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House Bills

HB 1138-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Liias, Clibborn, Moeller, Green, Cody, Driscoll, Morrell, and Pedersen)

Concerning access to employee restrooms in retail stores.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a retail establishment that has a restroom facility for its employees to allow a customer to use that facility during normal business hours if certain conditions are met.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

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

Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1162-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Quall, Sullivan, Haigh, Orwall, Liias, Takko, Kagi, Green, Simpson, Kenney, and Nelson)

Providing for social emotional learning in public schools.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that basic education instruction in public schools in Washington state should include not only instruction in

core academic skills, but also core social emotional learning skills.

Creates the social emotional learning public-private partnership account.

Directs the office of the superintendent of public instruction, to the extent funds are available in the account, to promote and encourage incorporation of social emotional learning into basic education instruction in public schools.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 10:00 AM.

Feb 10 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1250-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Miloscia, Springer, Dunshee, Ormsby, and Dickerson; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development)

Concerning the housing trust fund.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Allows capital appropriations for the housing trust fund to be used for project application, review, selection, contracting, and project development.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 3:30 PM.

Feb 9 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1261-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Moeller, Green, Williams, Pedersen, Appleton, Morrell, and Ormsby; by request of Uniform Legislation Commission)

Enacting the adult guardianship and protective proceedings jurisdiction act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Enacts the uniform adult guardianship and protective proceedings jurisdiction act.

Provides that the act: (1) Modifies, limits, and supersedes the federal electronic signatures in global and national commerce act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 7001, et seq., but does not modify, limit, or supersede section 101(c) of that act, 15 U.S.C. 7001(c), or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in section 103(b) of that act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 7003(b); and

(2) Applies to guardianship and protective proceedings filed on or after January 1, 2010.

Provides that sections 1 through 6 and 16 through 22 of the act apply to proceedings filed before January 1, 2010, regardless of whether a guardianship or protective order has been issued.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 21 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 22 Executive session in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 9 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1332-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Anderson, Springer, Clibborn, Eddy, Simpson, Rodne, Pedersen, Hunter, and Maxwell)

Granting authority of a watershed management partnership to exercise powers of its forming governments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a watershed management partnership to exercise powers of its forming governments.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 9 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1356-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Alexander, Quall, Haigh, Anderson, Sullivan, Priest, Hunter, Ormsby, Chase, Morrell, Moeller, Conway, Kenney, Goodman, Carlyle, Hunt, Maxwell, Driscoll, Simpson, and Kelley; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

Providing for career and technical education opportunities for middle school students.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a middle school that receives approval from the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide a career and technical program in science,

technology, engineering, or mathematics directly to students shall receive funding at the same rate as a high school operating a similar program. Additionally, a middle school that provides a hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics with an integrated curriculum of academic content and career and technical education, and includes a career and technical education exploratory component shall also qualify for the career and technical education funding.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 10 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1362-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Rodne, Sullivan, Williams, Orwall, O'Brien, Kirby, Chase, and Conway)

Concerning conveyances used in prostitution-related offenses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 29 Executive session in the House Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 9 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1388-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Jacks, McCoy, Crouse, and Morris; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission)

Changing the date for setting the amount of pipeline safety fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Changes the date for setting the amount of pipeline safety fees.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

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

HB 1592-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Pedersen, Rodne, Kelley, and Kenney; by request of Secretary of State)

Registering business entities and associations with the secretary of state.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 9 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 11 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1618-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives White, Nelson, Hudgins, Kenney, Sullivan, Carlyle, Hasegawa, Santos, Green, Miloscia, Orwall, Pedersen, Cody, Dickerson, Lias, Kelley, Pettigrew, Goodman, Simpson, Morrell, and Ormsby)

Concerning community and surplus schools.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the community schools program in the department of community, trade, and economic development to provide capital grant funds for the development of community schools and to convert empty school buildings into community facilities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

HB 1619-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives White, Kenney, Sullivan, Carlyle, Nelson, Hasegawa, Lias, Green, Miloscia, Orwall, Maxwell, and Simpson)

Concerning the use of capital projects funds by school districts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

Expires July 1, 2013.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

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

HB 2131 by Representative Morris

Providing a credit under the public utility tax for sales and use taxes paid for the development of eligible renewable resources in the state that provide renewable energy to a qualifying utility.

Provides a credit under the public utility tax for sales and use taxes paid for the development of eligible renewable resources in the state that provide renewable energy to a qualifying utility.

Expires July 1, 2023.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2132 by Representatives Quall, Anderson, Carlyle, Dammeier, Probst, Sullivan, Johnson, Hudgins, Kelley, Chase, Wood, and Santos

Regarding instruction in civics.

