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### House Bills

**HB 1714-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Morrell, Green, and Moeller) Concerning association health plans.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Directs the insurance commissioner to gather information on association health plans from health carriers on an annual basis.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 13 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

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

Mar 12 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Jan 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 59; nays, 37; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

**HB 1876** by Representatives McCune, Miloscia, Haler, Klippert, Campbell, Rodne, Schmick, O'Brien, Roach, Warnick, Short, Conway, Cox, and Orcutt

Providing funds for disabled veterans through voluntary donations.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Creates the disabled veterans assistance account. Authorizes any retailer to provide an opportunity for patrons to make voluntary donations to the disabled veterans assistance account on Veterans' Day and any additional days the retailer decides would be appropriate.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Feb 11 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 19 TR - Executive action taken by committee. TR - Majority; do pass.

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

Feb 20 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 26 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 3 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 5 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Apr 26 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Jan 11 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Jan 28 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.

- Feb 10 Rules suspended.  
Returned to second reading for amendment.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- HB 2508-S** by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake and Chandler; by request of Department of Ecology)
- Regarding water right processing improvements.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Expands the department of ecology's water right cost-reimbursement agreement program.  
Requires the department to: (1) Establish a list of certified water right examiners; and  
(2) Provide electronic notice and opportunity for comment to affected federally recognized tribal governments concurrently when providing notice to certain applicants.  
Authorizes the department to: (1) Determine that no water remains available for appropriation from a water source and provide notification to pending applicants of the water source; and  
(2) Hire contractors who will investigate the disposition of a water right application.  
Clarifies how a water right claim may be changed or amended.
- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 3 Referred to General Government Appropriations.
- Feb 4 Public hearing in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 5 APPG - Executive action taken by committee.  
APPG - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Agriculture & Natural Resources.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 9 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 2552-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Kenney, Morrell, and Moeller)
- Concerning individual health plans.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Clarifies how annual benefits and deductibles of individual health plans are reconciled with the date an enrollee begins or changes coverage through a health carrier.  
Provides an enrollee credit for his or her annual benefits and deductibles when the enrollee changes his or her individual health plan.
- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 2555-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Simpson, Ormsby, and Moeller)
- Authorizing the department of labor and industries to issue subpoenas to enforce production of information related to electricians and electrical installations.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Authorizes the director of the department of labor and industries, if he or she has reason to believe there has been a violation of chapter 19.28 RCW (electricians and electrical installations), to issue subpoenas to enforce the production and examination of any information, whether written or electronic, necessary to enforce chapter 19.28 RCW.
- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 2 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 9 Placed on second reading suspension calendar by Rules Committee.
- Feb 10 Committee recommendations adopted and the 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Placed on third reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.
- HB 2667** by Representatives Chandler, Simpson, Kelley, and Warnick
- Concerning communications during a forest fire response.  
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Requires certain rules adopted for the suppression of forest fires to include a mechanism by which a local fire mobilization radio frequency is identified and made available during the initial response to any forest fire that crosses jurisdictional lines so that all responders have access to communications during the response.

Creates a regional fire defense board within certain regions of the state.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 12 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.
- Jan 21 AGNR - Executive action taken by committee.  
AGNR - Majority; do pass.  
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 28 Placed on second reading suspension calendar by Rules Committee.  
Placed on second reading.
- Feb 10 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE SENATE --

- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

**HB 2744-S** by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby, Wallace, Rolfes, Nelson, Simpson, Morrell, Hasegawa, Morris, and Chase)

Protecting lake water quality by reducing phosphorus from lawn fertilizers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Limits the use of fertilizers containing the plant nutrient phosphorus.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2753-S** by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Springer, Maxwell, Jacks, Nelson, Simpson, Conway, Ormsby, Chase, and Santos)

Creating a workforce housing program. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Creating the Washington works housing program.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Creates the Washington works housing program and through the issuance of tax exempt or taxable revenue bonds issued by the commission in conjunction with a subsidy

necessary to make bond issues to finance affordable housing properties financially feasible, the program will: (1) Increase opportunities for nonprofit organizations and public agencies to purchase, acquire, build, and own real property to be used for affordable housing for low and moderate-income households;

(2) Provide access to new funding mechanisms and build long-term community equity by increasing the stock of permanently affordable housing owned by nonprofit organizations and public agencies; and

(3) Provide financing for affordable housing that will meet certain income and rent restrictions during the period of initial bond indebtedness and thereafter.

