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House Bills

HB 2020-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representative Dunshee)

Funding capital projects.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Funds capital projects.

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Apr 15 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 8:00 AM.

Apr 18 Placed on second reading.

HB 2053-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Morris, Rolfes, Liias, Reykdal, Billig, Ormsby, Finn, Seaquist, and Lytton)

Concerning additive transportation funding.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases fees for certain vehicle services and certain drivers' licenses and permits administered by the department of licensing.

Establishes fees for: (1) Examinations and applications for drivers' instructional permits;

(2) Original issue of license plates; and

(3) New tires sold that contain studs.

Makes appropriations.

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Apr 11 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 8:00 AM.

Apr 14 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

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

HB 2101 by Representatives Klippert, Haler, McCune, Nealey, Chandler, Taylor, and Angel

Recognizing hydroelectric power as an eligible renewable resource.

Reduces energy costs to consumers through recognition of hydroelectric power as an eligible renewable resource.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Environment.

HB 2102 by Representatives Pettigrew, Reykdal, Sullivan, Appleton, Van De Wege, Upthegrove, Ormsby, Fitzgibbon, Jinkins, Lytton, Billig, Green, Liias, Dunshee, Roberts, Moscoso, Sells, Eddy, Hasegawa, Hunt, and Kenney

Restoring funding to in-home care services.

Restores funding for in-home long-term care services for eligible elderly and disabled persons by extending the sales tax to nonresidents and debt collection services.

Provides for submission of the act to a vote of the people.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Bills

SB 5921-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Regala and Carrell)

Revising social services programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Suspends certain WorkFirst activity requirements.

Prohibits the receipt of temporary assistance for needy families benefits for longer than five years.

Modifies working connections child care provisions.

Expands limitations on the use of electronic benefits cards.

Requires certain businesses to disable the ability of ATMs and point-of-sale machines, on their premises, to accept electronic benefits cards.

Provides penalties and enforcement for noncompliance by those businesses.

Creates a legislative task force to oversee the WorkFirst program. The task force expires June 30, 2014.

Requires the department of social and health services to:

(1) Engage in competitive contracting using performance-based contracts to provide all WorkFirst work activities;

(2) Use competitive performance-based contracting to select public or private vendors, including partner agencies, to provide services in the WorkFirst program; and

(3) Establish an employee incentive program pilot for those employees who work directly with participants in the WorkFirst program.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to adopt rules establishing income eligibility for temporary assistance for needy families benefits for certain children.

Prohibits the department of social and health services from counting the federal supplemental security income received by a household member in determining income eligibility for WorkFirst or temporary assistance for needy families.

Requires the department of early learning and the department of social and health services to explore different options to track subsidized child care attendance.

Creates an office of fraud and accountability within the department of social and health services.

Requires the state auditor to appoint a fraud ombudsman to audit the work of the office of fraud and accountability.

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Apr 13 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 2:30 PM.

Apr 14 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Apr 15 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Apr 18 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5927-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Pflug; by request of Health Care Authority and Department of Social and Health Services)

Limiting payments for health care services provided to low-income enrollees in state purchased health care programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to create a legislative solution that:

(1) Reduces the cost borne by the state to provide public health care coverage to low-income enrollees in managed health care systems;

(2) Protects enrollees and state purchased health care programs from balance billing by nonparticipating providers;

(3) Provides appropriate payment to health care providers for services provided to enrollees of state purchased health care programs; and

(4) Limits the risk for managed health care systems that contract with the state programs.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 13 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 2:30 PM.

Apr 14 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Apr 15 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Apr 18 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5951 by Senator Hatfield

Concerning distributed generation.

Revises the definition of "eligible renewable resource" to include electricity from distributed generation that produces biomass energy.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Apr 18 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.