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House Bills

HB 1081-S2 by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Ericksen, Clibborn, Armstrong, Moeller, and Jacks)

Authorizing local improvement district financing of railroad crossing protection devices.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Allows local improvement district financing of railroad crossing protection devices, including maintenance and repair.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 22 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Local Government & Housing at 10:00 AM.

Feb 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 18 TR - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1090-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by

Representatives McCoy, Appleton, Chase, Van De Wege, Hunt, and Moeller)

Concerning human remains.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the director of the department of archaeology and historic preservation to adopt the necessary rules to implement chapter 275, Laws of 2008 (human remains).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 8:00 AM.

Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Executive session in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Referred to General Government Appropriations.

HB 1123-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Morrell, Hunter, Pedersen, Chase, Ormsby, Simpson, Wood, and Conway)

Reducing the spread of multidrug resistant organisms.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW to: (1) By January 1, 2010, adopt a policy regarding methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA); and

(2) After identifying a hospitalized patient who has a diagnosis of MRSA, report the infection to the department of health using the department's comprehensive hospital abstract reporting system.

Requires the advisory committee, created by the department of health in RCW 43.70.056, to make a recommendation to the department of health as to whether current science supports expanding presurgical screening

for MRSA beyond what is required under section 1 of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1232-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Hinkle, Quall, Bailey, Ross, Cody, Newhouse, DeBolt, Herrera, Moeller, Nelson, Warnick, Shea, Morrell, Smith, Kristiansen, Pearson, and Schmick)

Defining commercial agricultural purposes to include current farming practices and activities related to the raising, harvesting, feeding, breeding, managing, selling, care, or training of a farm product.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Defines "commercial agricultural purposes" to include the commercial raising, harvesting, feeding, breeding, managing, selling, care, or training of an agricultural product or agricultural commodity where the owner or lessee intends to obtain through lawful means, a monetary profit from cash income.

Provides that the act applies retroactively to taxes levied for collection in 2008 as well as prospectively.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Referred to Finance.

HB 1334-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Chandler, Haler, Van De Wege, Ericks, Hinkle, Warnick, Schmick, Condotta, Kretz, Ormsby, Smith, Kessler, Newhouse, Walsh, Nelson, Pearson, Moeller, and Short)

Concerning water resource management on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that uncertainty as to existing law may discourage water conservation in the Columbia river basin and that modern conservation practices can result in substantial water savings.

Directs the department of ecology to aggressively pursue the development of storage, conservation, and other actions to provide water supplies to benefit both instream and out-of-stream uses.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM.

- Feb 20 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 12:00 AM.
Referred to Ways & Means.
Executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 10:00 AM.

HB 1373-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Kagi, Green, Cody, Darneille, Dunshee, Roberts, Goodman, Appleton, Kenney, Orwall, Hurst, Moeller, Takko, Chase, Rolfes, Carlyle, Simpson, Nelson, Conway, and Ormsby)

Concerning children's mental health services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides equitable access to appropriate and effective children's mental health services.

Requires the modifications to the access to care standards for children, and the resulting changes in access to care for children with mental disorders provided in the act to be accomplished within the amounts appropriated to the department of social and health services and allocated to the regional support networks in the biennial operating budget. To the extent that additional children are served by regional support networks, the additional services shall be provided in a budget neutral manner that does not result in cumulative expenditures by regional support networks greater than those that would have occurred in the absence of the passage of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 ELCS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Referred to Health & Human Services Appropriations.

HB 1436-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller and Hunt)

Regarding electronic filing of lobbying reports.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the public disclosure commission to make available to lobbyists, lobbyists' employers, and agencies required to file certain reports, an electronic filing system for submitting those reports over the internet.

Modifies reporting requirements of lobbyists and lobbyists' employers.

Requires lobbyists and lobbyists' employers who are registered or required to report for either calendar year 2009 or 2010, or both, or who subsequently register for any part of calendar year 2009 or 2010, to pay a one-time fee to the

public disclosure commission for the development and implementation of the electronic filing system under RCW 42.17.369.

Creates the lobbying electronic filing account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Referred to General Government Appropriations.