Modifies provisions relating to allocations of state bond ceilings and bond use categories, specifically housing.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 21 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 25 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 75; nays, 22; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 2764-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Green, Nelson, and Simpson)

Protecting employees from adverse employment actions because of influenza.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits an employer from discharging from employment or disciplining an employee because the employee was absent from employment because he or she experienced symptoms of pandemic influenza or needed to obtain medical diagnosis or care for symptoms of pandemic influenza.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 2 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 2779-S** by House Committee on Health Care &

Wellness (originally sponsored by Representative Cody)  
Concerning payment for emergency services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to, during the interim: (1) Change the definition of "emergency services" in the state insurance law to include emergency services provided outside of a hospital's emergency department;

(2) Prohibit differential cost-sharing arrangements for emergency services rendered by nonparticipating providers; and

(3) Require that any charges from nonparticipating providers for emergency services be counted toward a patient's deductible.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 21 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.  
Feb 2 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.  
Feb 3 Referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 2804-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Hudgins, Goodman, Conway, Chandler, Crouse, Condotta, Moeller, Miloscia, Darneille, Hunt, Kagi, and McCune; by request of Liquor Control Board)

Concerning beer and caffeinated or stimulant-enhanced malt beverages.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a person manufacturing or distributing for sale within the state caffeinated or stimulant-enhanced malt beverages to put on all packages containing such beverages a label stating certain information.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 1:30 PM.  
Feb 2 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 10:00 AM.  
Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 55; nays, 42; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**HB 2875-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericksen, Cody, Condotta, Hinkle, Herrera, Driscoll, Parker, Bailey, Green, Morrell, Kelley, Wallace, Kessler, and Moeller)

Concerning health savings accounts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows the public employees' benefits board to authorize an employer contribution to a health savings account.

Requires the public employees' benefits board to submit for bid during the 2011 health benefit plan procurement process a high deductible health plan to be offered in conjunction with a health savings account.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.  
Feb 2 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.  
Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**HB 2876-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Green, and Morrell)

Concerning pain management.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Requires the podiatric medical board, the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery, and the medical quality assurance commission to repeal its rules on pain management and adopt new rules that contain certain elements on chronic, noncancer pain management.

Requires the dental quality assurance commission and the nursing care quality assurance commission to adopt new rules that contain certain elements on chronic, noncancer pain management.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 22 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 2:15 PM.  
Jan 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Jan 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE SENATE --

- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.  
Feb 18 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**HB 3072-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by

Representatives Morrell, Driscoll, Crouse, Wallace, and Parker)

Including wound care management in occupational therapy.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes an occupational therapist to provide wound care management in the course of occupational therapy treatment and after filing an affidavit which shows evidence of adequate education and training.

Requires the board of occupational therapy practice to develop the affidavit form.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**HB 3183** by Representatives Flannigan, Ericks, Pettigrew, Ormsby, Eddy, Chase, Appleton, Quall, Hunt, Sells, Nelson, Dickerson, Pedersen, Clibborn, and Moeller

Concerning the economic crisis revenue bill.

Enacts an excise tax equivalent to one percent that will be: (1) Reduced to one-half of a percent when the state's unemployment decreases to six and five-tenths percent for four continuous months; and

(2) Eliminated when the unemployment rate decreases to five percent for four continuous months.

Creates the local government transportation account.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.

Requires state agencies to: (1) Perform outreach to veteran-owned businesses in collaboration with the department of veterans affairs to increase opportunities for veteran-owned businesses to sell goods and services to the state; and

(2) Work to match agency procurement records with the department's database of certified veteran-owned businesses to establish how many procurement contracts are being awarded to those businesses.

Encourages state agencies to award three percent of all procurement contracts that are exempt from certain competitive bidding requirements to veteran-owned businesses certified by the department of veteran affairs.