Requires the state board of education, if the board increases the number of course credits in social studies that are required for high school graduation, to also require that at least one-half credit of that requirement be coursework in civics.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2133 by Representatives White, Hunt, Kenney, Maxwell, Uptegrove, Hudgins, Rolfes, and Wood

Authorizing the use of accumulated sick leave for volunteer work.

Requires an agency head to permit an employee to use up to twenty-four hours of sick leave per year to perform certain volunteer services.

Prohibits an employee from using sick leave to perform volunteer service that is required under a court order.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2134 by Representative McCoy

Requiring consideration of impacts to plant species identified by the natural heritage program.

Requires local governments to consider impacts to heritage plants that may reside on a proposed project site.

Prohibits local governments from issuing permits for project proposals affecting or likely to affect heritage plants without prior development and implementation of an appropriate mitigation process for the affected or likely to be affected plants.

Requires the department of natural resources, the department of fish and wildlife, and the parks and recreation commission to consider impacts to heritage plants that may reside on all land owned, leased, or managed by the department or commission.

Prohibits the department of natural resources, the department of fish and wildlife, and the parks and recreation commission from conducting or allowing activities of any sort affecting or likely to affect heritage plants without prior development and implementation of an appropriate mitigation process for the affected or likely to be affected plants.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2135 by Representative Chase

Encouraging the development of renewable energy.

Encourages the rapid and sustainable development of renewable energy by the adoption of renewable energy payments for certain purposes.

Requires an electric utility to connect a renewable energy plant to its distribution system within thirty days for a renewable energy plant with plant capacity under twenty-five kilowatts, and within sixty days for a renewable energy plant with plant capacity greater than twenty-five kilowatts and fewer than one hundred kilowatts.

Requires the utilities and transportation commission to:

- (1) Establish standards for the interconnection of renewable energy plants with the grid system;

- (2) Approve a standard contract to be used in all power purchase agreements under the act; and

- (3) Assess a renewable energy rate recovery fee equal to one percent of the monthly bill per meter.

Requires an electric utility to enter into power purchase agreements to acquire all of the electricity generated by renewable energy plants located in the state for a term of not less than twenty years from the date of commissioning.

Requires the Washington State University energy extension to calculate and publish annually a table of state and national carbon content multipliers for use by electric utilities in establishing renewable recovery rates for any renewable energy plant the electric utilities contract for power from or construct.

Creates the renewable energy trust account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2136 by Representatives Parker, Quall, Dammeier, and Hurst

Establishing safe house program requirements.

Establishes requirements for local community safe house programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2137 by Representatives Kagi and Haler

Concerning adolescents at risk.

Requires the department of social and health services to establish, through contracts with community providers, crisis stabilization and assessment centers in each region to deliver residential stabilization services to adolescents who are at risk, in need of services, or in crisis.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 2138 by Representatives Simpson and Chase

Concerning the use of surplus property for the development of affordable housing.

Modifies provisions relating to the use of surplus property for the development of affordable housing.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2139 by Representative Simpson

Concerning short subdivisions.

Provides that, for a period of ten thousand years after short subdivision approval according to RCW 58.17.060, the statutes, ordinances, and regulations in effect at the time of short subdivision approval shall govern the short subdivision, unless the legislative body finds that a change in conditions creates a serious threat to the public health or safety in the short subdivision or in the vicinity of the short subdivision.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2140 by Representatives Kristiansen, Liias, Pearson, Sells, Ericks, and Hope

Providing funding for state route number 2 through implementation of cost savings from performance audits.

Provides funding for state route number 2 through implementation of cost savings from performance audits.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2141 by Representatives Ericks, Condotta, Springer, Newhouse, Eddy, Armstrong, and Conway

Concerning the registration of lottery tickets and shares.

Revises registration requirements of lottery tickets and shares.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2142 by Representatives Roach, Santos, and Priest

Renaming components of the formula for allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities.

Adopts more accurate and descriptive names for the components of the state funding formula for the allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities, as recommended by the joint legislative task force on school construction funding, to promote clarity and transparency in the funding formula.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2143 by Representatives Cox, Ormsby, Wallace, Armstrong, Schmick, Dunshee, Roach, McCune, Chase, and Johnson

Reducing the postretirement employment restrictions for members of the teachers' retirement system, school employees' retirement system, and the public employees' retirement system that retire after earning thirty or more years of service.

Reduces the postretirement employment restrictions for members of certain retirement systems that retire after earning thirty or more years of service.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2144 by Representative Condotta

Defining the term employ for minimum wage purposes.

