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House Bills

HB 2457 by Representatives Kirby and Bailey
Addressing specialty producer licenses.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/12)
Revises specialty producer license provisions relating to: (1) Application for a license; (2) Scope of license; and (3) Training programs for employees who sell portable electronics insurance.
Removes the definition for "communications equipment" and adds a definition for "portable electronics."
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 16 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services.
Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
Jan 31 BFS - Executive action taken by committee.
BFS - Majority; do pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
Feb 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. 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 13 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

HB 2592-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Haler, Carlyle, Hinkle, Reykdal,

Pettigrew, Walsh, Wylie, Kagi, Darneille, Kelley, Kenney, and Tharinger)

Concerning extended foster care services.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/12)

Requires the department of social and health services to continue to operate the state-funded foster care to twenty-one program for three years after the effective date of the act, at which point the program shall cease to operate.

Allows youth participating in the foster care to twenty-one program to continue to receive placement services until the youth reaches his or her twenty-first birthday or is no longer enrolled in and participating in a postsecondary program, whichever is earlier.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 1:30 PM.
Jan 31 ELHS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 1:30 PM.
Feb 6 WAYS - Executive action taken by committee.
WAYS - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Early Learning & Human Services.
Minority; do not pass.
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.
Feb 7 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Feb 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 88; nays, 9; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

HB 2692-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Asay, Parker, Carlyle, Kelley, Hurst, Ormsby, Kagi, Dickerson, Upthegrove, Goodman, Pettigrew, Maxwell, Dahlquist, Dammeier, Moscoso, Pearson, and Kenney)

Concerning the reduction of the commercial sale of sex.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/12)

Provides additional punishment for patronizing a prostitute.

Requires certain offenders to fulfill the terms of a program designed to educate them about the negative costs of prostitution.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness at 10:00 AM.

Feb 2 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, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2747-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representative Hansen; by request of Washington State Patrol)

Modifying the use of funds in the fire service training account.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Adjusts the functions of the fire service training account to include use of the account for firefighter training for volunteer and career firefighters, school fire prevention activities within the Washington state patrol, and the maintenance, operations, and capital projects of the state fire training academy.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 8:00 AM.

Feb 3 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

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

Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 92; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 6.

HB 2782 by Representatives Liias, Moeller, Pettigrew, and Dickerson

Establishing volumetric taxes imposed upon liquor sales.

Imposes a volumetric tax on liquor.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit to buyers of spirits in the original package.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 11 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2783 by Representatives Upthegrove, Short, and McCune

Concerning coal transition power.

Addresses coal transition power.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Environment.

Feb 16 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.
(Subject to change)

Feb 17 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

Senate Bills

SB 5556-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Fain, and Keiser)

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

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/12)

Authorizes existing house-banked social card game businesses to continue to operate, even if a city or town does not otherwise allow card rooms, if the city or town annexes an area with an existing card room business that was licensed by the gambling commission before January 1, 2013.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 Public hearing, executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor, and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 9:00 AM.

Feb 18 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 21 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 3 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 4.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Mar 5 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

Mar 16 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 8:00 AM.

Apr 22 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

- 2011 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --
 -- IN THE SENATE --
- Apr 26 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
- 2011 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --
- Nov 28 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
- Dec 7 Senate Rules "X" file.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 9 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
- Feb 7 Moved to Rules White Sheet.
 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 10 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 45; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 13 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- SB 5575-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Hatfield, Delvin, Eide, Schoesler, Haugen, Shin, Kilmer, Hobbs, Becker, Honeyford, Conway, and Sheldon)
- Recognizing certain biomass energy facilities as an eligible renewable resource.
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)
 Promotes the generation of renewable energy from biomass in economically distressed communities.
 Includes qualified biomass energy in the definition of "eligible renewable resource," for purposes of the energy independence act.
 Authorizes certain qualifying utilities to use qualified biomass energy to meet certain compliance obligations.
 Prohibits qualifying utilities from using certain electricity and associated renewable energy credits from a qualified biomass energy facility if the associated industrial pulping or wood manufacturing facility ceases operation other than for purposes of maintenance or upgrade.
 Authorizes industrial facilities that host a qualified biomass energy facility to only transfer or sell renewable energy credits associated with its facility to certain qualifying utilities.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 7 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.
- Mar 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water & Rural Economic Development at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 23 AWRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 10 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, 45; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- Feb 17 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM in anticipation of other legislative action.
- SB 5978-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug, Keiser, Frockt, Conway, and Kohl-Welles)
- Concerning medicaid fraud.
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)
 Establishes the medicaid fraud false claims act.
 Enacts a state false claims act in order to provide the state with another tool to combat medicaid fraud.
 Creates the medicaid fraud penalty account.
- 2011 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --
- Dec 8 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 9 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 10 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Referred to Ways & Means.
- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 26 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 1 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Health & Long-Term Care.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 7 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, 36; nays, 11; absent, 0; excused, 2.
- Feb 15 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.
- SB 6009-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Schoesler,

Becker, Morton, Fain, Holmquist Newbry, Swecker, Delvin, Hill, and Roach)

Regarding ethics in public service.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Modifies provisions relating to ethics in public service. Allows agency staff to assist ethics board staff in carrying out investigations of complaints.

Allows the ethics board to request the assistance of the office of the attorney general to conduct or assist with an investigation.

Allows state officers and employees to accept outside employment if they have attended an ethics training approved by the appropriate ethics board within the past twenty-four months.

