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House Bills

HB 1257-S by House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Stanford, Kirby, and Kelley; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Adopting the investments of insurers model act.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Adopts the investments of insurers model act.

Protects and furthers the interests of insureds, creditors, and the general public by providing, with minimum interference with management initiative and judgment, prudent standards for the development and administration of insurer investment programs.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 21 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 25 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 27 BFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1648 by Representatives Goodman, Miloscia, Hunt, Hasegawa, Kelley, Hudgins, Frockt, Springer,

Appleton, Roberts, Billig, Green, Jacks, Clibborn, Moscoso, Fitzgibbon, and Maxwell

Adding certain requirements to provisions relating to driving or being in physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug.

- Modifies alcohol violation provisions relating to: (1) THC concentration with regard to DUI or physical control;
- (2) Requirement to install ignition interlock device for reckless driving, negligent driving, or participation in a deferred prosecution program;
- (3) Alcohol monitoring same time period as license suspension or revocation;
- (4) Limitations on eligibility for the deferred prosecution program; and
- (5) Adjustments to standard sentences.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1649 by Representatives Jinkins, Pedersen, Kenney, Pettigrew, Ladenburg, Lytton, Stanford, Billig, Ryu, Lias, Seaquist, Darneille, Dickerson, Dunshee, Fitzgibbon, Upthegrove, Reykdal, Finn, Moscoso, Takko, Rolfes, Clibborn, Jacks, Morris, Cody, Roberts, Orwall, Green, Van De Wege, Ormsby, Hudgins, Sells, Kelley, Blake, Appleton, Kagi, Santos, Hurst, Kirby, Eddy, Probst, Springer, Miloscia, Maxwell, Sullivan, Goodman, Frockt, Carlyle, Haigh, Moeller, Hunter, Tharinger, Hunt, McCoy, and Hasegawa

Concerning reciprocity and statutory construction with regard to domestic partnerships.

Gives legal effect to domestic partnerships.

- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1650** by Representatives Hasegawa, Kenney, Santos, McCoy, Moscoso, Sells, Carlyle, Reykdal, Seaquist, Jacks, Probst, Maxwell, and Ormsby
 Changing state need grant eligibility provisions.
 Modifies eligibility requirements for state need grants.
 Allows child support payments received by students who are parents attending less than half-time to be used in computing financial need.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
 Feb 3 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)
- HB 1651** by Representatives Goodman, Miloscia, Lias, Roberts, and Ormsby
 Providing transitional housing for persons at risk of experiencing homelessness.
 Provides transitional housing for persons at risk of experiencing homelessness.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Community Development & Housing.
- HB 1652** by Representatives Frockt, Kenney, Reykdal, Rolfes, Probst, Goodman, Maxwell, McCoy, Jacks, Jinkins, Ryu, Kagi, Ladenburg, Stanford, Hasegawa, Fitzgibbon, Blake, Billig, Roberts, Clibborn, Ormsby, Moscoso, Hudgins, and Lias
 Regarding electronic impersonation.
 Clarifies that a person who suffers harm as a result of electronic impersonation may be able to bring a civil invasion of privacy claim.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1653** by Representatives Wilcox, Chandler, McCune, Angel, and Blake
 Concerning the establishment of department of health rules on fluoridation levels where fluoridation is practiced by public drinking water systems.
 Requires the state board of health to adopt rules to establish requirements regarding certain levels of fluoridation in drinking water.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1654** by Representatives Zeiger, Sells, Haler, Miloscia, Buys, Dammeier, Johnson, Dahlquist, Fagan, Warnick, Smith, Anderson, and Kelley
 Regarding tuition for excess credits at institutions of higher education.
 Requires four-year higher education institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges to charge
- resident undergraduate students at the nonresident or graduate tuition rates for certain credits.
 Requires the education data center to track certain students.
 Modifies requirements of adopting policies relating to assessment of surcharges.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- HB 1655** by Representatives Ahern, Warnick, Klippert, McCune, Angel, Rivers, Hargrove, Johnson, Nealey, Fagan, Haler, Schmick, Bailey, and Condotta
 Modifying the requirement to periodically replace license plates.
 Eliminates the requirement to periodically replace license plates unless the functional lifetime of the license plates has been exceeded.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- HB 1656** by Representatives Ahern, Shea, McCune, Miloscia, Hinkle, Warnick, Angel, Klippert, Kristiansen, Hargrove, Overstreet, Buys, Short, and Condotta
 Declaring that the right to life begins at the moment the individual comes into being.
 Establishes the Washington state life at conception act.
 Implements equal protection under the state Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1657** by Representatives Ahern, McCune, Miloscia, Hurst, Hope, Rivers, and Kelley
 Removing the statute of limitations for certain sex offenses.
 Removes the statute of limitations for: (1) Rape in the first and second degree if the victim is under the age of eighteen at the time the crime is committed; and (2) Rape of a child in the first and second degree.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.
- HB 1658** by Representatives Green, Walsh, Schmick, Moscoso, and Kenney
 Allowing county registrars to issue certificates of still birth upon the request of the mother or father.
 Requires the local registrar of a county in which a stillbirth occurs to issue, upon request of the mother or father of the fetus, a certificate of still birth on a form prescribed by the state registrar.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1659** by Representatives Angel and Seaquist
 Addressing hospital benefit zones that have already formed.

