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### House Bills

**HB 2295-S** by House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Williams, Seaquist, and Darneille)

Concerning the organization of the department of social and health services.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/23/2009)

Requires the department of social and health services to adopt a rule specifying the number and geographic boundaries of the department's regional service delivery system.

Requires each departmental administration and division to reorganize its delivery system to be consistent with the department's regional boundaries.

Changes the number of regional support networks the department may establish.

Requires the department to achieve at least the same percentage of administrative savings at the regional and headquarters level as realized through the reduction in regional support networks.

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Feb 26 APPH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations at 10:00 AM.

Mar 2 Referred to Ways & Means.  
WAYS - Executive action taken by committee.  
WAYS - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Health & Human Services Appropriations.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Mar 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 23 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 57; nays, 35; absent, 0; excused, 5.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 25 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

**HB 2322** by Representatives Chase, Hasegawa, and Green

Clarifying that it is "normal and regular conduct" under ethics laws for legislators to discuss ballot measures placed on the ballot by the legislature.

Clarifies that "normal and regular conduct" for a legislator includes discussing a ballot proposition placed on the ballot by the legislature.

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Mar 24 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

**HB 2323** by Representatives Grant-Herriot, Kretz, Blake, McCune, Warnick, Jacks, Van De Wege, Ericks, Schmick, Takko, Kelley, Short, Ormsby, Kenney, and Santos

Concerning a sales and use tax exemption of the nonhighway use of propane by farmers.

Provides a tax exemption on the sale or use of propane fuel for a farm fuel user for nonhighway use.

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Mar 25 First reading, referred to Finance.

**HB 2324** by Representatives Liias and Ericks

Creating a joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

Creates the joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing to review issues related to expanding the presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated research and development, education, and training businesses at airports of regional significance.

Expires June 30, 2012.

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Mar 25 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

**HB 2325** by Representative Ericks

Modifying community custody provisions.

Adds provisions that order a term of supervision consisting of thirty-six months or twelve months for certain offenses.

Removes community custody ranges.

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Mar 26 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

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### Senate Bills

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**SB 5073-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Zarelli, Swecker, Benton, and Parlette)

Improving budget transparency by consolidating accounts into the state general fund.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Improves budget transparency by consolidating accounts into the state general fund.

Directs the state treasurer to, no later than December 31, 2009, transfer to the state general fund all unexpended balances of the public safety and education account, health services account, violence reduction and drug enforcement account, student achievement fund, water quality account, and equal justice subaccount, as of June 30, 2009.

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Feb 3 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 23 Executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 26 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**SB 6082-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Tom, and Shin)

Regarding forest fire protection assessment refunds.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Removes authority for an owner of forest land who has paid forest fire protection assessments on two or more parcels, each containing less than fifty acres and each within the same county, to obtain a refund on the forest fire protection assessments.

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Within available funds, develop a revised forest fire

protection assessment rate structure as recommended by the 2008 forest fire protection and prevention work group;

(2) Consider reducing the rate paid by owners of unimproved parcels while adding a surcharge or applying a higher rate to parcels that include improvements such as homes and other structures, to achieve the same value of assessment collection derived under the current rate structure; and

(3) Develop a definition of the term "improvement" as used for the purposes of the forest fire protection assessment rate structure. These requirements expire December 31, 2009.

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Feb 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Mar 23 Executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6108-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Holmquist, and Kohl-Welles)

Allowing the state lottery to enter into agreements to conduct multistate shared games.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the state lottery to enter into agreements to conduct multistate shared games.

Changes the name of the shared game lottery account to the multistate shared games account.

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Mar 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 23 Executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 24 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6128** by Senator Keiser

Concerning taxation of little cigars.

Imposes a tax on little cigars.

Defines "little cigars" in chapter 82.26 RCW (tax on tobacco products).

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Mar 25 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.