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House Bills

HB 1349-S by House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representative S. Hunt)

Concerning public records requests for the purpose of obtaining exempted employment and licensing information.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/09/15)

Exempts from public inspection and copying under the public records act, the following information held by a public agency in personnel records, public employment related records, volunteer rosters, or included in a mailing list of employees or volunteers of a public agency: In-home child care providers exempt from certain licensing requirements.

Requires a requester, before obtaining records containing the name or nonexempt contact information of employees or volunteers from an agency, to swear under oath that he or she will not use the information to obtain certain exempted information for a commercial purpose or to harass, stalk, threaten, or intimidate a person.

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- Feb 19 SG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Mar 5 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 9 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 51; nays, 47; absent, 0; excused, 0.

HB 1450-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Jinkins, Rodne, Walkinshaw, Harris, Cody, Goodman, Senn, Walsh, Riccelli, Robinson, Orwall, Moeller,

Gregerson, Van De Wege, Ormsby, Clibborn, McBride, Tharinger, Kagi, and Stanford)

Concerning involuntary outpatient mental health treatment. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/09/15)

Modifies involuntary outpatient mental health treatment provisions relating to persons in need of assisted outpatient mental health treatment being committed to less restrictive alternative treatment.

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

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 27 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 90; nays, 8; absent, 0; excused, 0.

HB 1471-S2 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Schmick, Harris, Van De Wege, DeBolt, Hurst, Kretz, Moeller, Jinkins, and Tharinger)

Mitigating barriers to patient access to care resulting from health insurance contracting practices.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/09/15)

Requires a health carrier, and a health plan offered to public employees and their covered dependents, that impose different prior authorization standards and criteria for a covered service among tiers of contracting providers of the same licensed profession in the same health plan to inform an enrollee which tier an individual provider or group of providers is in.

Prohibits a health carrier from requiring prior authorization for an evaluation and management visit or an initial treatment visit with a contracting provider in a new episode of habilitative, rehabilitative, East Asian medicine, or chiropractic care.

- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 27 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 9 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 82; nays, 16; absent, 0; excused, 0.

HB 1713-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Harris, Jinkins, Moeller, Tharinger, Appleton, Ortiz-Self, and Pollet)

Integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/09/15)

Establishes Ricky Garcia's act.

Requires the department of social and health services to combine the functions of a designated mental health professional and designated chemical dependency specialist by establishing a designated crisis responder who is authorized to conduct investigations, detain persons up to seventy-two hours to the proper facility, and carry out the other functions identified in chapter 71.05 RCW (mental illness) and chapter 71.34 RCW (mental health services for minors).

Requires the behavioral health organizations to provide training to the designated crisis responders.

Requires the state institute for public policy to evaluate the effect of the integration of the involuntary treatment systems for substance use disorders and mental health and make preliminary reports to appropriate committees of the legislature.

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

- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 19 JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Appropriations.
- Feb 20 APP - Majority; do pass with amendment(s) to 1st substitute bill proposed by Judiciary.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 1st substitute bill substituted.
Committee amendment not adopted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 63; nays, 35; absent, 0; excused, 0.

HB 1729 by Representatives Pettigrew, Magendanz, Kagi, Walsh, Van De Wege, DeBolt, Jinkins,

Goodman, Dunshee, Hudgins, Wylie, Cody, Sawyer, Senn, Moeller, Tarleton, and Santos

Concerning the administration of a statewide network of community-based domestic violence victim services by the department of social and health services.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/09/15)

Requires the department of social and health services, in consultation with relevant state departments, the domestic violence coalition, and individuals or groups having experience and knowledge of the prevention of, and the problems facing victims of, domestic violence, to develop and maintain a plan for: (1) Delivering domestic violence victim services, prevention efforts, and access to emergency shelter across the state; and

(2) Providing a statewide toll-free information and referral hotline or other statewide accessible information and referral service for victims of domestic violence.

Increases funding for the domestic violence prevention account.

- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 27 First reading, referred to Public Safety (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Feb 13 PS - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 17 Referred to Appropriations.
- Feb 27 APP - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 92; nays, 6; absent, 0; excused, 0.

HB 1890 by Representatives Schmick and Cody

Concerning a second-party payment process for paying insurers. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning a second-party payment process for paying issuer.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/09/15)

Requires issuers, under certain circumstances, to accept payments made by a second-party payment process.

- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 2 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Feb 18 HCW - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 20 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 9 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

Senate Bills

SB 5057-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means

(originally sponsored by Senator Ericksen)

Concerning the safe transport of hazardous materials.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/09/15)

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Provide grants to emergency responders to assist with oil spill and hazardous materials response and firefighting equipment and resources needed to meet the requirements of this act; and

(2) Convene a panel to evaluate and assess vessel traffic management and vessel traffic safety within the Columbia river and Grays Harbor.

Requires first-class cities to provide to the utilities and transportation commission a list of existing public crossings within the limits of a first-class city.

Requires the emergency management council to require local emergency planning organizations to submit hazardous materials plans and to update the plans on a five-year cycle for compliance review by the adjutant general.

Requires the department of ecology and the utilities and transportation commission to jointly hold a symposium on oil spill prevention and response activities for international transport of liquid bulk crude oil.

Authorizes the utilities and transportation commission to adopt rules governing safety standards for private crossings along the railroad tracks over which crude oil is transported in the state.

Requires a facility, as defined in RCW 90.56.010(11), that receives crude oil from a railroad car to provide advance notice to the department of ecology that the facility will receive crude oil from a railroad car.

Authorizes employees of the utilities and transportation commission, certified by the federal railroad administration to perform hazardous materials inspections, to enter the property of any business that receives, ships, or offers for shipment hazardous materials by rail.

Establishes minimum crew size requirements for freight and passenger trains carrying hazardous materials.

Imposes an oil spill response tax and an oil spill administration tax on the privilege of receiving crude oil at a bulk oil terminal within this state from a tank car.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 25 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 26 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 26; nays, 23;
absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 5737-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Miloscia and Chase)

Concerning government performance and accountability.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/09/15)

Establishes the performance management act.

Creates the office of performance management in the office of the governor and requires the office to: (1) Conduct

an inventory and review of state agency performance management plans;

(2) Develop one or more mechanisms to promote the sharing of information between agencies regarding best practices, challenges, and successes;

(3) Annually select one or more multiagency programs or processes for a lean performance analysis;

(4) Adopt and implement a state strategic plan and a state performance management implementation plan;

(5) Assist agencies in developing agency strategic plans, agency ethics plans, workforce learning and training development and workforce performance management systems, and agency performance management implementation plans;

(6) Enter into a partnership with the Baldrige performance excellence program, national institutes of standards and technology, the United States department of commerce, performance excellence northwest, and Washington state quality award to accomplish specific tasks;

(7) Collaborate with the office of financial management, the department of enterprise services, and other agencies to develop a financial data system; and

(8) Collaborate with the department of enterprise services to develop a workforce learning and training development and workforce performance management system.

Requires the department of enterprise services to enter into a partnership with the Baldrige performance excellence program, national institutes of standards and technology, the United States department of commerce, performance excellence northwest, and Washington state quality award to develop a suite of web-based classroom training modules for employees, middle managers, supervisors, and senior agency leaders.

Requires state agencies to adopt an agency strategic plan, an agency ethics plan, a workforce learning and training development and workforce performance management system, and an agency performance management implementation plan.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 27 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 3 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 4 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 9 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 36; nays, 13;
absent, 0; excused, 0.