Modifies provisions regarding benefit zone public improvements using hospital benefit zone financing.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1660 by Representatives Takko, Hunt, and Tharinger
Authorizing multijurisdiction flood control zones.

Authorizes the boards of certain counties, together with the appropriate authorities of any federally recognized Indian tribes choosing to participate, to create a multijurisdiction zone by execution of a formation agreement if a watershed comprises territory within two or more of those counties or reservations of federally recognized Indian tribes.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1661 by Representatives Finn, Smith, Roberts, and Condotta

Providing cost-saving measures and allocation of vouchers for low-income housing.

Provides cost-saving measures and allocation of vouchers in awarding resources for low-income housing.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Community Development & Housing.

HB 1662 by Representatives Takko, Rodne, and Angel

Addressing appeal and permit procedures under the shoreline management act.

Modifies shoreline management act provisions regarding appeal and permit procedures.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 1663 by Representatives Parker, Ormsby, Probst, Billig, Schmick, Fagan, Angel, and Ahern

Removing the requirement that institutions of higher education purchase from correctional industries.

Removes the requirement that higher education institutions must purchase goods and services from inmate work programs operated by the department of corrections.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

Feb 3 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 1664 by Representatives Shea, Rodne, Chandler, McCune, Bailey, Hinkle, Nealey, Rivers, Klippert, Warnick, Smith, Short, Condotta, Kristiansen, Angel, Ross, Schmick, Taylor, Buys, Fagan, Asay, and Overstreet

Transferring all mandatory, regulatory, licensing, and disciplinary functions of the Washington state bar association to the Washington state supreme court.

Transfers to and places exclusively in the Washington state supreme court, all mandatory, regulatory, licensing, and disciplinary functions regarding the practice of law and the administration of justice in this state currently administered by the Washington state bar association.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1665 by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Sells, Carlyle, Seaquist, and Roberts

Establishing procedures for requesting the funds necessary to implement the compensation and fringe benefit provisions of bargaining agreements with the University of Washington under chapter 41.80 RCW.

Establishes procedures for requesting the funds necessary to implement the compensation and fringe benefit provisions of bargaining agreements with the University of Washington.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

HB 1666 by Representatives Seaquist, Haler, Carlyle, and Maxwell; by request of Governor Gregoire

Implementing the higher education funding task force recommendations.

Implements higher education funding task force recommendations relating to goals, funding, performance, and accountability.

Creates the Washington pledge scholarship program.

Creates the Washington pledge endowment fund.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 1667 by Representatives Kagi, Armstrong, Ryu, Liias, Clibborn, Angel, Goodman, Stanford, and Moscoso

Concerning state route number 522.

Finds that state route number 522 is a vital transportation corridor in the Puget Sound region.