HB 1441-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Condotta, Armstrong, White, and Eddy)

Concerning the contractual relationships between distributors and producers of malt beverages.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires successor distributors of malt beverages to compensate distributors whose rights to distribute a brand have been terminated, cancelled, or not renewed.

Modifies regulations regarding malt beverage suppliers and distributors.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 20 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1482-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Chandler, Blake, Van De Wege, Kretz, Upthegrove, and Nelson; by request of Department of Ecology)

Concerning reclaimed water permitting.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies reclaimed water permitting provisions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Referred to General Government Appropriations.

HB 1493-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Pedersen, Hinkle, Cody, Clibborn, Morrell, Campbell, Green, DeBolt, Seaquist, Nelson, Moeller,

Ericks, Appleton, Hudgins, Hasegawa, Conway, Kagi, and Kenney)

Marketing prescription drugs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Preserves patient privacy and contains health care costs by providing greater protection for patient specific health information than is currently provided by federal law.

Prohibits health care providers, including pharmacies and entities licensed under chapter 18.64 RCW; health carriers; pharmacy benefit managers; or the business associates, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the aforementioned entities from intentionally sharing, selling, or otherwise using any health care information for the purpose of marketing prescription drugs to patients, notwithstanding allowable disclosures under RCW 70.02.050, and unless expressly authorized by the patient as provided in RCW 70.02.030.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1510-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Ross, Klippert, and Johnson)

Regarding disclosure of confidential information on birth certificates.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows information contained in the confidential section of a birth certificate form to be available for review by: (1) A member of the public upon order of the court; or

(2) An individual who is the subject of the birth certificate upon confirmation of the identity of the requestor in a manner approved by the state board of health.

Limits the confidential information provided to an individual who is the subject of the birth certificate to information on the child, not information on the mother or father.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1517-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Green, Dickerson, Goodman, Ormsby, Roberts, Flannigan, Pedersen, Appleton, Upthegrove, Simpson, Hasegawa, Chase, Liias, Miloscia,

Kagi, Hudgins, Hunt, Santos, Wood, Moeller, Williams, Kenney, Carlyle, Nelson, and Quall)

Concerning the restoration of the right to vote for people who were convicted of felonies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the office of the secretary of state to review current statutes and regulations as they relate to the restoration of a felon's right to vote and recommend a solution to the 2010 legislature.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 8:00 AM.

Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1529-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Hinkle, Morrell, Bailey, Moeller, Clibborn, Green, and Cody)

Concerning telemedicine.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates the delivery of home health care services through telemedicine.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Referred to Health & Human Services Appropriations.

HB 1552-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Kretz, Blake, Short, Nelson, Smith, Upthegrove, and McCune)

Regarding public access at open public meetings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires that all interested parties at an agency rule-making hearing be afforded the opportunity to comment individually and orally in the presence and hearing of all other hearing attendees.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1571-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by

Representatives Blake and Chandler; by request of Department of Ecology)

Regarding the adjudication of water rights.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the department of ecology to initiate a limited adjudication of water rights within a basin.

Establishes the requirements for the adjudication claims.

Encourages the settlement of adjudication claims out of court.

Provides criteria for the disqualification of judges.

Provides that, except as provided in RCW 43.21B.110, the act applies only to adjudications initiated after the effective date of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

Feb 20 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1647-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Driscoll, Morrell, Green, Clibborn, Moeller, Williams, Wood, Simpson, Kenney, and Ormsby)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes streamlined and uniform administrative procedures for payors and providers of health care services.

Directs the department of social and health services, the health care authority, and the department of labor and industries, to the extent permissible under Title 51 RCW, 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 --

Feb 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1740-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody and Hinkle)

Regarding the issuance of licenses to practice dentistry.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Broadens the types of dental residency programs for which a limited license to practice dentistry may be issued.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1752-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst and Hunt)

Regarding the observation of election procedures.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires major political party observers to be allowed close enough to election workers to provide meaningful oversight of the processing of ballots, as determined by the canvassing board, including viewing individual ballots, hearing conversations between election workers, observing any modifications or duplications of ballots, and the selection of ballots for a random check.

