenty million dollars of credit.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

Senate Bills

SB 5152-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Rockefeller, McDermott, and Kohl-Welles)

Creating a legislative task force on statutory construction.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that over the past decades, there have been instances in which statutes have been judicially construed differently than may have been intended and that it will be helpful to the judicial and legislative branches if the rules by which statutes are judicially construed are reviewed and better understood by both branches.

Declares an intent to create a broadly representative task force to review the existing rules of statutory construction, identify those rules that are appropriate for codification, and identify those rules that may, if revised, lead to improved comity between the legislative and judicial branches in determining public policy.

Establishes a legislative task force on statutory construction.

Expires July 1, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5160-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, McCaslin, and Tom)

Concerning service of notice from seizing law enforcement agencies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Clarifies provisions regarding service of notice from seizing law enforcement agencies.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 10 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5165-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Jarrett, Swecker, Marr, Shin, Kilmer, Kline, Sheldon, and Haugen; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development)

Implementing a transfer of development rights program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that a successful transfer of development rights program must consider housing affordable to all economic segments of the population, and economic development programs and policies in designated receiving areas. Counties, cities, and towns that decide to participate in the regional transfer of development rights program for central Puget Sound are encouraged to adopt comprehensive plan policies and development regulations to implement the program that do not compete or conflict with comprehensive plan policies and development regulations that require or encourage affordable housing. Participating cities and towns are also encouraged to use the development of receiving areas to maximize opportunities for economic development that supports creation or retention of jobs. A regional transfer of development rights program in the central Puget Sound should be voluntary, incentive-driven, and separate, but compatible with existing local transfer of development rights programs. Additional counties may benefit from participation in a regional transfer of development rights program in the future. Therefore, the regional transfer of development rights program should be established for the central Puget Sound as the first phase of a program that can be expanded to other counties, replicated in other regions, or, at a future date, expanded statewide.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development, subject to funding for this specific purpose, to establish a regional transfer of development rights program in central Puget Sound, including King, Kitsap, Snohomish, and Pierce counties and the cities and towns within these counties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5179-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)

Concerning the revaluation of property impacted by government restrictions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that to ensure consistent treatment of government restrictions on property throughout the state, and to relieve the heavy burden on property owners caused by repeated appeals on the same grounds, revaluations must consider reductions ordered by any court or appellate body based on government restrictions.

Provides that the act applies prospectively only to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5235-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Honeyford, Holmquist, and Keiser; by request of Attorney General)

Modifying motor vehicle warranty provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions addressing motor vehicle warranties.

Provides that the act is remedial in nature and applies retroactively to the effective date of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 9:00 AM.

Feb 10 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 5263-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Brandland, and Tom)

Prohibiting devices in schools that are designed to administer to a person or an animal an electric shock, charge, or impulse.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits a person from carrying onto, or possessing on, public or private elementary or secondary school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of facilities while being used exclusively by public or private schools, any portable device manufactured to function as a weapon or any device, object, or instrument that is used or intended to

be used as a weapon with the intent to injure a person by an electric shock, charge, or impulse.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 10 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5271-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, McDermott, and Swecker; by request of Secretary of State)

Modifying provisions relating to candidate filing.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies provisions relating to candidate filing.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5273-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Jacobsen, McDermott, Franklin, and Kohl-Welles)

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 27 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.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5340-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored

by Senators Prentice, Regala, Pflug, Shin, and Parlette; by request of Attorney General)

Concerning internet and mail order sales of tobacco products.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits a person from shipping cigarettes or tobacco products, ordered or purchased by mail or through a computer network, telephonic network, or other electronic network, to anyone other than a wholesaler or retailer in this state.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
On motion, referred to Rules.

SB 5346-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Franklin, Marr, Parlette, Murray, and Kohl-Welles)

Concerning administrative procedures for payors and providers of health care services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) The health care system in the nation and in Washington state costs nearly twice as much per capita as other industrialized nations; and

(2) The fragmentation and variation in administrative processes prevalent in our health care system contribute to the high cost of health care, putting it increasingly beyond the reach of small businesses and individuals in Washington.

Declares an intent to: (1) Establish streamlined and uniform procedures for payors and providers of health care services in the state; and

(2) Foster a continuous quality improvement cycle to simplify health care administration.

Directs the department of social and health services, the health care authority, and, to the extent permissible under Title 51 RCW, the department of labor and industries to cooperate with the insurance commissioner and adopt the processes, guidelines, and standards to streamline health care administration pursuant to the act.

Directs the insurance commissioner to designate one or more lead organizations to coordinate development of processes, guidelines, and standards to streamline health care administration and to be adopted by payors and providers of health care services operating in the state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Feb 10 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5406-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Pflug, Kohl-Welles, and Parlette)

Concerning the standard health questionnaire.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies the standard health questionnaire in regard to the basic health plan and an individual health benefit plan.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5480-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin, Franklin, Fairley, Keiser, and Shin; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Creating the Washington health care discount plan organization act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the Washington health care discount plan organization act to promote the public interest by establishing standards for discount plan organizations, to protect consumers from unfair or deceptive marketing, sales, or enrollment practices, and to facilitate consumer understanding of the role and function of discount plan organizations in providing discounts on charges for health care services.

Requires a person to obtain a license from the insurance commissioner to operate as a discount plan organization before conducting discount plan business to which the act applies.