States that the 2010 legislature expressed its intent to provide priority funding for the corridor and the 2011 legislature expresses its intent to fund improvements to significantly increase the flow of people and goods on the state route number 522 corridor.

Directs the department of transportation to: (1) Continue to work with affected cities, the Puget Sound regional council, the freight community, and the federal government to secure the necessary funding and other resources to continue improvements in the corridor; and

(2) Review the projects recently constructed or currently being designed and prepare a letter to the legislature on their general consistency as well as identify improvements that remain unfunded.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

- HB 1668** by Representatives Reykdal, Hunt, Appleton, Kenney, Goodman, McCoy, Dunshee, Carlyle, Pettigrew, Hasegawa, Ryu, Lias, Darneille, Fitzgibbon, Eddy, Dickerson, Ormsby, and Jinkins
- Encourages small business job creation by doubling the small business tax credit.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- Concerning signature gathering.
Increases the initiative filing fee.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 1669** by Representatives Santos, Parker, Dammeier, McCoy, Kenney, Hasegawa, Moscoso, and Maxwell
- Regarding the educational opportunity gap.
Changes the name of the achievement gap oversight and accountability committee to the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.
Changes the term "achievement gap" to "educational opportunity gap."
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education.
- HB 1670** by Representatives Kirby, Bailey, Blake, Eddy, Rodne, Hurst, and Springer
- Addressing the regulation of self-insurance programs by the state risk manager.
Provides the state risk manager of the risk management division within the office of financial management with regulatory authority over joint local government property and liability self-insurance programs and local government self-insured employee health and welfare benefit programs.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services.
- HB 1671** by Representatives Overstreet, Blake, Taylor, Haler, Takko, Johnson, Klippert, Shea, Short, Kristiansen, Angel, Hinkle, Bailey, McCune, Warnick, Zeiger, Wilcox, Orcutt, Schmick, Fagan, Ross, Condotta, and Harris
- Enacting the regulatory fairness act of 2011.
Establishes the regulatory fairness act of 2011.
Requires agencies, before adoption of a rule, to determine whether compliance with the rule will result in a specified economic impact and if so, the agency must provide notification and may not enforce the rule until the rule is enacted into law by the legislature.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 1672** by Representatives Hargrove, Orcutt, Ross, McCune, Angel, Taylor, Klippert, Short, Rodne, Nealey, Warnick, Bailey, Zeiger, Condotta, Kristiansen, Smith, Buys, Schmick, Stanford, Overstreet, and Harris
- Doubling the small business tax credit to encourage small business job creation.
- HB 1673** by Representatives Warnick, Dammeier, Santos, Hunt, and Goodman
- Concerning physical therapists.
Authorizes physical therapists to perform spinal manipulation only upon showing evidence of adequate education and training in spinal manipulation.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1674** by Representatives Kenney, Smith, Ryu, Johnson, Walsh, Finn, Maxwell, and Stanford
- Providing that the manufacturing innovation and modernization extension service program is not to sunset.
Eliminates the termination and repeal of the manufacturing innovation and modernization extension service program under the sunset act.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Community Development & Housing.
- HB 1675** by Representatives Reykdal, Hunt, Kenney, McCoy, Frockt, and Ormsby
- Requiring agencies to disclose the estimated costs of compliance with public records requests.
Requires agencies, at the time of completing a public records request, to provide the person requesting the records with a written statement of the estimated direct costs incurred by the agency in complying with the request.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 1676** by Representatives Reykdal, Kenney, Green, McCoy, Ormsby, Hudgins, and Hunt; by request of Department of Labor & Industries
- Addressing the abatement of violations of the Washington industrial safety and health act during an appeal.
Modifies provisions relating to the abatement of violations of the industrial safety and health act during an appeal.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.
- HB 1677** by Representatives Reykdal, Sells, Hunt, Green, Ormsby, Kenney, and Roberts
- Changing the certified and registered mail requirements of the department of labor and industries and employment security department.
Changes certain mailing requirements of the department of labor and industries and the employment security department.

- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.
 Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)
- HB 1678** by Representatives Kirby, Bailey, Clibborn, Lias, Hurst, Maxwell, Ross, Haler, Orcutt, Condotta, Santos, Eddy, and Springer
 Eliminating the cap on the total number of small loans a borrower may have in a twelve-month period.
 Eliminates the cap on the total number of small loans a borrower may have in a twelve-month period.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services.
- HB 1679** by Representatives Eddy, Carlyle, Kagi, and Takko
 Limiting government liability for supervision of offenders.
 Provides immunity from liability to the state and local governments for injuries caused by an offender under supervision if the offender's act causing the injuries does not have a substantial connection with the criminal act for which the offender is being supervised.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1680** by Representatives Eddy, Anderson, Carlyle, Morris, Kagi, Takko, Maxwell, and Clibborn
 Concerning child abuse investigations and proceedings.
 Declares an intent to: (1) Overrule *Tyner v. DSHS* and other cases in which the courts have held that chapter 26.44 RCW (abuse of children) creates an implied right of action for parents or other caretakers who are alleged abusers;
 (2) Codify certain portions of the holdings in *M. W. v. DSHS* and *Roberson V. Perez* relating to tort liability;
 (3) Clarify that child abuse investigators are entitled to the same witness immunity as other witnesses in court proceedings and liability shall not be imposed on the state in cases where the department of social and health services or child abuse investigators are following orders of the court; and
 (4) Protect interests of the parents through certain judicial review and other procedures.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1681** by Representatives Eddy, Carlyle, Kagi, Takko, Finn, Dickerson, and Clibborn
 Limiting employer liability under the doctrine of respondeat superior.
 Overrules the holding in *Rahman v. State* that an employer is liable under the doctrine of respondeat superior for negligent acts of its employees that result in injuries to unauthorized occupants of vehicles used for the employer's purposes.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1682** by Representatives Probst, Warnick, Dunshee, Sells, Hurst, Maxwell, Ormsby, and Kelley
 Providing a business and occupation tax credit for newly hired aerospace apprentices.
 Provides a business and occupation tax credit for newly hired aerospace apprentices.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 1683** by Representatives Carlyle, Armstrong, Eddy, Chandler, Kirby, Condotta, Hurst, Zeiger, and Kagi
 Establishing special license endorsements for cigar lounges and retail tobacconist shops.
 Establishes special license endorsements for cigar lounges and retail tobacconist shops.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services.
- HB 1684** by Representatives Maxwell, Orwall, Carlyle, Lias, Kenney, Reykdal, Green, Probst, Hunt, and Kelley
 Regarding online financial education in public schools.
 Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction, through the digital learning department, to make an online course in financial education available to all school districts.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Education.
- HB 1685** by Representatives Takko, Rivers, Upthegrove, and Sullivan
 Regarding water well construction requirements.
 Authorizes certain municipal water suppliers to adopt requirements regarding notification of proposed well construction within the retail service area of the supplier.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.
- HB 1686** by Representative Sells; by request of Governor Gregoire
 Concerning long-term disability for injured workers and costs to the workers' compensation program.
 Reduces long-term disability for injured workers and the resulting costs to the workers' compensation system.
 Authorizes the director of the department of labor and industries to provide funding from the medical aid fund for safety and health investment projects to prevent workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities; to create early return-to-work programs; and to reduce long-term disability through the cooperation of employers and employees or their representatives.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

HB 1687 by Representatives Orcutt, Rivers, Dahlquist, Shea, Bailey, Condotta, Fagan, Ahern, McCune, Harris, Kristiansen, Johnson, Warnick, Schmick, Angel, and Ross

Improving transparency and providing greater information to property taxpayers.

Improves transparency and fairness of the property tax system to help increase taxpayer confidence.