Authorizes observers to only engage in direct conversations with those election workers identified by the county auditor.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1761-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa, Appleton, and Hurst)

Addressing the ethical use of legislative web sites.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions regarding the ethical use of legislative web sites.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1847-S by House Committee on State Government &

Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representative Haigh)

Regarding bid limits.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases bid limits for: (1) Certain construction work at community and technical colleges and state universities, including The Evergreen State College; and

(2) Public works for certain counties, cities, and districts.

Provides procedures by which metropolitan park districts must purchase materials, supplies, or equipment with an estimated cost in excess of forty thousand dollars.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1864-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Newhouse, Hunt, and Armstrong)

Exempting certain municipalities from the supplemental income requirements of RCW 70.94.093.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts component cities and towns, with a population of one thousand or less people, located wholly within a federally recognized Indian reservation from the supplemental income requirements of RCW 70.94.093.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1869-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Bailey, Hinkle, Anderson, Ericksen, and Kelley)

Concerning the transparency of health care cost information.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires health care providers licensed under Title 18 RCW (businesses and professions) or health care facilities licensed under Title 70 RCW (public health and safety), upon request of a patient, to provide an estimate of fees and charges related to a specific service, visit, or stay, and information regarding other types of fees or charges a patient may receive in conjunction with their visit to the provider or facility.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1899-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Warnick and Hinkle)

Concerning physicians holding a retired active license.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

Exempts a physician obtaining or renewing a retired active license from the licensing fees under RCW 43.70.110.

Requires the medical quality assurance commission to consider amending its rules on retired active physicians in a manner that improves access to health care services for the citizens of this state without compromising public safety.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Referred to Health & Human Services Appropriations.

HB 1926-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Ericksen, Appleton, Pettigrew, Kenney, Moeller, and Ormsby)

Exempting certain hospice agencies from certificate of need requirements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits the department of health from requiring a certificate of need for hospice agencies that serve the unique cultural or religious needs of religious groups or ethnic minorities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1961-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Haler, Pettigrew, Kagi, Carlyle, Pedersen, and Wood)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to: (1) Clarify existing authority for foster care services beyond age eighteen and to establish authority for future expansion of housing and other supports

for youth aging out of foster care and youth who achieved permanency in later adolescence; and

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

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

Authorizes the department of social and health services to provide adoption support benefits, or subsidized relative guardianship benefits on behalf of youth ages eighteen to twenty-one years who achieved permanency through adoption or a subsidized relative guardianship at age sixteen or older.

Directs the department of social and health services to conduct routine and cost-efficient outreach regarding the relative guardianship program through the kinship care oversight committee, the area administrations on aging, and appropriate community partners.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services at 1:30 PM.

Feb 20 ELCS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive session in the House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1985-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller and Pedersen)

Concerning public health financing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to help provide local health jurisdictions with a more stable dedicated funding system.

Declares that local health jurisdictions receiving state funds be held accountable for the use of those funds based on the minimum standards of public health protection in the state's public health improvement plan.

Directs the secretary of the department of health to establish a review process for determining whether a local health jurisdiction is in substantial compliance with the minimum standards for public health protection established under RCW 43.70.520.

Requires the secretary of the department of health to, when the secretary finds that a local health jurisdiction is not in substantial compliance with the minimum standards for public health protection established under RCW 43.70.520: (1) Notify the local health jurisdiction, in writing;

(2) Suspend any distributions made to the local health jurisdiction under certain statutes and any local capacity development funds due to the local health jurisdiction; and

(3) Notify the department of community, trade, and economic development that the local health jurisdiction is out of compliance.

Authorizes the secretary of the department of health to exempt a local health jurisdiction from the review process

if the jurisdiction is accredited by an organization whose accreditation standards meet or exceed the minimum standards for public health protection established under RCW 43.70.520.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
 Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
 Feb 23 Referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2004-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representative Green)

Authorizing the indirect supervision of certain health care services provided through naturopathic doctors.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes an unlicensed practitioner to practice colon hydrotherapy under certain conditions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.
 Feb 20 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
 Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2049-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Appleton, Hunt, Armstrong, Chandler, Chase, and Miloscia)

Concerning personnel practices regarding exempt employment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

Provides that a report compiling the data required from all agencies will be provided annually to the governor and posted for the public on the department of personnel's agency web site.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.
 Feb 20 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2288 by Representatives Morrell, Linville, Kenney,

and Conway

Concerning eligibility for senior citizen and disabled persons property tax exemptions.

