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House Bills

HB 2530-S by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlyle, Hunter, Reykdal, Roberts, and Pollet; by request of Department of Revenue)

Improving accountability for tax preferences.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) In order to make policy choices regarding the best use of limited state resources the legislature needs information to evaluate whether the continuation of existing tax preferences is in the public interest;

(2) Existing annual reports and annual surveys used to gather data from taxpayers to evaluate the effectiveness of tax incentives should be improved and consolidated into a single document to provide better information with which to evaluate the effectiveness of tax preferences, provide greater consistency for taxpayers, and simplify administration for the department of revenue; and

(3) The process for evaluating tax preferences would be strengthened by establishing a ten-year expiration date for those tax preferences enacted by the legislature in the future that are subject to the annual survey; and by requiring that when the joint legislative audit and review committee recommends that a tax preference be modified or terminated immediately, the committee must include in its report to the legislative fiscal committees draft legislation to implement the recommendation.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 7 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 10 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Feb 14 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2538-S2 by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Santos and Maxwell; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Authorizing the state auditor to conduct fiscal and performance audits for school districts once every three years except under specified situations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the state auditor to conduct fiscal and performance audits no more often than once every three years for school districts when no findings of impropriety were found for the school districts for the three-year period immediately preceding the audit period.

Revises notification dates for nonrenewal of school employee contracts.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.

Jan 31 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 4 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Feb 6 WAYS - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Feb 7 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

HB 2569-S2 by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Goodman, Kagi, Maxwell, Reykdal, Dickerson, Tharinger, Pollet, and Roberts)

Implementing a voluntary quality rating and improvement system for child care centers and early learning programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of early learning, to the extent funds are available, to implement a voluntary quality rating and improvement system, for licensed and certified child care centers and homes and other early learning programs.

Requires the state institute for public policy to conduct an ongoing longitudinal study of the quality rating and improvement system.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 27 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 4 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.
- Feb 7 WAYS - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

HB 2607-S by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Alexander, Hunter, Dammeier, Bailey, Parker, Angel, Kristiansen, Ross, Warnick, Seaquist, Haler, Finn, Rivers, Kelley, Dahlquist, Carlyle, Harris, Taylor, Buys, Wilcox, McCune, Orcutt, Zeiger, and Shea)

Requiring a six-year budget outlook tied to existing revenues.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the office of financial management, when the governor submits her operating budget documents to the legislature, to simultaneously publish a six-year outlook that is based on the governor's budget documents.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2660-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Clibborn, Ryu, Moeller, Finn, Billig, Eddy, Fitzgibbon, and Moscoso; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Authorizing the imposition of a petroleum product barrel fee to be used for transportation purposes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Imposes a fee of one dollar and fifty cents per barrel on each barrel of petroleum product refined in the state to be used for transportation purposes in the state.

Creates the state transportation operations and maintenance account.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 6 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 7 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

HB 2676-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Moeller; by request of Department of Transportation)

Concerning the Interstate 5 Columbia river crossing project.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Designates the Columbia river crossing project as an eligible toll facility.

Authorizes the tolling authority for the Columbia river crossing project to enter into agreements with the Oregon state transportation commission regarding the mutual or joint setting, adjustment, and review of toll rates.

Requires the tolls to be charged only for travel on the existing and replacement Interstate 5 Columbia river bridges and prohibits tolls from being charged for travel on any portion of Interstate 205.

Provides a contingent effective date.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 7 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

HB 2704-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Billig, Clibborn, Armstrong, Liias, and Asay)

Creating a road user future funding task force.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a road user future funding task force to assist the legislature in developing the policy for a new system of revenue collection for the state's roads and highways.

Expires June 30, 2015.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 6 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 10:00 AM.