Gives greater taxpayer protections in the appeals process and provides more information to taxpayers so they can make informed decisions.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4216 by Representatives Shea, Rodne, Asay, Chandler, McCune, Hinkle, Nealey, Rivers, Klippert, Short, Warnick, Angel, Bailey, Condotta, Kristiansen, Ross, Smith, Taylor, Buys, Schmick, Fagan, Overstreet, and Harris

Requiring that all mandatory, regulatory, licensing, and disciplinary functions regarding the practice of law and administration of justice reside exclusively in the supreme court.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution requiring that all mandatory, regulatory, licensing, and disciplinary functions regarding the practice of law and administration of justice reside exclusively in the supreme court.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Senate Bills

SB 5085-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senator Kline; by request of Washington State Bar Association)

Modifying provisions on personal property exempt from execution, attachment, and garnishment.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to personal property exempt from execution, attachment, and garnishment.

Requires the state bar association to review monetary threshold amounts regarding personal property and annuities exempt from execution, attachment, and garnishment.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.
 Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Jan 27 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5195-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Regala, and Hargrove)

Requiring information to be filed by the prosecuting attorney for certain violations under driving while license is suspended or revoked provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the prosecuting attorney to require certain violations of driving while license is suspended or revoked to be referred to his or her office for consideration of filing an information or for entry into a precharge diversion program.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
 Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
 Jan 27 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5230-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Swecker, Litzow, Rockefeller, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Kline, Conway, Fraser, Nelson, Hobbs, Shin, and Harper; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands and Department of Ecology)

Establishing the Puget Sound corps.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Maintains the Washington conservation corps statewide, collaborates with the veterans conservation corps, and establishes the Puget Sound corps as a distinct program within the Washington conservation corps.

Streamlines how government administers and manages the state's conservation corps to more efficiently expend the state's resources toward priority outcomes, including the recovery of the Puget Sound ecosystem to health by 2020.

Increases opportunities for meaningful work experiences.

Authorizes public-private partnerships as a key element of corps activities.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.
 Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 8:00 AM.
 Jan 27 NRMW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5514 by Senators Pflug and Keiser
 Concerning the health care facilities authority.

Changes the composition and duties of the state health care facilities authority.

Declares it is the public policy of the state to contribute to improving the quality of health care available to our citizens while assuring that new health care capital projects align with the vital interest of the state in achieving cost containment throughout the health care marketplace.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5515 by Senators Pflug, Keiser, Becker, Kastama, Murray, Parlette, and Shin

Providing requirements for freestanding emergency rooms.

Declares a moratorium, under certain circumstances, on the construction of freestanding emergency rooms.

Provides a July 1, 2013, expiration for the moratorium.

Requires hospitals that operate a freestanding emergency room to conform to certain requirements to ensure patient safety and public accountability.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5516 by Senators Tom, Hill, Becker, Kilmer, White, and Shin

Allowing advance payments for equipment maintenance services for institutions of higher education.

Authorizes higher education institutions to make payments in advance for equipment maintenance services to be performed up to five years after payment.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5517 by Senators Tom, Hill, Kilmer, and Shin

Exempting institutions of higher education that do not use archives and records management services from payment for those services.

Exempts higher education institutions, that do not use the services of the division of archives and records management, from payment of those services.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5518 by Senators Tom, Hill, and Kilmer

Requiring direct deposit of salaries for government employees.

Requires direct deposit of salaries for government employees.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5519 by Senators Tom, Hill, Kilmer, and Shin

Changing public contracting authority.

Addresses public contracting authority relating to: (1) Purchases of products from correctional industries;

(2) Submission of information for public works contracts;

(3) Exceptions to personal service contract competitive solicitation;

(4) Documented justification and exemption of certain sole source contracts; and

(5) Competitive bidding dollar limit adjustments.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5520 by Senators Tom and Kilmer

Concerning the rates and charges for storm water control facilities paid by certain state research universities.

Limits certain storm water permit costs incurred by secondary permittee state research universities located in small cities in eastern Washington.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5521 by Senators Tom, Kastama, Kilmer, and Shin

Regarding commercialization of state university technology.

Addresses commercialization of state university technology.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5522 by Senators Tom and Murray

Creating the office of the superintendent of public instruction as an executive branch agency.

Creates the office of the superintendent of public instruction as an executive branch agency.

