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### House Bills

**HB 2821** by Representatives Dickerson, Hudgins, Upthegrove, Maxwell, Kagi, Dunshee, Fitzgibbon, Jinkins, Hunter, Lias, Appleton, Tharinger, Pedersen, and Hansen

Concerning children's safe products.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 4/06/12)

Prohibits the manufacturing, sale, or distribution of a children's product containing TRIS in amounts greater than one hundred parts per million in any component.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Mar 16 First reading, referred to General Government Appropriations & Oversight.

Apr 4 APPG - Executive action taken by committee.

APPG - Majority; do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight at 10:30 AM.

Apr 6 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 60; nays, 34; absent, 0; excused, 4.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Apr 7 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Environment at TBA. First reading, referred to Environment.

Apr 9 ENV - Majority; do pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2823-S** by House Committee on Ways & Means

(originally sponsored by Representative Hunter)

Redirecting existing state revenues into the state general fund.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Redirects existing state revenues into the state general fund.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Apr 4 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:00 PM.

Apr 5 Placed on second reading.

**HB 2828-S** by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representative Hunter)

Removing the requirement that the department of social and health services or the department of early learning take appropriate action to establish or enforce support obligations whenever it receives an application for subsidized child care services or working connections child care services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Removes the requirement that the department of social and health services or the department of early learning take appropriate action to establish or enforce support obligations whenever it receives an application for subsidized child care services or working connections child care services.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Apr 4 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 1:00 PM.

Apr 5 Placed on second reading.

1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE SENATE --

- Apr 6 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 45; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 4.

**HB 2831** by Representatives Hope, Sells, and McCoy

Providing additional information, opportunities, and protections for parents and students regarding state and federal assessments of student learning.

Requires school districts to: (1) Notify parents or guardians of enrolled students about each assessment required by the state or the federal government before the assessment is administered; and

(2) Provide an opportunity for parents and guardians of elementary and middle school students to excuse their children from participation in an assessment required by the state or the federal government.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to provide the information necessary to school districts for notifying parents of the cost to the state for administering assessments.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

- Apr 9 First reading, referred to Education.

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### House Joint Resolutions

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**HJR 4226-S** by House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunshee and Warnick; by request of Commission on State Debt)

Amending the Constitution to include the recommendations of the commission on state debt.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to include recommendations of the commission on state debt.

-- 2012 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 8:00 AM.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

- Apr 4 CB - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Capital Budget at 10:30 AM.

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### Senate Bills

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**SB 5940-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Ericksen, Keiser, Tom, Kastama, and Zarelli)

Concerning public school employees' insurance benefits.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses public school employees' insurance benefits. Requires the insurance commissioner, by December 1, 2013, and December 1st of each year thereafter, to submit a report to the legislature on school district health insurance benefits.

Establishes the school employees' benefits technical working group within the office of the insurance commissioner.

Makes appropriations.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

- Apr 6 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

- Apr 7 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 29; nays, 17; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

- Apr 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6636-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Zarelli, and Tom)

Requiring a balanced state budget for the current and ensuing fiscal biennium.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the legislature, for the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium and subsequent fiscal biennia, to enact an appropriations bill that: (1) Appropriates from the general fund and related funds for that fiscal biennium a total amount that does not exceed the beginning general fund and related funds balances and any enacted general fund and related funds resources for that fiscal biennium; and

(2) Requires for the next ensuing fiscal biennium general fund and related funds appropriations necessary to maintain the continuing costs of program and service levels either funded in that appropriations bill or mandated by other state law that does not exceed the beginning general fund and related funds balance and any enacted general fund and related funds resources for that fiscal biennium.

Requires the economic and revenue forecast supervisor to: (1) Prepare, four times each year, an official state budget outlook for state revenues and expenditures for the general fund and related funds;

(2) Submit state budget outlooks to the governor and the members of the committees on ways and means of the senate and house of representatives;

(3) Prepare a state budget outlook for state revenues and expenditures that reflects the governor's proposed budget document submitted to the legislature; and

(4) Prepare a state budget outlook for state revenues and expenditures that reflects the enacted budget.

Requires state government agencies to provide to the supervisor immediate access to all information relating to state budget outlooks.

Requires the economic and revenue forecast council to oversee the preparation of and approve the state budget outlook.

Creates the state budget outlook work group to provide technical support to the economic and revenue forecast council.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

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Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Apr 7 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 30; nays, 16; absent, 0; excused, 3.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Apr 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6637** by Senators Hobbs, Kline, Harper, Frockt, Pridemore, Hatfield, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Haugen, and Conway

Concerning social networking accounts and profiles.

Prohibits requiring an employee or prospective employee to submit passwords or other related account information in order to gain access to the employee's or prospective employee's account or profile on a social networking web site or to demand access in any manner to an employee's or prospective employee's account or profile on a social networking web site.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Apr 6 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

**SB 6638** by Senators Kilmer and Pridemore

Addressing the taxing authority of public facilities districts.

Modifies provisions relating to expiration of the sales and use tax for regional centers.

-- 2012 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Apr 7 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.