Revises the definition of "employ" in chapter 49.46 RCW (minimum wage act).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2145 by Representative Condotta

Establishing requirements for industrial insurance final settlement agreements.

Establishes requirements for industrial insurance final settlement agreements.

Directs the department of labor and industries to develop and maintain a registry system by which it records final settlement agreements entered into between the parties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2146 by Representatives Ericks, Johnson, Eddy, and Liias

Modifying contract requirements for water or sewer facilities.

Revises contract requirements for water or sewer facilities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2147 by Representatives Liias, Pettigrew, Quall, McCoy, Chase, and Kenney

Closing the achievement gap in order to provide all students an excellent and equitable education.

Establishes the achievement gap advisory committee within the office of the superintendent of public instruction to advise the superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator standards board, and the state board of education on effective measures to close the achievement gap, to foster public accountability for achieving excellence and equity in public education, and to promote a greater sense of urgency and priority for doing so.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2148 by Representatives Pettigrew and Hudgins

Implementing strategies to address the achievement gap.

Establishes the achievement gap advisory committee within the office of the superintendent of public instruction to advise the superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator standards board, and the state board of education on effective measures to close the achievement gap, to foster public accountability for achieving excellence and equity in public education, and to promote a greater sense of urgency and priority for doing so.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, allocate to each school district ten dollars per full-time equivalent student enrolled in a school in the district where more than forty percent of the students enrolled in the school were eligible for free and reduced price lunch during the prior school year;

(2) Subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, award a one-time planning grant to design and create a phased-in implementation plan for up to three millennium schools;

(3) Examine the findings and recommendations of the 2008 achievement gap studies regarding student data and identify ways to incorporate the recommendations into the comprehensive data and research system and other data collection initiatives; and

(4) Combine the findings and recommendations from each of the studies into a best practices manual to be distributed to school districts and made available on the office web site.

Requires the state board of education to, by rule, require each school district to include in the school improvement plans of the district specific actions that will be taken to close the achievement gap across various subgroups of students.

Requires the Washington professional educator standards board to: (1) In consultation with the advisory committee, establish competencies for all levels of educator

certification that address knowledge, skills, and performance in multicultural understanding;

(2) Establish a minimum number of continuing education credits or clock hours for purposes of continuing educator certification, including for teachers, school administrators, and educational staff associates, that must be designed to increase the multicultural understanding of the educator; and

(3) Provide assistance to school districts where data indicates significant achievement gaps among subgroups of students and for large numbers of those students.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2149 by Representatives McCoy, Pettigrew, and Quall

Regarding millennium schools.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction, subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, to award a one-time planning grant to design and create a phased-in implementation plan for up to three millennium schools.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2150 by Representatives Chase, Dunshee, and White

Ensuring cleanup of certain hazardous waste facilities.

Ensures cleanup of certain hazardous waste facilities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Environmental Health.

HB 2151 by Representatives Springer and Kelley; by request of Governor Gregoire

Eliminating boards and commissions on June 30, 2010.

Eliminates boards and commissions on June 30, 2010.

Declares that while advisory boards, committees, and commissions be eliminated, agencies should identify new, less costly, and more effective opportunities to ensure a broad range of citizen participation is provided and that all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that channels are maintained for vital input from the citizens of Washington. Ample time is provided for the advisory groups to complete work in progress and for agencies to develop alternative communication strategies.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2152 by Representative Chase

Authorizing counties to seek voter approval on an additional county property tax to finance public health services.

Authorizes a county to impose an additional regular property tax levy in an amount equal to ten cents or less per thousand dollars of the assessed value of property in the county in accordance with certain terms.

Allows the tax proposition to be submitted at a general or special election.

Allows the tax to be imposed each year up to ten consecutive years when specifically authorized by the

registered voters voting on the proposition, subject to certain conditions.

Requires any tax imposed under the act to be used exclusively for funding public health services under RCW chapter 70.05 (local health departments, boards, officers--regulations), 70.08 (combined city-county health departments), or 70.46 (health districts).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2153 by Representatives Chase and Kenney

Regarding an entrepreneurial program known as Washington's economic gardening.

Authorizes the state board for community and technical colleges to develop criteria and provide oversight and policy guidance for an entrepreneurial program known as Washington's economic gardening. The purpose of the program is to facilitate and coordinate a network of public and private resources to provide assistance, training, and mentoring to small and medium-sized businesses in Washington. The program may be newly developed or be part of an existing program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 2154 by Representative Chase

Prohibiting work under state contracts from being performed at locations outside the United States.

