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HOUSE HB 2082-S

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House Bills

HB 2082-S by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Darneille, Goodman, Dickerson, Roberts, Pettigrew, Appleton, Ryu, Fitzgibbon, Finn, Orwall, Ormsby, Ladenburg, Kenney, and Moscoso)

Concerning the long-term disability assistance program and the essential needs and housing support program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Eliminates the disability lifeline program and the disability lifeline housing voucher program.

Creates the long-term disability assistance program, the aged, blind, and disabled program, the pregnant women program, and the essential needs and housing support program.

Requires the department of social and health services to review the cases of persons who have received disability lifeline-unemployable benefits or essential needs and housing support benefits to determine whether they are eligible for the long-term disability assistance program.

Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Distribute funds for the essential needs and housing support program; and

(2) In collaboration with the department of social and health services, develop a mechanism through which the department of commerce and local governments or community-based organizations can verify a person has been determined eligible for medical care services by the department of social and health services.

Clarifies that enrollment in the medical care services program is independent from the receipt of benefits under the newly created programs.

-- 2011 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

May 5 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

May 11 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

May 12 Placed on second reading.

Senate Bills

SB 5581-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Parlette, Hargrove, Shin, Conway, and Kline)

Creating a nursing home safety net assessment. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning nursing homes.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 5/10/11)

Improves health care access by creating a nursing home safety net assessment for increased nursing home payments. Creates the skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Mar 29 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 2:00 PM.

Apr 1 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.

Apr 8 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Apr 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Apr 22 Referred to Rules.

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Apr 26 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Apr 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

May 10 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.

- Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 May 11 Third reading, passed; yeas, 27; nays, 17; absent, 0; excused, 5.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 May 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5742-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Ranker, and Shin)
 Providing funding and cost saving measures for the Washington state ferry system. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning the Washington state ferry system.)
 (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 5/12/11)
 Transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the marine employees' commission to the public employment relations commission. Expires June 30, 2013.
 Requires the transportation commission to impose a vessel replacement surcharge of twenty-five cents on every one-way and round-trip ferry fare sold.
 Requires the department of transportation and the office of financial management to report on certain performance measures.
 Provides a sales and use tax exemption on fuel purchased by: (1) The Washington state ferry system for use in a state-owned ferry after June 30, 2013; and
 (2) A county-owned ferry for use in ferry vessels after June 30, 2013.
 Modifies collective bargaining provisions.
 Creates the capital vessel replacement account.
 -- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
 Feb 24 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
 Feb 25 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 2 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Apr 11 1st substitute bill substituted.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 36; nays, 10; absent, 1; excused, 2.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 Apr 13 First reading, referred to Transportation.
 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
 Apr 14 TR - Executive action taken by committee.
 TR - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
 Apr 19 Referred to Ways & Means.
 Apr 21 WAYS - Executive action taken by committee.
 WAYS - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
 Minority; do not pass.
 Rules suspended.
- Placed on second reading.
 Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
 Apr 22 Committee amendment adopted as amended.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 76; nays, 20; absent, 0; excused, 2.
 -- IN THE SENATE --
 On Concurrence Calendar. Referred to Senate Rules 3.
 -- 2011 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --
 May 12 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.
 Rules suspended.
 Returned to second reading for amendment.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 34; nays, 10; absent, 0; excused, 5.
 -- IN THE HOUSE --
 First Reading.
 Placed on second reading.
- SB 5873** by Senators Prentice, Parlette, Hewitt, Murray, Harper, Holmquist Newbry, Chase, Zarelli, Hobbs, King, Fain, Honeyford, Tom, Kilmer, and McAuliffe
 Concerning the sales and use tax exemption for qualifying businesses of eligible server equipment.
 (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 5/12/11)
 Modifies provisions relating to the sales and use tax exemption for qualifying businesses of eligible server equipment by: (1) Revising the definitions of eligible computer data center, eligible power infrastructure, qualifying business, and server equipment; and
 (2) Extending the expiration date to April 1, 2021.
 -- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
 Mar 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
 Mar 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
 -- 2011 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --
 Apr 26 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
 May 5 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.
 May 11 WM - Majority; do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:30 AM.
 May 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 41; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 7.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5958 by Senator White

Providing local government funding of tourism promotion, workforce housing, art and heritage programs, and community development.

Provides funding for affordable workforce housing; the expansion, construction, repair, or maintenance of a convention and trade center; art museums, cultural museums, heritage museums, and heritage and preservation programs; the arts; the performing arts; other capital or operating programs that promote tourism and attract tourists to the county; and community development.

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May 13 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

May 17 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)