Requires the department of general administration to identify in its vendor registry all vendors that are veteran-owned businesses as certified by the department of veterans affairs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Dec 15 Prefiled for introduction.  
Jan 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 11 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
- Jan 26 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 28 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 2 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 5 Placed on second reading consent calendar.
- Feb 10 1st substitute bill not substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 0.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 12 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

## Senate Bills

**SB 5041** by Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Hobbs, Shin, Kauffman, Franklin, Marr, Rockefeller, Haugen, Eide, Kastama, and McAuliffe; by request of Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

Increasing state contracts with veteran-owned businesses. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Encouraging state contracts with veteran-owned businesses.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Mitigates economic damage to veteran-owned businesses as a result of military service.

Requires the department of veterans affairs to: (1) Develop a procedure for certifying veteran-owned businesses and maintain a list of those businesses on the department's public web site;

(2) Adopt rules necessary to implement the act; and

(3) Collaborate with and assist agencies in implementing outreach to veteran-owned businesses.

**SB 5902-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Fraser, McAuliffe, Kline, Kohl-Welles, and McDermott)

Promoting accessible communities for persons with disabilities.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Increases penalties for certain traffic infractions related to parking places for persons with physical disabilities.

Requires the governor's committee on disability issues and employment to: (1) Determine eligibility of accessible community advisory committees for reimbursement or grant funding;

(2) Solicit proposals from active accessible community advisory committees for projects to improve disability awareness and access for persons with disabilities; and

(3) Establish an accessible communities web site.

Authorizes counties to expand the scope of certain advisory committees to that of an accessible community advisory committee.

Creates the accessible communities account and provides that two hundred dollars from each penalty

imposed under section 6 (7) through (9) of the act (special parking for persons with disabilities) must be deposited into the account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.  
 Feb 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.  
 Feb 26 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 11 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.  
 Jan 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 37; nays, 11; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Feb 12 First reading, referred to Human Services.  
 Feb 17 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**SB 6130-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

Amending provisions related to Initiative Measure No. 960. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Revises provisions related to Initiative 960 to provide a means to stabilize revenue collections, by suspending the following requirements until July 1, 2011: (1) A two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature on any action by the legislature that raises state revenue or requires revenue-neutral tax shifts;

(2) Notices and cost projections by the office of financial management for bills that raise taxes or increase fees; and

(3) A tax advisory vote for a tax increase not referred to the voters.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 9 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.  
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 26; nays, 22; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
 Feb 13 Scheduled for public hearing and executive session in the House Committee on

Finance at 9:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.

**SB 6263** by Senator Keiser

Establishing the Washington vaccine association.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Creates a nonprofit corporation to be known as the Washington vaccine association for the primary purpose of collecting and remitting adequate funds from health carriers and third-party administrators for the cost of vaccines provided to certain children in the state.

Provides that only the secretary of the department of health or the secretary's designee may authorize expenditures from the universal vaccine purchase account.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.  
 Jan 11 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.  
 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.  
 Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.  
 Jan 27 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 And refer to Ways & Means.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Referred to Ways & Means.  
 Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.  
 Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.  
 Feb 4 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Health & Long-Term Care.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 5 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 10 1st substitute bill not substituted.  
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 45; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.  
 Feb 18 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**SB 6426-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Tom; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Eliminating certain boards and commissions.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Eliminates, consolidates, and/or temporarily suspends certain boards and commissions.

Requires the governor, by July 1, 2011, to recommend to the legislature which boards and commissions shall receive state funding, be suspended, or be terminated.

Requires an agency or state or local government entity that is required by statute to consult with a board or

commission suspended or eliminated by the act to instead seek informed opinions from other individuals or groups engaged in similar activities, as the director or governing body feels is appropriate.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

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

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

**SB 6582-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Roach, Zarelli, Prentice, and Kilmer)

Concerning nursing assistant credentialing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to nursing assistant credentialing.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.

Feb 4 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 5 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 18 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.

**SB 6607-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Pflug, and Keiser)

Concerning premiums for individual health coverage.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Aligns annual premium changes and annual deductible periods for individual health coverage.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 4 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 5 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 6670-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Parlette)

Regarding group medical insurance for nontraditional groups.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the office of the insurance commissioner to recognize nontraditional groups and allow these groups to purchase group medical insurance.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 4 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 5 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

**SB 6673-S** by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Carrell, Kohl-Welles, Gordon, Regala, Roach, Hargrove, and Tom)

Appointing a task force to study bail practices and procedures.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a legislative task force on bail practices to study bail practices and procedures.