Prohibits: (1) Work under state contracts from being performed at locations outside the United States; and

(2) All materials, supplies, and equipment purchased under chapter 43.19 RCW (department of general administration) from being produced in a location outside the United States;

unless the director of the office of financial management determines that the only practicable location where the services may be performed or the materials, supplies, and equipment may be produced is clearly and justifiably a location outside the United States.

Requires the director of the office of financial management to provide the house of representatives commerce and labor committee and the senate labor, commerce, and consumer protection committee, or their successor committees, with a list of contracts entered into in the previous fiscal year for which the director determined that the only practicable location where the services could be performed or the materials, supplies, and equipment could be produced was clearly and justifiably a location outside the United States.

Provides that the act does not apply to contracts entered into before July 1, 2010.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2155 by Representatives Seaquist, Wallace, Kenney, Goodman, and Santos

Concerning children's health care coverage.

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 11 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2156 by Representatives Orwall and Dickerson; by request of Department of Corrections

Revising the authority for certification by the criminal justice training commission.

Revises the criminal justice training commission's authority for certification.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Human Services.

HB 2157 by Representative Springer; by request of Governor Gregoire

Consolidating certain salmon recovery activities and programs within the recreation and conservation office.

Consolidates certain salmon recovery activities and programs within the recreation and conservation office.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 2158 by Representatives Green, Cody, Walsh, Conway, Kenney, and Morrell

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

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2159 by Representatives Cody and Seaquist; by request of Health Care Authority

Abolishing the Washington state quality forum.

Abolishes the Washington state quality forum.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2160 by Representatives Driscoll, Hinkle, Cody,

Bailey, Kelley, Wood, and Morrell; by request of Governor Gregoire

Concerning health carrier payment of wellness incentives.
Exempts employee wellness programs from a general prohibition on rebates by insurers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2161 by Representatives Cody, Darneille, Seaquist, and Kenney; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Concerning support services provided under the maternity care access program.

Allows, rather than requires, the support services for the department of social and health services' maternity care access program to include child care.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2162 by Representatives Conway, Condotta, Green, Chase, Wood, and Goodman

Regulating house-banked social card games.

Permits local governments, within their jurisdiction, to ban house-banked social card games, allow house-banked social card games, or limit the number of house-banked social card games.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2163 by Representative Van De Wege

Regarding the liability of an electric utility for removing vegetation.

Modifies provisions relating to an electric utility's liability for removing vegetation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2164 by Representatives Pettigrew, Haler, Santos, McCoy, Miloscia, Kagi, Hunt, Kenney, Sullivan, Darneille, Seaquist, Roberts, Chase, Hasegawa, Dickerson, and Goodman

Remediating racial disproportionality in child welfare practices.

Evaluates selected child welfare practices to determine their impact on remediating racial disproportionality in Washington's child welfare system.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Children's Services.

HB 2165 by Representatives Van De Wege, Haler, Blake, Kretz, McCoy, Hinkle, Ormsby, Nelson,

Eddy, Hasegawa, Takko, Chase, Kenney, Warnick, and Morrell; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Authorizing the department of natural resources to conduct a forest biomass energy demonstration project.

Authorizes the department of natural resources to develop and implement forest biomass energy demonstration projects, one east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one west of the crest of the Cascade mountains. The demonstration projects must be designed to reveal the utility of Washington's public and private forest biomass feedstocks, create green jobs, generate renewable energy, generate revenues or improve asset values for beneficiaries of state lands and state forest lands, improve forest health, reduce pollution, and restore ecological function.

Directs the department of natural resources to provide a progress report to the legislature regarding its efforts to develop, implement, and evaluate forest biomass energy demonstration projects and any other department initiatives related to forest biomass.

Authorizes the department of natural resources to seek grants or financing from the federal government, industry, or philanthropists for the purposes of implementing the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2166 by Representatives Darneille, Pedersen, Kenney, Kirby, and Hasegawa

Imposing an additional document recording surcharge to fund certain affordable housing and homeless purposes.

Requires the county auditor to: (1) Charge an additional surcharge of twelve dollars for each document recorded, which is in addition to any other charge allowed by law; and (2) Remit one hundred percent of the funds to the state treasurer for deposit in the affordable housing for all account created in RCW 43.185C.190.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2167 by Representatives Maxwell, Priest, Green, Quall, Moeller, White, Orwall, Sullivan, Van De Wege, Liias, and Probst

Providing flexibility in the education system.

Provides flexibility in the education system to reduce costs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2168 by Representatives Green, Morrell, Ericks, Kessler, Dunshee, Pettigrew, and Kenney

Concerning licensing midwives.