Excludes all health care insurance premiums from disposable income for the purpose of determining income eligibility for senior citizens' and disabled persons' property tax exemptions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2289 by Representative McCoy

Expanding the energy freedom program.

Expands the energy freedom program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2290 by Representatives Cody and Morrell

Concerning the nursing facility medicaid payment system.

Declares an intent to simplify the existing nursing facility medicaid payment system so that it is fair and predictable. The essential structure of this simplified nursing facility medicaid payment system will be described in statute, and the details of the system will be described in rules reviewed by the nursing facility medicaid payment advisory council and adopted by the department of social and health services.

Establishes the nursing facility medicaid payment advisory council to act in an advisory capacity to the department of social and health services on matters pertaining to the nursing facility medicaid payment system.

Requires the department of social and health services to:

- (1) Provide administrative support to the council;
- (2) Submit to the council any proposed rule implementing the nursing facility medicaid payment system, for the council's review and comment; and
- (3) Adopt comprehensive rules to describe and administer the nursing facility medicaid payment system, to be effective July 1, 2010.

Repeals most of chapter 74.46 RCW (nursing facility medicaid payment system), effective July 1, 2010.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4008-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Simpson, Clibborn, Morris, Liias, Darneille, Moeller, Santos, and Wood)

Requesting increased funding and legislative actions to advance transportation services to those with special transportation needs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requests increased funding and legislative actions to advance transportation services to those with special transportation needs.

- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 12 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 16 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 20 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 24 Executive session in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Senate Bills

SB 5560-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Swecker, Brown, Hargrove, Pridemore, Marr, Kilmer, Rockefeller, Kauffman, Haugen, Eide, Hobbs, Kohl-Welles, Jarrett, Fraser, Jacobsen, and Murray)

Regarding state agency climate leadership.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) In chapter 14, Laws of 2008, the legislature established greenhouse gas emission reduction limits for Washington state, including a reduction of overall emissions by 2020 to emission levels in 1990, a reduction by 2035 to levels twenty-five percent below 1990 levels, and by 2050 a further reduction below 1990 levels. Based upon estimated 2006 emission levels in Washington, this will require a reduction from present emission levels of over twenty-five percent in the next eleven years;

(2) State government activities are a significant source of emissions; and

(3) State government should meet targets for reducing emissions from its buildings, vehicles, and all operations that demonstrate that these reductions are achievable and cost-effective and will help to promote innovative energy efficiency technologies and practices.

Requires all state agencies to: (1) Meet the statewide greenhouse gas emission limits established in RCW 70.235.020; and

(2) Report estimates of emissions for 2005 to the department of ecology, including 2009 levels of emissions, and projected emissions through 2035.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 20 Executive session in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 23 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5564-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Holmquist, and Sheldon)

Protecting consumers from breaches of security.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits a person conducting business in Washington who accepts an access device in connection with a transaction from retaining the card security code data, the PIN verification code number, or access device account data other than the cardholder's name, primary account number, expiration date, and service code after the authorization of the transaction or, in the case of a PIN debit transaction, forty-eight hours after authorization of the transaction.

Prohibits a service provider that processes access device transactions for or on behalf of a person who conducts business in Washington from retaining the card security code data, the PIN verification code number, or access device account data other than the cardholder's name, primary account number, expiration date, and service code after the settlement of the transaction or, in the case of a PIN debit transaction, forty-eight hours after authorization of the transaction.

Provides remedies for a breach of the security of the system occurring after January 1, 2010.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 9 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5636-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Hobbs, Haugen, Morton, Benton, Honeyford, Stevens, McCaslin, and Roach)

Creating a trust account on behalf of the Washington wing of the civil air patrol.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the Washington state patrol to receive gifts, grants, or endowments from public or private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the Washington wing of the civil air patrol.

Creates the Washington wing of the civil air patrol account.

Requires the chief of the Washington state patrol or the chief's designee to: (1) Deposit moneys received under section 1(1) of the act into the Washington wing of the civil air patrol account; and

(2) Disburse the donated funds to the Washington wing of the civil air patrol for equipment purchase, conduct of search and rescue missions, and training and education.

- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 12 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 24 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- SB 5638-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Hewitt, Schoesler, and Shin)
Concerning fire protection district contracts.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires any contract between a fire protection district and a government entity, a private person, or a commercial entity to provide for adequate compensation.
Prohibits a fire protection district from providing fire service protection to any government entity or private person or commercial entity outside of their fire district without the expressed consent of the fire district in which the property resides in.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 12 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 24 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- SB 5655-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Swecker, Stevens, Hobbs, Delvin, Carrell, Parlette, and Benton)
Regarding height restrictions on amateur radio antennas.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Prohibits a local government from restricting amateur radio antennas or antenna support structures to heights of less than seventy feet unless the restriction is necessary to achieve a clearly defined health, safety, or aesthetic consideration.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 12 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 24 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- SB 5687-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Pridemore, McDermott, Regala, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Fairley, Jacobsen, Kauffman, McAuliffe, and Kline)
Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through land use and transportation requirements.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through modification of environmental goals under the growth management act.
Changes the housing and transportation elements of the act to reduce the impact of transportation on the environment.
Mandates transit-oriented development opportunities.
Revises regional transportation planning requirements.
Takes effect December 1, 2011.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 19 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5698-S** by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, and Delvin)
Regulating soil and wetland science professions.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Regulates soil science and wetland science as professions by establishing minimum standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility and by establishing professional education and experience requirements for those persons representing to the public that they are soil scientists or wetland scientists certified by the state.
- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 12 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 24 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- SB 5702-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators

Hargrove, Brandland, Regala, Stevens, and Tom; by request of Department of Corrections)

Modifying drug offense sentencing alternative sentencing provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies sentencing provisions regarding drug offense sentencing alternatives.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 8:00 AM.

Feb 23 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5716-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senator McCaslin)

Regarding election requirements for the creation of municipal wards.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes noncharter code cities to be divided into wards and the boundaries of existing wards to be changed, upon approval of a majority of the voters voting on such a proposal.

Prohibits a city from being divided or the boundaries of wards from being changed less than three months before a municipal general election.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.

Feb 23 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5727-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators McDermott, Oemig, Fairley, Sheldon, Shin, and Roach)

Prohibiting the providing of false information to voters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who: (1) Knowingly provides false information regarding any voter registration requirements; or

(2) Within the fifteen days preceding any special, primary, or general election, knowingly provides false information to a registered voter regarding the date of an election, the voter's poll site location, or the date by which an absentee ballot must be mailed in order for the ballot to be validly counted.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 7:45 AM.

Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.

Feb 23 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5733-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senator Kastama)

Modifying tax credits for research and development expenditures.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows a business and occupation tax credit for all amounts paid by a person to a public educational, economic development, or research institution located in this state to conduct qualified research and development.

Removes the expiration of RCW 82.04.4452 (research and development spending).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 10:00 AM.

Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 10:00 AM.

Feb 23 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5803-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Kauffman, and Berkey)

Making changes to the adoption support program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services, six months before an adoption is finalized, to provide to the prospective adoptive parents, in writing, information describing the limits of the adoption support program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 8:00 AM.

Feb 23 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5808-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senator Fairley)

Concerning the annexation of unincorporated areas served by fire protection districts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the annexation of unincorporated areas served by fire protection districts.

Requires notification to employees of a fire protection district about hires, separations, terminations, and any other changes in employment that are a direct consequence of the

proposed annexation or incorporation of any portion of the fire protection district.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5840-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Marr, Honeyford, Rockefeller, Holmquist, Hatfield, Parlette, Ranker, Morton, Sheldon, Jarrett, Delvin, and Hewitt)

Modifying the energy independence act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends the energy independence act by: (1) Expanding the definition of "eligible renewable resource" and "biomass energy";

(2) Expanding the geographic boundaries for eligible renewable resources and renewable energy credits;

(3) Creating a renewable energy credit exception for anaerobic digesters;

(4) Increasing the eligible renewable acquisition targets and allowing limited use of conservation to meet those targets;

(5) Limiting the use of purchased incremental hydroelectric power from the Bonneville power administration;

(6) Creating a solar incentive; and

(7) Changing reporting requirements for meeting the eligible renewable acquisition targets.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 4 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 20 Executive session in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 23 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5854-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Pridemore, Ranker, Rockefeller, Marr, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Murray, and Keiser)

Reducing climate pollution in the built environment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Reduces climate pollution in the built environment.