Requires the task force to request the Washington state institute for public policy to conduct research to better inform the task force on certain issues.

Expires December 31, 2010.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 3:30 PM.

Feb 5 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

**SB 6680-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator Hargrove)

Authorizing local excise taxes for criminal justice purposes.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes counties to impose local sales and use taxes, without a vote of the people, for criminal justice purposes.

Exempts from the tax, the retail sale or use of motor vehicles, and the lease of motor vehicles for up to the first thirty-six months of the lease.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 6:00 PM.

Feb 5 HSC - 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 6696-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, King, Gordon, Oemig, Hobbs, Kauffman, McDermott, Roach, Berkey, Murray, Tom, Prentice, Haugen, Fairley, Kline, Rockefeller, Keiser, Marr, Ranker, Regala, Eide, Kilmer, Hargrove, Franklin, Shin, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Regarding education reform.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that it is the state's responsibility to create a coherent and effective accountability framework for the continuous improvement for all schools and districts to provide: (1) An excellent and equitable education for all students;

(2) An aligned federal/state accountability system; and

(3) The tools necessary for schools and districts to be accountable, including the necessary accounting and data reporting systems, assessment systems to monitor student achievement, and a system of general support, targeted assistance, and if necessary, intervention.

Phase I of this accountability system will: (1) Recognize schools that have done an exemplary job of raising student achievement and closing the achievement gaps using the state board of education's accountability index; and

(2) Target the lowest five percent of persistently lowest-achieving schools to provide federal funds and federal intervention models through either a voluntary option or a required action process.

Phase II of this accountability system will work toward implementing the state board of education's accountability index for identification of schools in need of improvement and the use of state and local intervention models and state funds.

The expectation from implementation of this accountability system is the improvement of student achievement for all students to prepare them for postsecondary education, work, and global citizenship in the twenty-first century.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 1 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on

Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM.

Feb 8 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 9 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 11 2nd substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 41; nays, 5; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Education.

Feb 17 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.  
(Subject to change)

**SB 6730-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Hargrove, Stevens, and Roach)

Concerning child welfare.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/10)

Requires the department of social and health services or supervising agency to: (1) Inform the parent, verbally and in writing, what relatives the agency has considered for placement and the outcome of that consideration; and

(2) Provide a relative, with whom a child has been placed and with whom the child has resided with for at least ninety consecutive days, with a minimum of five days' notice of the department's or supervising agency's intent to remove a child from the home of the relative unless certain conditions exist.

Excludes from the duties of a guardian ad litem, the conducting of investigations into child abuse or neglect allegations.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 6:00 PM.

Feb 5 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 2.

**SB 6780-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term



Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Ranker, Kline, Delvin, and Fairley)

Concerning community living for persons with disabilities.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides services and support arrangements for the transition of persons with developmental disabilities from an institutional setting to a community setting.

Requires the department of social and health services to:

- (1) Submit an implementation plan to the legislature that provides costs and timelines for establishing living arrangements for residents transitioning out of residential habilitation centers; and

- (2) Implement the plan once it is approved by the legislature.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 3 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 4 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 5 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6805-S** by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Zarelli, Shin, and Delvin)

Concerning the Washington state economic development commission.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/10)

Requires the Washington state economic development commission to: (1) Develop a biennial budget request for approval by the office of financial management; and

- (2) Adopt an annual budget and work plan in accordance with the omnibus appropriations bill approved by the legislature.

Prohibits the state agency serving as the commission's fiscal agent from using more than: (1) Ten percent of funds appropriated for commission personnel costs; and

- (2) Three percent of funds in the Washington state economic development commission account to cover administrative expenses.

Creates the Washington state economic development commission account.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 4 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 0.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Community & Economic Development & Trade.

**SB 6855** by Senators McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Exempting community centers from property taxation and imposing leasehold excise taxes on such property.

Exempts community centers from property taxation for a period of forty years from acquisition and imposes leasehold excise taxes on the property.

-- 2010 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.