Requires agencies to designate an ethics advisor or advisors to provide informal ethics advice to state officers and employees and to ensure uniformity in the agency's operations with respect to the ethics in public service law.

Requires state officers and employees to attend ethics training approved by the appropriate ethics board: (1) Within sixty days of taking office or employment; and

(2) Beginning January 1, 2013, in coordination with other agency-provided training, including sexual harassment training, but no less than every three years.

Requires certain state officers and employees to be provided specialized or enhanced ethics training.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.

Jan 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM.

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

Feb 7 Made eligible to be placed on 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, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

SB 6155 by Senators Kilmer, Carrell, Hobbs, Kastama, Regala, Fain, Conway, and Keiser

Concerning the definition of debt adjusters. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning third-party account administrators.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Exempts from the definition of "debt adjuster," for purposes of the debt adjusting act, third-party account administrators.

Includes fees charged by financial institutions and third-party account administrators in the total fee for debt adjusting services.

Requires third-party account administrators to be licensed as a money transmitter under the uniform money services act and comply with certain other additional requirements.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 12 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.

Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 1:30 PM.

Jan 26 FIHI - 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 not substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 2.

Feb 16 Scheduled for public hearing and executive session in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.

SB 6217 by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Pridemore, Schoesler, and Delvin

Regarding irrigation district administration.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Modifies irrigation district provisions relating to: (1) Exemption from publication notices when the value of the property to be sold or leased is less than ten thousand dollars;

(2) Increasing the time to fix a hearing for adding certain land to an irrigation district; and

(3) Requirement of the treasurer to provide a list of properties that may be subject to foreclosure for delinquent assessments to the board of directors before preparing a certificate of delinquency.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 16 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development.

Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water & Rural Economic Development at 1:30 PM.

Jan 30 AWRD - Majority; do pass. Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.

Jan 31 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 11 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 5.

SB 6260-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Delvin, Kohl-Welles,

Regala, Roach, Conway, Carrell, Shin, Eide, Ericksen, Litzow, Chase, and Stevens)

Revising registration requirements and fees charged for various criminal offenses.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/10/12)

Revises the definition of "sex offense" to include a second or subsequent violation of promoting prostitution in the first degree, promoting prostitution in the second degree, or patronizing a prostitute.

Adds to penalties for certain violations of promoting prostitution in the first or second degree, permitting prostitution, and patronizing a prostitute.

Prohibits a court from suspending or waiving payment of certain fees, but allows the court to reduce fees under certain circumstances.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 1 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 7:30 PM.

Feb 3 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 7 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, 46; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness.

SB 6284-S2 by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Harper, Litzow, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, and Hargrove)

Reforming Washington's approach to certain nonsafety civil traffic infractions by authorizing a civil collection process for unpaid traffic fines and removing the requirement for law enforcement intervention for the failure to appear and pay a traffic ticket.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Authorizes a civil collection process for unpaid traffic fines.

Removes the requirement for law enforcement intervention for the failure to appear and pay a traffic ticket.

Requires the department of licensing, in consultation with the administrative office of the courts, to adopt and maintain rules that define a moving violation.

Provides that the act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 6 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Feb 7 TRAN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
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, 35; nays, 11; absent, 0; excused, 3.

SB 6356-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Kastama, Chase, Shin, Tom, and Frockt)

Concerning an interagency work group on establishing a single portal for Washington businesses. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning the establishment of a single portal for Washington businesses.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Requires the chief information officer to establish an integrated enterprise system using a single portal for Washington businesses, accessible through the internet.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.

Jan 30 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 10 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, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

SB 6383-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, Eide, Schoesler, Kohl-Welles, Chase, Padden, Stevens, Hobbs, Pflug, Hargrove, Harper, McAuliffe, Prentice, Shin, Fraser, Fain, Hill, Baumgartner, Nelson, Swecker, Holmquist Newbry, Kline, Hatfield, Becker, Conway, Hewitt, King, Parlette, Ranker, Litzow, Zarelli, Ericksen, Morton, and Honeyford)

Regarding Washington interscholastic activities association penalties.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Establishes the Knight act.

Authorizes the Washington interscholastic activities association or other voluntary nonprofit entity to impose

penalties for rules violations upon coaches, school district administrators, school administrators, and students.

Requires the Washington interscholastic activities association, within available resources, to develop model rules regarding a rules violation punishment grid that is modeled after the state sentencing guidelines.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 30 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 31 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
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, 45; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- Feb 17 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM in anticipation of other legislative action.

SB 6392-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Kohl-Welles, Conway, and Shin)

Establishing a farm internship program.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/12)

Requires the director of the department of labor and industries to establish a farm internship pilot project for the employment of farm interns on small farms in the counties of San Juan, Skagit, King, Whatcom, Kitsap, Pierce, Jefferson, Spokane, Yakima, Chelan, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, and Thurston.

Provides a December 31, 2017, expiration for the pilot project.

Requires the department of labor and industries to provide special workers' compensation risk class or classes for farm interns providing agricultural labor pursuant to a farm internship program.

Requires appropriations made for the purposes of the act to be from the state general fund.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 30 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 7 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 10 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, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

SB 6595 by Senators Ericksen, Stevens, Hatfield, and Hobbs

Establishing volumetric taxes imposed upon liquor sales.
Imposes a volumetric tax on liquor.
Provides a business and occupation tax credit to buyers of spirits in the original package.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.