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

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

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

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

Provides a public utility tax exemption on gross income from sales of electricity, natural gas, or manufactured gas made to a person for the operation of a qualified building. This exemption expires January 1, 2013.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 20 Executive session in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 23 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5904-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Keiser, Franklin, Hobbs, and Kline)

Defining independent contractor for purposes of prevailing wage.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Defines "independent contractor" for purposes of prevailing wage.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5907-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Swecker, and Roach)

Limiting mandatory overtime for corrections officers and sergeants employed by a county jail.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits requiring a corrections officer or sergeant employed by a county jail located in a county with a population of more than one million five hundred thousand from working more than four hours of overtime per day

unless the employer has sought employee volunteers and has not had enough employees volunteer to meet sufficient staffing levels and the work is due to an unforeseeable emergent circumstance or the employer documents that the employer has used reasonable efforts to obtain staffing.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6089 by Senators Sheldon, Delvin, Honeyford, Holmquist, Morton, and Parlette

Modifying the definition of an eligible renewable resource under chapter 19.285 RCW.

Revises the definition of "eligible renewable resource" in chapter 19.285 RCW (energy independence act).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 6090 by Senator Pridemore

Modifying provisions of the greenhouse gas emissions standards under chapter 80.80 RCW.

Revises provisions of the greenhouse gas emissions performance standards under chapter 80.80 RCW (greenhouse gases emissions--baseload electric generation performance standard).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 6091 by Senators Keiser and Franklin

Expanding the college board worker retraining program.

Declares an intent to create training and skill development opportunities in disciplines for which there is high employer demand for Washingtonians who have been dislocated from occupations that are in declining demand and increase the availability of career ladders to incumbent workers in high-demand industries through the expansion of the existing worker retraining program.

Requires the college board worker retraining program funds to be used for training programs and related support services, including financial aid, counseling, referral to training resources, job referral, and job development that provide funding and education for dislocated and incumbent workers in high-demand fields of study, including health care.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to: (1) In developing a plan for use of the worker retraining program funds, develop training programs that facilitate career progression in health care occupations, and involve labor-management partnerships in the

determination of relevant skills and competencies and the design of career pathways;

(2) Use existing public and private resources, including the training partnership under chapter 74.39A RCW, to achieve the goals of recruiting, supporting, and training persons working in health care fields, as they progress to higher levels of skilled care; and

(3) Coordinate with the employment security department, the training partnership established in RCW 74.39A.360, and the workforce training and education coordinating board to implement the training system for persons working in health care fields designed by the state board for community and technical colleges.

Requires the training partnership established in RCW 74.39A.360 to work in collaboration with the state board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, and the employment security department to develop and implement the training system for persons working in health care fields designed by the state board for community and technical colleges.

Requires the hospital labor management training partnership to work in collaboration with the state board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, and the employment security department in the development and implementation of the health care career ladder.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 6092 by Senators Hatfield, Swecker, Haugen, and Holmquist

Creating a task force to study milk pricing concerns in Washington state.

Creates a task force on milk pricing mechanisms to consider the long-term economic stability of the dairy industry in Washington state over recent decades with special attention to the current depression in prices impacting the industry in February 2009.

Requires the department of agriculture to provide staff for the task force.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8212-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford and Kline)

Adding members to and revising procedures for investigation of complaints by the judicial conduct commission.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to add members to and revise procedures for investigation of complaints by the judicial conduct commission.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 20 Executive session in the Senate Committee
on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 24 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second
reading.

SJR 8215 by Senators Benton, Roach, Honeyford,
McCaslin, and Schoesler

Amending the state Constitution to require toll revenue to
be used exclusively for highway purposes under Article II,
section 40.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to
require toll revenue to be used exclusively for highway
purposes under Article II, section 40.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 First reading, referred to Transportation.