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House Bills

HB 2168-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee, Jinkins, Tharinger, Ladenburg, and Kenney; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Concerning the supplemental capital budget.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes supplemental capital appropriations for the 2011-2013 biennium.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 10 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 8:00 AM.

Feb 23 Public hearing, executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 8:00 AM.

Feb 24 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority: do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 9:00

AM.

HB 2792-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee and Jinkins)

Funding education construction with lottery revenues. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue lottery construction revenue bonds for assistance modernization of public schools and higher education institutions, urgent repairs, energy efficiency improvements, and equipment and laboratory upgrades to support education and workforce training programs in high demand fields.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer ninety-one million dollars from the general fund to the education construction fund by June 30th of each year.

Creates the education construction revenue bond proceeds account and the education construction revenue bond retirement account.

Makes appropriations.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 Public hearing, executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 8:00 AM.

Feb 24 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 9:00 AM.

HB 2793-S by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee and Jinkins)

Creating jobs by funding public capital projects. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the 2012 jobs now act.

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue bonds for: (1) Local government capital construction assistance;

(2) Water quality and safe drinking water;

(3) Environmental cleanup and restoration; and

(4) Forest to shore restoration.

Makes appropriations.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 Public hearing, executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 8:00 AM.

Feb 24 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 9:00

HB 2799 by Representatives Sullivan, Santos, Maxwell, Darneille, Hunt, Carlyle, Haigh, Pollet, and Kenney; by request of Governor Gregoire

Authorizing a five-year pilot project for up to six collaborative schools for innovation and success operated by school districts in partnership with colleges of education.

Creates the collaborative schools for innovation and success pilot project for colleges of education and school districts to collaborate to improve student and educator success.

Expires June 30, 2019.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2800 by Representatives Hunter, Orcutt, and Carlyle; by request of Governor Gregoire

Making changes to the state business and occupation tax, which do not impact state revenues or municipal business and occupation taxes, by reducing state business and occupation tax classifications and making clarifications.

Reduces business and occupation tax classifications.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2801 by Representatives Hunt and Kenney

Addressing local government fiscal matters by revising local government duties, assistance, and revenues.

Provides cities and counties with policy options and directives for reducing their nontax administration operating costs.

Authorizes cities and counties to impose additional sales and use taxes.

Provides counties with a utility tax option to help diversify revenue options in order to provide necessary and required services.

Addresses payment options to cities and code cities.

Requires statewide organizations representing local public health officials, counties, and cities to convene a work group to develop recommendations to the legislature on preferred funding and service delivery methods that will ensure the presence of a cost-effective, nimble, responsive, and sustainable public health system. Expires June 30, 2013.

Provides for reimbursement from city, county, and municipal agencies to the criminal justice training commission for costs of training personnel of the agencies.

Requires the bureau of forensic laboratory services to establish and charge a fee for services provided to local governments.

Creates the local government contingency account.

Changes distributions to and/or functions of the county criminal justice assistance account, the municipal criminal justice assistance account, the liquor excise tax fund, the liquor revolving fund, the county research services account, the city and town research services account, the city or town trial court improvement account, the county trial court improvement account, and the city trial court improvement account.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2802 by Representatives Ladenburg, Reykdal,

Roberts, Moscoso, Sells, Appleton, Fitzgibbon, Hunt, Darneille, Pollet, and Jinkins

Establishing the Washington works corps program.

Creates the Washington works corps program within the employment security department to provide unemployed individuals with the opportunity to perform needed services in communities throughout the state.

Authorizes the state finance committee to issue general obligation bonds to finance the Washington works corps program and all costs incidental thereto.

Prohibits certain farmers from exempting more than two hundred thousand dollars of business and occupation taxes in any calendar year.

Requires the department of revenue to annually estimate the increase in state revenue for the prior calendar year resulting from the narrowing of the exemption mentioned above and certify the estimated amount to the state treasurer.

Creates the debt-limit Washington works corps bond retirement account.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Bills

SB 5534-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Murray,

Zarelli, and Kohl-Welles)

Concerning the business and occupation taxation of newspapers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Adjusts the business and occupation taxation of newspapers.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

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

-- 2011 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

May 11 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

May 23 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 5:00 PM.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 24 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6091-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford)

Concerning the maintenance of privacy standards by eliminating the department of revenues' authorization to examine medical records.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Excludes individually identifiable health information from records that the department of revenue may examine and subpoena.

- -- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM
- Feb 24 WM Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6581-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Murray; 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 residual funds in some of those accounts and funds into the state general fund.

Makes an appropriation.

- -- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 24 WM Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6598-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored 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.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses nonqualifying uses with regard to property tax exemptions for nonprofit fair associations.

Expires January 1, 2015.

- -- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 24 WM Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6611 by Senator Prentice

Addressing juvenile court quality assurance services.

Transfers quality assurance activities and responsibilities for certain programs from the department of

- social and health services juvenile rehabilitation administration to the administrative office of the courts to: (1) Allow for the efficient and cost-effective management of quality assurance activities and program outcome measurements at the state level; and
- (2) Promote individual program level improvements in juvenile courts, allowing juvenile courts to more closely match individual offenders, programs, and counselors for the most effective outcomes for individual juvenile offenders.

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

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6612 by Senator Murray

Relating to fiscal matters.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6613 by Senator Hargrove

Relating to criminal justice.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6614 by Senators Murray and Kilmer

Temporarily redirecting solid waste tax deposits to the general fund.

Redirects solid waste tax deposits to the general fund.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6615 by Senators Zarelli and Swecker

Concerning liquor revenue.

Changes distribution to and/or function of the liquor excise tax fund, the liquor revolving fund, the county research services account, and the city and town research services account.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6616 by Senators Zarelli and Swecker

Directing the solid waste collection tax to the general fund. Directs the solid waste collection tax to the general fund.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6617 by Senators Zarelli and Swecker

Regarding operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced.

Modifies provisions relating to the limitation on total operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6618 by Senators Honeyford and Swecker

Requiring a financial plan to adequately and amply fund basic education while modifying nonbasic education funding mandates.

Requires a financial plan to adequately and amply fund basic education while modifying nonbasic education funding mandates.

Creates the basic education funding joint legislative work group to: (1) Consider the information available to date regarding the priority order of phased-in funding enhancements:

- (2) Review the phase-in schedule in light of any newly available research-based evidence; and
- (3) Develop a long-term financial plan that phases in enhancements and matches the expenditure plan with options for existing or additional state revenue that may include shifting a portion of school district excess levy authority to state property tax levy.
 - -- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6619 by Senators Schoesler, Ericksen, and Swecker Relating to natural resources.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6620 by Senators Hewitt, Ericksen, and Swecker Relating to the human services act of 2012.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6621 by Senators Parlette, Ericksen, and Swecker Relating to the human services act of 2012.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6622 by Senators King, Ericksen, and Swecker Relating to education.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6623 by Senators Delvin, Ericksen, and Swecker Relating to state government.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6624 by Senators Delvin, Ericksen, and Swecker Relating to state government.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6625 by Senators King, Ericksen, and Swecker Relating to education.

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6626 by Senators Regala and Zarelli; by request of Governor Gregoire

Making changes to the state business and occupation tax, which do not impact state revenues or municipal business and occupation taxes, by reducing state business and occupation tax classifications and making clarifications.

Reduces business and occupation tax classifications.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6627 by Senator Honeyford

Regarding limitations on political contributions.

Provides a mechanism to ensure that public employees are not compelled to contribute to political causes or candidates through deductions from their wages without their consent.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 27 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.