Provides that the act takes effect January 13, 2012, if the proposed amendments to Article III of the state Constitution, eliminating the superintendent of public instruction as a statewide elected official, is approved by the voters at the next general election.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 5523 by Senators Tom, Litzow, Hobbs, Zarelli, Hatfield, Kastama, Haugen, Rockefeller, Hewitt, Schoesler, and Shin

Eliminating the state printing operation.

Eliminates the state printer and requires the printer to coordinate with the department of general administration to sell or manage as surplus all equipment.

Requires the department of general administration to develop a plan for disposing of or leasing the state printing plant building.

Gives responsibility to the state treasurer for printing all state treasury warrants.

- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5524** by Senators White, Nelson, Hill, Delvin, Kilmer, and Kohl-Welles
 Creating an exemption from impact fees for low-income housing.
 Exempts low-income housing from impact fees.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.
- SB 5525** by Senators Kilmer and Carrell
 Addressing hospital benefit zones that have already formed.
 Modifies provisions regarding benefit zone public improvements using hospital benefit zone financing.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.
- SB 5526** by Senators Regala, Delvin, Eide, Zarelli, Murray, Pridemore, Holmquist Newbry, Morton, Hewitt, Chase, Honeyford, Fraser, and McAuliffe
 Concerning incentives for stirling converters.
 Creates a preferential business and occupation tax rate for businesses that manufacture solar energy systems using stirling converters.
 Expands the renewable energy cost-recovery incentive payment program to include solar stirling converters.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.
- SB 5527** by Senators Hargrove, Carrell, and Shin
 Directing creation of an electronic benefit transfer system for the delivery of subsidized child care.
 Requires the department of early learning, with the assistance of the department of social and health services, to develop and implement an electronic benefit transfer system to be used for the delivery of subsidized child care.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
 Feb 3 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)
- SB 5528** by Senators Regala and Haugen
 Eliminating the handling loss deduction for the motor vehicle fuel tax.
 Eliminates the handling loss deduction for the motor vehicle fuel tax.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5529** by Senators Pridemore and Ranker; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Regarding hydraulic project approval.
 Establishes targeted permit streamlining measures, such as creating a category of hydraulic projects that may be conducted upon notification to the department of fish and wildlife which will benefit both the applicant and the department, while providing for the protection of fish life due to the lower risk these projects pose to fish life.
 Finds that the department and applicant may realize staffing and fiscal efficiencies by using these measures.
 Requires the department to use the savings from these efficiencies to monitor hydraulic projects and emphasize application review and permitting of hydraulic projects that pose the greatest risk to fish life.
 Establishes a fee schedule for hydraulic project approval permits to relieve state taxpayers from a portion of the cost of the hydraulic project approval permit program.
 Educates permittees about how the requirements of the hydraulic code protect fish life to increase compliance with permit requirements.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Marine Waters.
- SB 5530** by Senators Swecker, Kastama, and Shin
 Addressing appeal and permit procedures under the shoreline management act.
 Modifies shoreline management act provisions regarding appeal and permit procedures.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Marine Waters.
- SB 5531** by Senators King, Prentice, Keiser, and Shin
 Reimbursing counties for providing judicial services involving mental health commitments.
 Authorizes a county to apply to the department of social and health services for reimbursement of its cost in providing judicial services associated with commitments for involuntary mental health treatment.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 5532** by Senators Chase, Hobbs, King, Haugen, Delvin, Hill, and White
 Concerning state route number 522.
 Finds that state route number 522 is a vital transportation corridor in the Puget Sound region.
 States that the 2010 legislature expressed its intent to provide priority funding for the corridor and the 2011 legislature expresses its intent to fund improvements to significantly increase the flow of people and goods on the state route number 522 corridor.
 Directs the department of transportation to: (1) Continue to work with affected cities, the Puget Sound regional council, the freight community, and the federal government to secure the necessary funding and other resources to continue improvements in the corridor; and
 (2) Review the projects recently constructed or currently being designed and prepare a letter to the legislature on their

general consistency as well as identify improvements that remain unfunded.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5533 by Senators Hargrove, Fraser, and Carrell

Addressing court-ordered legal financial obligations collected by the county clerks.