- Feb 7 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
- HB 2708-S** by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Hinkle, Wilcox, Johnson, and Angel)
Including the value of solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities in the property tax levy limit calculation.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Changes the property tax levy limit calculation to include the value of solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities that generate electricity.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 6 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
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 14 Returned to Rules Committee for second reading.
- HB 2733-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Jinkins, Upthegrove, and Clibborn)
Concerning rates and charges for storm water control facilities.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies provisions relating to rates and charges for the construction, operation, and maintenance of storm water control facilities.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 7 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 11 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 62; nays, 36; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Environment.
- Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)
- HB 2736-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Hansen; by request of Department of Licensing)
Concerning commercial vehicle regulations for texting while driving and projecting loads.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Modifies texting laws relating to commercial vehicles. Addresses warning lamps, flags, and reflectors for projecting loads on vehicles.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 7 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 10 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration.
Placed on second reading suspension calendar.
- Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM. (Subject to change)
- HB 2748-S** by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Anderson, and Hasegawa)
Transferring ferry and flood control zone district functions and taxing authorities to county legislative authorities in counties with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes certain counties, in which a county ferry district has been established with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the county, to assume the rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the county ferry district.
Authorizes certain counties in which a flood control zone district has been established with boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the county, to assume the rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations of the flood control zone district.
- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Local Government at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 6 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do 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.

- Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 83; nays, 13;
absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 13 First reading, referred to Government
Operations, Tribal Relations &
Elections.
- Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate
Committee on Government Operations
and Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30
PM. (Subject to change)
- HB 2751-S** by House Committee on Transportation
(originally sponsored by Representatives
Clibborn, Liias, Pollet, and Ryu)
Concerning local transportation revenue.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes certain transportation benefit districts to
impose up to forty dollars of the annual vehicle fee
authorized in RCW 82.80.140.
Authorizes counties to impose a local motor vehicle
excise tax of up to one percent on the value of vehicles
registered to persons residing within the county.
Changes the local option fuel tax rate on each gallon of
fuel sold within the boundaries of certain counties.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on
Transportation at 10:00 AM.
Feb 7 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House
Committee on Transportation at 1:30
PM.
- HB 2757-S** by House Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Representative
Moeller; by request of Washington State School for the
Blind and Center for Childhood Deafness)
Creating accounts for the center for childhood deafness and
hearing loss and for the school for the blind.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the center for childhood deafness and hearing
loss account and the school for the blind account.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 6 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do 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 10 Rules Committee relieved of further
consideration.
Placed on second reading suspension
calendar.
Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0;
absent, 0; excused, 1.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 2764-S** by House Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Representative
Alexander; by request of Office of Financial Management)
Eliminating accounts and funds.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Eliminates certain accounts and funds and directs the
state treasurer to transfer any residual funds in those
accounts and funds into the state general fund.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 6 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be
substituted, do 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 11 Rules Committee relieved of further
consideration. Placed on second reading.
Feb 14 Returned to Rules Committee for second
reading.
- HB 2786** by Representatives Alexander, Finn, Kirby,
Ross, Kretz, Johnson, Green, Armstrong,
Takko, Clibborn, Blake, Hinkle, Rivers, and Angel
Concerning the authorization and regulation of electronic
scratch ticket machines for house-banked card room
establishments and providing funding for education, health
and human services, and public safety.
Establishes the electronic gaming revenue act.
Authorizes electronic scratch ticket devices to house-
banked card room licensees.
Grants specific authority to the state lottery commission
to regulate electronic scratch ticket gambling by house-
banked card rooms.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 16 First reading, referred to State Government
& Tribal Affairs.
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- Senate Bills**
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- SB 6263-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means
(originally sponsored by Senators Ranker,
Hargrove, Delvin, Litzow, Swecker, Rolfes, Schoesler,
Kilmer, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Hobbs, and Hatfield)
Facilitating marine management planning.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Facilitates marine management planning.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on
Energy and Natural Resources & Marine
Waters at 1:30 PM.
Jan 30 Executive action taken in the Senate
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.
Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on
Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
Feb 7 WM - Majority; 2nd 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 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 10 2nd substitute bill substituted. 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 Agriculture & Natural Resources.
- Feb 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- SB 6292-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Harper and Carrell)
Changing provisions concerning juvenile offenses. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Addresses diversion agreements and confidentiality of juvenile records.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 8:30 AM.
- Feb 2 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 6:00 PM.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, 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 1:30 PM.
- SB 6371-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Benton, Chase, Haugen, Kilmer, Delvin, Hatfield, Schoesler, Becker, McAuliffe, and Conway)
Extending the customized employment training program. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Delays the expiration of the customized employment training program.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 7 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.
- Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 1.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6401-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Hill, Kilmer, Becker, and Shin)
Creating efficiencies for institutions of higher education. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
Exempts purchases by institutions of higher education, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, from certain competitive bidding and competitive solicitation requirements.
Authorizes institutions of higher education to: (1) Make payments in advance for equipment maintenance services to be performed up to sixty months after such payment;
(2) Implement, for health care classifications, higher education health care special pay plans to be competitive with positions of a similar nature in the locality in which the institution of higher education is located;
(3) Make direct deposits to financial institutions for payment of salaries and wages of employees;
(4) Require alternate payment methods for employees who do not have an account in a financial institution; and
(5) Use all appropriate means for making and paying for travel arrangements.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 6441-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Ranker)
Authorizing grants to the successful pilot programs implementing RCW 70.260.020. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Authorizes the Washington State University extension energy program, subject to funding, to extend grants to the