Provides that any person, organization, or entity that has engaged in a discount plan business to which the act applies, and has done so on or before the effective date of the act, has six months following the effective date of the act to submit a substantially complete application for a license as provided in section 5 of the act and to otherwise come into compliance with the requirements of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5481-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Becker, Hobbs, Haugen, Franklin, Parlette, Eide, Rockefeller, Hatfield, Jarrett, Jacobsen, Kilmer, Berkey, Tom, Swecker, King, Kastama, Shin, McDermott, Prentice, Fairley, Holmquist, Brandland, McCaslin, Ranker, McAuliffe, Roach, Honeyford, and Kauffman)

Concerning veterans' burials.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5497-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term

Care (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Keiser, and Murray)

Concerning telemedicine.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates the delivery of home health care services through telemedicine.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5752-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Pflug, Hobbs, and Keiser)

Regarding cost recovery in disciplinary proceedings involving dentists.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions regarding cost recovery in disciplinary proceedings involving dentists.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5954 by Senators Pridemore, Kastama, Delvin, and Shin

Creating community facilities districts.

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.

SB 5955 by Senators Oemig, Delvin, Hewitt, and Brandland

Concerning the ability to locate underground facilities.

Provides that an underground facility owner who is required to subscribe to the one-number locator service and fails to do so is liable for all damages to the owner's underground facilities and for any other damages that occur as a result of proper notice of a scheduled excavation through the one-number locator service.

Penalizes an owner of an underground facility located within a one-number locator service area that does not subscribe to the one-number locator service.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5956 by Senators Schoesler, Shin, Stevens, Zarelli, Marr, and Benton

Regarding voluntary participation in a state or national animal identification system.

Regulates participation in an animal identification system.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 10 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5957 by Senators Jacobsen and Fraser

Regarding the department of natural resources' authority for transactions involving certain commercial lands, natural resource lands, or forest lands at risk of development.

Declares an intent to: (1) Confirm the long-term natural resource and land management authority and direction for the department of natural resources;

(2) Provide new direction to focus state land management attention on natural resource and land management opportunities best suited to current and future circumstances; and

(3) Facilitate land transactions that are in the interests of the state and the beneficiaries of these lands.

Prohibits the department of natural resources from acquiring additional urban commercial properties as state lands after the effective date of the act.

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Develop a long-term strategy to dispose of the nine existing urban commercial properties and reinvest the proceeds in working natural resource lands that are at risk of conversion or working natural resource lands that will protect and enhance the value of existing trust land holdings;

(2) When acquiring lands at risk of conversion, evaluate the investment return for these natural resource lands at risk of conversion by separately determining the investment value of the lands for natural resource management and the value of the lands for development;

(3) Identify in its biennial budget request any added purchase costs from these lands due to the investment in the development value of lands at risk of conversion; and

(4) Manage forest lands acquired under chapter 79.19 RCW (land bank) under the sustainable harvest plan.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5958 by Senator Oemig

Regarding vision screening for public school students.

Authorizes additional visual screening for public school students who exhibit a striking behavior or discipline change, or a sudden drop in academic performance to determine whether the change in behavior, discipline, or grades is due to visual impairment.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5959 by Senators Shin, Kauffman, McAuliffe, Fraser, Jarrett, and Kohl-Welles

Expanding resident student eligibility for purposes of the state need grant program.

Expands resident student eligibility for purposes of the state need grant program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5960 by Senators Regala, Fraser, and Kline

Authorizing cities and counties to levy and collect certain additional taxes.

Authorizes cities and counties to levy and collect certain additional taxes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5961 by Senators Prentice and Hewitt

Reducing the business and occupation tax burden on the newspaper industry.

Reduces the business and occupation tax burden on the newspaper industry.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5962 by Senators Prentice, Hewitt, Pridemore, and Kilmer

Reducing the business and occupation tax rate on the business of printing, and of publishing newspapers, magazines, or periodicals.

Reduces the business and occupation tax rate on the business of printing and on the business of publishing newspapers, magazines, or periodicals.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5963 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Holmquist, King, Honeyford, Keiser, Franklin, Kline, Hewitt, Marr, Parlette, McCaslin, Schoesler, and Morton

Regarding unemployment insurance.

Modifies unemployment insurance provisions.

Provides that unemployment insurance benefits are charged back to employers in the same amount that benefits are paid out.

Addresses employment contributions and voluntary quits.

Provides that the act applies to claims with an effective date on or after the effective date of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5964 by Senators McDermott, Hargrove, Tom, and Shin

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 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5965 by Senators Schoesler, Sheldon, Hobbs, King, and Benton

Concerning the burden of proof for corrections to property tax valuations made by public officials.

Clarifies provisions regarding the burden of proof for corrections to property tax valuations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5966 by Senator Fraser

Concerning compliance with the state environmental policy act.

Requires the department of ecology, by December 31, 2009, to provide a report to the environmental policy committees of the senate and house of representatives that examines the state environmental policy act procedures, case law, and recent governmental actions subject to the state environmental policy act in which there have been charges that the responsible agency improperly segmented the action with the result that the state environmental policy act compliance was avoided.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

Senate Joint Memorials

SJM 8012 by Senators Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Fairley, Berkey, Franklin, Regala, Marr, Shin, Eide, Kastama, Murray, Haugen, Oemig, McDermott, and Kline

Urging adoption of a treaty fighting discrimination against women.

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-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.