Requires the secretary of the department of health, when setting fees for the licensure of midwives under chapter 18.50 RCW, to consider the number of midwives in the profession and the benefit costs of midwifery to the consumers of this state.

Prohibits the secretary of the department of health from using the fees assessed to any other profession to defray the

costs of the midwifery licensing program that exceed the fees collected from licensed midwives.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2169 by Representatives Ericksen and Kelley

Concerning the basic health plan.

Authorizes the Washington basic health plan administrator to provide an enrollee a stipend sufficient to provide the same level of subsidy as would have otherwise been available through the basic health plan for enrollees who wish to purchase coverage through the individual health insurance market, including a high deductible health plan in conjunction with a health savings account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2170 by Representatives Hudgins and McCoy

Authorizing the department of information services to engage in high-speed internet adoption, deployment, and digital inclusion activities.

Declares it is essential that the legislature authorize a broadband programs management structure and an advisory council capable of developing and ensuring the implementation of statewide broadband strategies.

Allows a business and occupation tax credit to a telecommunications company in an amount equal to fifty percent of contributions made in any fiscal year directly to the Washington community technology opportunity account created in RCW 28B.32.030.

Requires leasehold excise taxes collected from a telecommunications company as a result of the company's leasehold interest in publicly owned property be deposited in the Washington community technology opportunity account and be used to fund the community technology opportunity program.

Requires the department of information services to reconvene the high-speed internet work group previously established by chapter 262, Laws of 2008. The work group is renamed the advisory council on digital inclusion and is an advisory group to the department.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2171 by Representatives Hudgins and McCoy

Conducting an assessment of high-speed internet service in the state.

Declares an intent to conduct a statewide assessment of the availability, location, service levels, and other characteristics of high-speed internet services and other advanced telecommunications services in the state.

Requires the department of information services, in coordination with the department of community, trade, and economic development and the utilities and transportation commission, to reconvene the high-speed internet work group previously established by chapter 262, Laws of 2008.

Creates the broadband development and deployment account.

Provides that the act is null and void if funding is not provided either through federal or private sources by June 30, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2172 by Representative Hunter

Addressing water and/or sewer district assumptions by cities in counties with more than one million five hundred thousand residents.

Addresses water and/or sewer district assumptions by cities in counties with more than 1.5 million residents.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2173 by Representative Hunter

Facilitating annexations in counties with more than one million five hundred thousand residents by modifying and establishing annexation methods.

Establishes new annexation mechanisms and related fiscal provisions that apply in counties with more than 1.5 million residents.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2174 by Representatives Eddy, Seaquist, Ericksen, Hinkle, Takko, Herrera, Sullivan, Pettigrew, Springer, Blake, Wallace, and Ericks

Concerning health care.

Establishes the comprehensive health options, incentives, and consumer empowerment act or CHOICE act to:

- (1) Increase the availability of affordable coverage;
- (2) Allow consumers to purchase plans from insurers licensed or certified outside Washington;
- (3) Encourage alternatives to the basic health plan; and
- (4) Improve employee wellness.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2175 by Representatives Kessler and Van De Wege

Creating volunteer firefighter special license plates.

Directs the Washington state firefighters' association, in cooperation with the department of licensing, to create and design a special license plate displaying the volunteer firefighter emblem that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license plates for vehicles required to display one or two vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW (proportional registration), upon terms and conditions established by the department of licensing.

Requires the department of licensing to issue the special license plate.

Creates the volunteer firefighter license plate account.

Requires the director of the department of licensing or the director's designee to disburse the funds in the account for volunteer firefighter training programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2176 by Representatives Conway, Chase, Kenney, and Wood

Creating a good faith defense for certain minimum wage and overtime compensation complaints.

Creates a good faith defense for certain complaints relating to minimum wage and overtime compensation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2177 by Representatives Wallace, Quall, and Chase

Requiring school districts or educational service districts to purchase employee health insurance coverage through the state health care authority.

Requires a school district or educational service district to purchase employee health insurance coverage through the state health care authority, except that the coverage may be purchased through other parties if required by any collective bargaining agreement signed before the effective date of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2178 by Representatives White and Kenney

Concerning the convention place station expansion.

Authorizes the public nonprofit corporation referred to in RCW 67.40.020 to: (1) Proceed with convention place station expansion including the planning, environmental studies, design, preparation of construction plans and specifications, construction contracting, acquisition and transfers of interests in real and personal property, and other activities for the expansion; and

(2) Proceed with long-term financing for the purpose of paying costs of constructing and equipping the expansion project upon authorization of the legislature of the long-term financing.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

HB 2179 by Representative Eddy

Authorizing cities to provide and contract for supplemental transportation improvements.