successful pilot programs implementing RCW 70.260.020 (pilot programs providing urban residential and commercial energy efficiency upgrades).

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

SB 6446-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Morton, Regala, and Kohl-Welles)

Concerning the lodging tax.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Delays the expiration of certain lodging tax provisions.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
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.

SB 6452-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Hobbs, Rolfes, and Shin)

Concerning veterans' assistance levies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Removes the veterans' assistance levy from the county levy and makes it a stand-alone levy.

Removes the limit of five dollars and ninety cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 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.

SB 6468-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Schoesler, Tom, Murray, Harper, Conway, and Shin)

Requiring state research universities to adopt policies governing investment of university funds.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the regents of each state research university to:

(1) Adopt policies that govern investments of university funds; and

(2) Provide for the preparation of a publicly available investment performance report.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 7 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 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Higher Education.
- Feb 16 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 10:00 AM.

SB 6507-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt, Kilmer, Swecker, Shin, and Roach; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs)

Establishing the Walla Walla state veterans' home.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the Walla Walla state veterans' home for veterans and their spouses who meet certain admission requirements.

Takes effect upon certification by the director of the office of financial management that sufficient and specific funding has been provided by June 30, 2012, in the omnibus capital appropriations act for the state funds required by the United States department of veterans affairs state home construction grant program.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations

- and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- Feb 16 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs at 10:00 AM.
- SB 6531-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Hargrove, and Shin)
Concerning health care services for incarcerated offenders.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Limits the rates paid to providers for medical services for incarcerated offenders and increases the copay on medical services.
Authorizes the department of corrections, under certain circumstances, to act on behalf of an inmate for purposes of applying for medicaid eligibility.
Authorizes the secretary of the department of corrections to enter into contracts with certain parties to provide behavioral health and chemical dependency treatment care to inmates.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 10:00 AM.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 6:00 PM.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 6568-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore and Shin; by request of Washington State School for the Blind and Center for Childhood Deafness)
Creating accounts for the center for childhood deafness and hearing loss and for the school for the blind.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Creates the center for childhood deafness and hearing loss account and the school for the blind account.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 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 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 6572-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Harper, Schoesler, Hobbs, Swecker, Hatfield, Roach, Pridemore, Fain, Conway, Shin, and Benton)
Addressing provision of spoken language interpreter services for state executive agencies.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Requires the department of enterprise services to establish a master contract for centralized scheduling of all in-person spoken language interpreter services for state executive agencies.
Exempts the state health care authority, under certain circumstances, from the requirement to contract through the department of enterprise services.
-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, 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 1:30 PM.
- Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 6574-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Frockt, and Kline)
Authorizing certain cities in which stadium and exhibition centers are located to impose admissions taxes in limited circumstances.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Gives the exclusive right to a city, within which a stadium and exhibition center is located, to impose an admissions tax for certain sporting events by a state college or university.
Precludes a county from imposing an admissions tax.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, 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 1:30 PM.
- Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 36; nays, 11; absent, 0; excused, 2.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6591-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Kastama, Hatfield, Hobbs, Pflug, Hill, and Schoesler)

Setting employee salaries upon reallocation or layoff action.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires an employee, who is occupying a position that is reallocated to a class with a lower salary range or is appointed to a position due to a layoff action, to have his or her base salary determined according to the employer's salary determination policy for the class and range of the employee's new position without regard to the employee's base salary in his or her previous position.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do 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.

SB 6598 by Senators Ericksen, Haugen, Holmquist, Newbry, Harper, Rolfes, King, Becker, Hatfield, Morton, Litzow, Schoesler, and Hewitt

Concerning property tax exemptions for nonprofit fair associations in rural counties.

Addresses property tax exemptions for nonprofit fair associations in rural counties.

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- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.