Modifies provisions relating to the collection of court-ordered legal financial obligations by county clerks.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

Feb 4 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 5534 by Senators Murray, Zarelli, and Kohl-Welles

Concerning the business and occupation taxation of newspapers.

Adjusts the business and occupation taxation of newspapers.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5535 by Senators Honeyford, Kastama, Morton, Kilmer, Parlette, Becker, Stevens, Litzow, McAuliffe, Shin, Roach, and Chase

Providing tax incentives for donations of modern laboratory equipment to higher education institutions and vocational skills centers.

Encourages donations of modern laboratory equipment to higher education institutions and vocational skills centers by providing tax incentives for those donations.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5536 by Senators Rockefeller, Honeyford, Ranker, Nelson, Shin, and Kline; by request of Department of Ecology

Regarding the management of water resources.

Promotes active water management that protects and restores sustainable water supplies for our communities, farms, and ecosystems.

Promotes water supply assessments as a foundational and science-based extension of current watershed planning and implementation efforts to project future water supply needs and availability.

Reforms current statutory provisions to promote administrative efficiencies and active water management.

Directs the department of ecology to recommend ways to make the state's water resource management program financially self-sufficient.

Eliminates the water rights tracking system account.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5537 by Senators White and Prentice

Regarding time restrictions on soliciting or accepting campaign contributions.

Provides that the time limit restrictions for soliciting or accepting contributions apply to any incumbent of a local elected office, or persons employed by or acting on behalf of an incumbent of a local elected office, who plans to file or has filed for a state office.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5538 by Senator White

Concerning members of certain nonprofit conservation corps programs.

Exempts participants in certain conservation corps programs from provisions related to rates of compensation while performing environmental and trail maintenance work.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5539 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Prentice, White, Kilmer, Brown, and McAuliffe

Concerning Washington's motion picture competitiveness.

Addresses motion picture competitiveness relating to:

- (1) Limiting funding assistance from the approved motion picture competitiveness program;
- (2) Changing the composition on the board of directors for the program;
- (3) Business and occupation tax credits; and
- (4) Revising the definition of "motion picture."

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5540 by Senators Hobbs, Delvin, King, and Hewitt

Authorizing the use of automated school bus safety cameras.

Authorizes school districts to install and operate automated school bus safety cameras on school buses to be used for the detection of certain violations.

Provides that certain sections of the act take effect only upon certification by the secretary of the department of transportation that the new statewide tolling operations center and photo toll system are fully operational.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 5541 by Senators Murray, Delvin, Haugen, Roach, King, White, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and Kline

Concerning regional mobility grants and tax incentives for improving transportation connectivity and efficiency.

Provides parking tax exemptions for certain public higher education institutions.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Transportation.