Authorizes a city legislative authority to provide or contract for supplemental transportation improvements to meet mobility needs within the city's boundaries subject to certain requirements.

Authorizes a legislative authority of any member city, in districts comprised of more than one member city, to petition the district to provide supplemental transportation improvements.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2180 by Representatives Eddy, McCoy, Carlyle,

Uptegrove, and Chase; by request of Governor Gregoire Concerning sales and use tax exemptions for certain plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for new qualified plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Expires January 1, 2014.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2181 by Representatives Moeller, Rolfes, Wallace, Quall, Sullivan, Dickerson, Hunt, and Kenney

Creating a bi-state partnership for teachers of children with visual impairments.

Finds that: (1) Washington needs to provide additional resources for the preparation of teachers for children with blindness and visual impairments;

(2) Portland State University has a nationally recognized program for teachers of children with visual impairments; and

(3) A collaborative partnership between Portland State University and Washington State University-Vancouver would help address the critical need for teachers of the blind and visually impaired in Washington.

Declares an intent to provide a vision impairments/ orientation and mobility coordinator to be housed at Washington State University-Vancouver.

Makes an appropriation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4011 by Representatives Angel, Kirby, Cox, Shea, Dammeier, Johnson, Bailey, Orcutt, Hinkle, Warnick, Campbell, Wallace, Armstrong, and Pearson

Requesting that the new Tacoma Narrows bridge be named the Bob Oke bridge.

Requests that the new Tacoma Narrows bridge be named the Bob Oke bridge.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Bills

SB 5045-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Zarelli, Brown, Kauffman, Shin, Marr, King, Regala, Rockefeller, Haugen, Berkey, Eide, Kastama, Jarrett, Pridemore, McAuliffe, and Ranker)

Regarding community revitalization financing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Expands the community revitalization program to allow local governments to finance public improvements.

Limits the annual aggregate amount of new local sales and use taxes that may be credited against the state tax.

- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 14 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 11 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5149-S** by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Swecker, Rockefeller, Pflug, Fraser, Hargrove, Jarrett, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles, Schoesler, Brandland, and Shin)
- Creating the geothermal assessment committee.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Finds that: (1) The Pacific Northwest has unique geologic features that include significant geothermal resources;
(2) Other states and provinces in the region are actively exploring and developing geothermal resources to produce electric power and concentrated heating with varied applications;
(3) Existing information and analysis concerning geothermal resources is insufficient; and
(4) Advances in technology, higher energy prices, and concerns regarding use of high-carbon energy sources have raised public and private sector interest in developing the state's geothermal resources.
- Authorizes the department of natural resources to conduct an initial assessment of the state's geothermal resources and to make recommendations regarding development of these resources, in an environmentally responsible manner, for electric generation and concentrated heating purposes.
- Requires the department of natural resources to secure federal funding, contributions from geothermal energy interests, or other nonstate sources to meet at least two-thirds of the costs necessary to implement the act.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 11 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5191-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs and Benton)
- 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 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 11 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5195-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Berkey, Swecker, Kauffman, Hobbs, King, Marr, Haugen, Franklin, Parlette, Schoesler, and Shin)
- Adopting the life settlements model act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Adopts the life settlements model act.
Repeals the viatical settlements act.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 11 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5260-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Fraser, Pridemore, Hargrove, Sheldon, Kauffman, Hobbs, Hatfield, Fairley, and Roach)
- Requiring a collaborative review of incentive programs to motivate students to pursue postsecondary education.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Eliminates the use of statewide assessments as a requirement for high school graduation.
Motivates students through incentives to pursue postsecondary education.
Directs the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the higher education coordinating board, and the state board for community and technical colleges to: (1) Use existing staff and resources to collaboratively conduct a review of incentive programs in other states; and
(2) Make a joint report to the legislature detailing the programs that were reviewed and making recommendations for incentive programs that the state should consider for spending any savings realized by the state by eliminating the assessment.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 11 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5414-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, King, Oemig, and McDermott)
- Regarding statewide assessments and curricula.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Finds that: (1) A statewide student assessment system should improve and inform classroom instruction, support accountability, and provide useful information to all levels of the educational system;
(2) Components of the assessment system should: (a) be instructionally supportive formative assessments, (b) be a state-administered summative achievement assessment that can be used as a check on the educational system in order to guide state expectations for the instruction of children and

satisfy legislative demands for accountability, and (c) include classroom-based assessments, which may be formative, summative, or both;

(3) To sustain a strong and viable assessment system, preservice and ongoing training should be provided for teachers and administrators on the effective use of different types of assessments; and

(4) As the statewide data system is developed, data should be collected for all state-required statewide assessments to be used for accountability and to monitor overall student achievement.

Declares an intent to redesign the current statewide system, in accordance with the recommendations of the Washington assessment of student learning legislative work group.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the state board of education, to begin design and development of an overall assessment system that meets the principles and characteristics described in section 1 of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5434-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Holmquist, Kohl-Welles, and Shin; 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 11 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5439-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Sheldon, Kauffman, Shin, Kline, McDermott, and Kohl-Welles)

Providing benefits to domestic partners under the Washington state patrol retirement system.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides benefits to state registered domestic partners under the Washington state patrol retirement system.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5468-S by Senate Committee on Financial

Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, McCaslin, Kilmer, King, Delvin, Jacobsen, Berkey, and Shin)

Permitting an exemption for nonprofit housing organizations from the consumer loan act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Permits an exemption for nonprofit housing organizations from the consumer loan act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5504-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Honeyford, Rockefeller, Marr, Kline, and Morton; by request of Department of Ecology)

Concerning reclaimed water permitting.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies reclaimed water permitting provisions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5551-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Keiser, Kastama, Marr, Murray, McDermott, Shin, McAuliffe, Fairley, Kline, Pridemore, Oemig, Regala, Kauffman, and Kohl-Welles)

Regarding recess periods for elementary school students.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to collaborate with the statewide parent-teacher organization to conduct and report the results of a survey of Washington elementary schools to determine the current availability of recess for elementary students and the perceptions of the importance of recess in Washington elementary schools.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5583-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Honeyford, Rockefeller, Morton, Fraser, Sheldon, and Shin; by request of Department of Ecology)

Improving the effectiveness of water bank and exchange provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) Many watershed groups and programs have proposed or considered the establishment of water banks to meet vital instream and out-of-stream needs within a watershed or region; and

(2) Water banks and exchanges can: Provide critical tools to make water supplies available when and where needed during times of drought; improve stream flows and preserve instream values during fish critical periods; reduce water transaction costs, time, and risk to purchasers; facilitate fair and efficient reallocation of water from one beneficial use to another; provide banked water supplies to offset impacts related to future development and the issuance of new water rights; and facilitate water agreements that protect upstream community values while retaining flexibility to meet critical downstream water needs in times of scarcity.

Declares an intent to: (1) Provide clear authority for water banks throughout the state;

(2) Improve the effectiveness of water bank and exchange provisions; and

(3) Use the interlocal cooperation act to establish watershed management partnerships for water banking purposes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5736-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Berkey, Kastama, Shin, Jacobsen, Brandland, Hatfield, Keiser, McAuliffe, and Kline)

Concerning sales and use tax preferences for electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides, until June 30, 2014, sales and use tax exemptions for: (1) Electric vehicles, electric vehicle batteries, and electric vehicle infrastructure installation; and (2) Vehicle fleets that are certified as an evergreen fleet.

Expires the existing sales and use tax exemptions for vehicles powered by clean alternative fuel on June 30, 2014.

Provides a tiered partial exemption for retail electric vehicle sales that begins July 1, 2014, and is phased out by July 1, 2024.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5899-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Franklin, Kastama, Shin, Marr, McAuliffe, Haugen, Brown, Berkey, Prentice, Fairley, Regala, Keiser, Eide, Rockefeller, Murray, Hatfield, Hargrove, Sheldon, Oemig, and Kline)

Providing a business and occupation tax credit for qualified employment positions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a business and occupation tax credit for certain qualified employment positions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Rules suspended.
Placed on second reading.

SB 5910-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Jarrett, Delvin, Sheldon, Tom, and Shin)

Granting authority of a watershed management partnership to exercise powers of its forming governments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a watershed management partnership to exercise the power of eminent domain.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5967 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Fraser, McAuliffe, and Kline

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 11 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5968 by Senators Haugen, Brandland, Hatfield, Morton, and Roach

Regarding the protection of agricultural land.

Prohibits a state agency from acquiring or providing funds to other entities to acquire agricultural lands, designated by a county under the growth management act as agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance, without prior written approval by the county legislative authority.

Authorizes the county legislative authority to require the state agency or other entity receiving funds from a state agency to acquire property, to submit certain information.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5969 by Senator McDermott

Regarding listing subcontractors on public works projects.

Declares an intent to ensure that the public bidding process be a fair and open process and to protect subcontractors against the possibility of bid shopping by requiring all prime contractors who bid on public works projects to include as part of their bid submittals a list of all subcontractors that the prime contractor will directly contract with on a public works project.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5970 by Senator Carrell

Allowing telephonic hearings in civil cases and traffic cases.