- SB 5542** by Senators Delvin, Prentice, Honeyford, Hatfield, Schoesler, Hobbs, and Hewitt
- Establishing special license endorsements for cigar lounges and retail tobacconist shops.
Establishes special license endorsements for cigar lounges and retail tobacconist shops.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.
- SB 5543** by Senators Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Chase, Nelson, Haugen, Swecker, Shin, and Conway
- Concerning fire protection firms.
Addresses fire protection firms.
Creates the fire protection firm licensing account.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.
- SB 5544** by Senators Fraser and Zarelli; by request of Department of Revenue
- Concerning sales and use tax exemptions for certain property and services used in manufacturing, research and development, or testing operations, not including changes to RCW 82.08.02565 and 82.12.02565 that reduce state revenue.
Finds that: (1) Despite previous attempts at clarifying the manufacturing machinery and equipment exemption, significant ambiguity persists, particularly with respect to the scope of the exemption; and
(2) It is necessary to reaffirm the original intent in establishing the manufacturing machinery and equipment exemption.
Provides a new, stand-alone sales and use tax exemption for machinery and equipment used primarily in technological research and development operations by the state's four-year institutions of higher education.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5545** by Senators Delvin, Kohl-Welles, Hargrove, Stevens, Fraser, Swecker, Chase, McAuliffe, White, Eide, Roach, Shin, and Regala
- Addressing police investigations of commercial sexual exploitation of children and human trafficking.
Addresses police investigations of commercial sexual exploitation of children and human trafficking.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 5546** by Senators Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Chase, Pflug, Fraser, Keiser, Rockefeller, Regala, Kline, Holmquist Newbry, King, Shin, White, Stevens, Roach, and Conway
- Concerning the crime of human trafficking.
Modifies provisions relating to the crime of human trafficking.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- SB 5547** by Senators Prentice, Benton, and Hewitt
- Removing the cap on the maximum number of small loans a borrower may have in a twelve-month period.
Removes the cap on the maximum number of small loans a borrower may have in a twelve-month period.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.
- SB 5548** by Senators King and Keiser
- Regarding institutions of higher education prohibiting hospitals or physicians from entering into agreements to provide clinical rotations or residencies to certain medical students.
Prohibits an institution of higher education from prohibiting a hospital or physician from entering into an agreement to provide student clinical rotations or residencies to qualified osteopathic or allopathic medical students.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 5549** by Senators Murray, Regala, Kohl-Welles, White, and Tom
- Concerning physical therapists.
Authorizes physical therapists to perform spinal manipulation only upon showing evidence of adequate education and training in spinal manipulation.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- SB 5550** by Senators Regala, Ranker, Swecker, Hargrove, Morton, Stevens, Fraser, Shin, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Natural Resources
- Concerning the annual rent rate for marinas.
Addresses annual rent rates for marinas.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 28 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Marine Waters.
- SB 5551** by Senators Ranker, Swecker, Sheldon, Regala, and Stevens; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands
- Concerning the forestry riparian easement program.
Revises forestry riparian easement program provisions relating to: (1) Qualifying timber;
(2) Forestry riparian easement applications;
(3) Compensation for timber; and
(4) Qualification as a small forest landowner.
Directs the chair of the forest practices board to invite relevant stakeholders to participate in a process that investigates potential new long-term funding sources for the program.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

SB 5552 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Holmquist Newbry, Keiser, Conway, King, and Shin

Expanding protections against workplace harassment in antiharassment protection orders.

Authorizes an employer to petition for an order for protection to restrain a person from engaging in unlawful harassment affecting the workplace.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5553 by Senators Roach, Pridemore, and Chase

Requiring public agencies, special purpose districts, and municipalities to post certain information on their web sites.

Requires public agencies, special purpose districts, and municipalities to post information on regular, special, or emergency meetings on their web sites.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5554 by Senators Roach and Chase

Preventing rejection of ballots that have voter identifying marks.

Prevents rejection of ballots that have voter identifying marks.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5555 by Senators Parlette, Hatfield, Morton, Honeyford, and Hewitt

Concerning interbasin transfers of water rights.

Requires the department of ecology to approve an application for an interbasin water rights transfer only after conferring with the board of county commissioners in the county of origin regarding the effect the transfer will have on the county of origin.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5556 by Senators Prentice, Fain, and Keiser

Concerning certain social card games in an area annexed by a city or town.

Requires a city or town, that allowed a house-banked social card game business in an annexed area to continue operating before July 15, 2010, to allow all social card game businesses in the annexed area that were licensed by the gambling commission as of January 1, 2011, to continue operating.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5557 by Senators Prentice, Chase, Hobbs, White, McAuliffe, Nelson, Hargrove, Kastama, Regala, Rockefeller, Hatfield, and Shin; by request of Governor Gregoire

Creating the Washington state office of civil rights.

Creates the office of civil rights as an executive branch agency.

Creates the commission on equity and access within the office of civil rights.

Eliminates the human rights commission, the commission on African-American affairs, the commission on Asian Pacific American affairs, and the commission on Hispanic affairs.

Transfers certain duties of the department of veterans affairs to the office of civil rights.

Transfers all powers, duties, and functions of the human rights commission, the office of minority and women's business enterprises, the commission on African-American affairs, the commission on Asian Pacific American affairs, and the commission on Hispanic affairs to the office of civil rights.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8212 by Senator Tom

Eliminating the superintendent of public instruction as a statewide elected official.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution eliminating the superintendent of public instruction as a statewide elected official.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)