Requires the courts of limited jurisdiction to permit telephonic hearings at appropriate proceedings in civil cases and traffic cases.

Authorizes the court to require a party to appear in person at a proceeding if the court finds that a personal appearance would materially assist in the determination of the proceeding or in the effective management or resolution of a case.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5971 by Senator Carrell

Eliminating a requirement that certain ferry vessels be constructed within the boundaries of the state of Washington.

Eliminates a requirement that certain ferry vessels be constructed within the boundaries of the state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5972 by Senators Benton, Pridemore, Shin, and Roach

Regarding voter information on envelopes provided for return of the voted ballot.

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

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5973 by Senators Kauffman, McAuliffe, Oemig, Shin, Hobbs, Kohl-Welles, and Kline

Closing the achievement gap in order to provide all students an excellent and equitable education.

Establishes the achievement gap advisory committee within the office of the superintendent of public instruction to advise the superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator standards board, and the state board of education on effective measures to close the achievement gap, to foster public accountability for achieving excellence and equity in public education, and to promote a greater sense of urgency and priority for doing so.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5974 by Senators Morton, Hatfield, Swecker, Marr, and Shin

Regarding live nonambulatory livestock.

Penalizes a person who knowingly transports or accepts delivery of live nonambulatory livestock to, from, or between any livestock market, feedlot, slaughtering facility, or similar facility that trades in livestock.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5975 by Senators Schoesler, Holmquist, McCaslin, and Delvin

Reducing the reporting requirements and business and occupation tax on small business.

Reduces the business and occupation tax and the reporting requirements on small business.

Provides that section 2 of the act applies to the entire reporting period for reporting periods ending after July 1, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.

SB 5976 by Senator Haugen

Extending tire replacement fees.

Extends tire replacement fees.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5977 by Senators Delvin and Schoesler

Regarding the testing of the chemical content of products sold at retail.

Promotes fire safety and environmental health, in a balanced manner backed with sound science.

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to review commercially available testing methods for the detection of deca-bde in proposed banned products and a reasonable time frame for the full integration of such testing by retailers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5978 by Senators Haugen and Kohl-Welles

Establishing certain consumer rebate requirements.

Requires a person who offers a consumer rebate to allow a minimum of fourteen days from the date the consumer purchases the product, or becomes eligible for the rebate, for the submission of a request for redemption by the customer.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5979 by Senators Hargrove, Schoesler, Jacobsen, Swecker, Fraser, Morton, and Shin; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Authorizing the department of natural resources to conduct a forest biomass energy demonstration project.

Authorizes the department of natural resources to develop and implement forest biomass energy demonstration projects, one east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one west of the crest of the Cascade mountains. The demonstration projects must be designed to reveal the utility of Washington's public and private forest biomass feedstocks, create green jobs, generate renewable energy, generate revenues or improve asset values for beneficiaries of state lands and state forest lands, improve forest health, reduce pollution, and restore ecological function.

Directs the department of natural resources to provide a progress report to the legislature regarding its efforts to develop, implement, and evaluate forest biomass energy demonstration projects and any other department initiatives related to forest biomass.

Authorizes the department of natural resources to seek grants or financing from the federal government, industry, or philanthropists for the purposes of implementing the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 5980 by Senators Oemig, Brandland, and Fraser

Renaming components of the formula for allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities.

Adopts more accurate and descriptive names for the components of the state funding formula for the allotment of appropriations for school plant facilities, as recommended by the joint legislative task force on school construction funding, to promote clarity and transparency in the funding formula.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5981 by Senator Keiser

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

SB 5982 by Senators Kline, Franklin, Keiser, Kohl-

Welles, and Tom

Regarding the impermissible motive element of a claim under chapter 49.60 RCW.

Modifies provisions regarding violations of the state's law against discrimination.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5983 by Senators Kline, Oemig, and Pridemore

Concerning the scope of agency actions under the administrative procedure act.

Clarifies provisions with regard to the administrative procedure act relating to scope of agency actions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5984 by Senator Kline

Concerning imprisonment in jails.

Allows imprisonment in a city jail when a court imposes a sentence for contempt of court.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5985 by Senator Kline

Requiring treatment plans be filed with the court in deferred prosecution programs.

Requires treatment plans in deferred prosecution programs to be filed with the court.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 5986 by Senators Kauffman, Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, and Shin

Permitting certain higher education employees to engage in collective bargaining.

Permits certain higher education employees to engage in collective bargaining.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.