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House Bills

HB 2215 by Representatives Taylor, DeBolt, Scott, Shea, Rodne, G. Hunt, Schmick, Holy, Condotta, Magendanz, Hayes, Young, Short, Manweiler, Griffey, McCabe, and Van Werven

Prohibiting most state land purchases until the state satisfies its constitutional requirement to fully fund education.

Prohibits the department of natural resources, the department of fish and wildlife, the recreation and conservation office, and the parks and recreation commission from purchasing any landholding from a third-party seller, or awarding a grant for the purchase of a landholding from a third party, until the superintendent of public instruction confirms that the state has fulfilled its obligation to fully fund education.

Requires the office of financial management, if funding is provided by the legislature for a specific land purchase, to withhold distribution of any funds to the subject agency until the state has fulfilled its obligation to fully fund education.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 27 First reading, referred to Capital Budget (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2216 by Representatives Taylor, G. Hunt, Shea, Scott, and Young

Requiring a signed search warrant prior to deploying a radar device.

Requires a search warrant before a law enforcement agency deploys a radar device that is used to detect human presence inside a residence.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 27 First reading, referred to Public Safety (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2217 by Representatives Hunter, Sullivan, and

Carlyle

Concerning the state's use of the juvenile offender basic training camp program.

Addresses the establishment of a medium security juvenile offender basic training camp program by the department of social and health services.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2218 by Representatives Hunter, Carlyle, S. Hunt, and Santos

Repealing the state expenditure limit.

Repeals the state expenditure limit.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2219 by Representatives Hunter, Sullivan, Carlyle, and Santos

Removing the exception for expenditures related to legislatively enacted basic education enhancements from the four-year balanced budget requirement.

Removes the exception for expenditures related to legislatively enacted basic education enhancements from the four-year balanced budget requirement.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2220 by Representatives Hunter, Sullivan, Carlyle, Kagi, Santos, and Walkinshaw

Increasing amounts families receiving temporary assistance for needy families benefits may retain from earned income and child support payments.

Allows a family to earn and keep, in addition to their monthly benefit payment, seventy-five percent of their earnings during every month they are eligible to receive temporary assistance for needy families.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2221 by Representatives Hunter, Sullivan, and Carlyle

Concerning responses to high priority violations at long-term care facilities.

Requires the office of the state long-term care ombuds to: (1) Establish the priority response unit; and

(2) Upon receipt of a complaint from a long-term care ombuds that alleges that conduct by a long-term care facility constitutes a high priority violation, immediately evaluate the case to determine whether or not the conduct meets threshold standards for activating the priority response unit.

Requires the office of the state long-term care ombuds, the department of social and health services, the department of health, representatives of local law enforcement officials, and representatives of local public health agencies to develop a work group that shall adopt communication and coordination procedures to assure the highest level of support for each organization's mission with respect to protecting residents of long-term care facilities.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2222 by Representatives Hunter, Sullivan, Carlyle, and Walkinshaw

Implementing the state's basic education obligation by revising state funding allocations, including for staffing and for class size reduction, and by providing cost-of-living adjustments and benefits as part of state basic education allocations.

Revises the program of basic education to: (1) Implement a schedule for class size reduction, staffing enhancements, and other formula enhancements; and

(2) Make allocations for cost-of-living increases and health insurance benefits part of the basic education program.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2223 by Representatives Hunter, Sullivan, Carlyle, and S. Hunt

Directing the treasurer to transfer into the general fund in the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium the entire budget stabilization account deposit attributable to extraordinary revenue growth.

Requires the state treasurer, during the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium, to transfer into the state general fund the entire budget stabilization account deposit that is attributable to extraordinary revenue growth.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2224 by Representatives Carlyle, Hunter, S. Hunt, Kagi, and Walkinshaw

Investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington's excise tax system by enacting an excise tax on capital gains, narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, reinstating a previously expired business and occupation surtax while increasing the small business tax credit, and implementing marketplace fairness in Washington.

Modifies and improves the state's excise tax system by:

(1) Permanently extending the business and occupation surtax;

(2) Eliminating the preferential business and occupation tax rate for travel agents;

(3) Eliminating the sales and use tax exemption for bottled water;

(4) Repealing the nonresident sales and use tax exemption;

(5) Enacting an excise tax on capital gains;

(6) Repealing the preferential business and occupation tax rate for sellers of prescription drugs;

(7) Narrowing the use tax exemption for extracted fuel;

(8) Repealing the preferential business and occupation tax rate for royalty income; and

(9) Eliminating the real estate excise tax exemption for transfers that occur in foreclosures except in circumstances where the tax would impact the owner of the property and restructuring the existing statute to preserve the exemption for deeds given in lieu of the foreclosure process and transfers made to extinguish existing security interests.

Addresses nexus for excise tax purposes.

Requires the department of revenue to estimate the increase in state general fund revenues from the changes made in this act and notify the state treasurer of the increase.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer that amount from the general fund to the education legacy trust account.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 6085 by Senator Baumgartner

Concerning office furniture installation, reconfiguration, and maintenance.

Provides that no license under the provisions of chapter 19.28 RCW (electricians and electrical installations) shall be required from a person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity because of work in connection with the installation, reconfiguration, or maintenance of modular electrical systems that are UL-listed for use in commercial furniture.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 27 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

SB 6086 by Senators Becker and Keiser

Exempting hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW that receive capital funds to operate new psychiatric services from certain certificate of need requirements.

Exempts certain hospitals from certificate of need requirements for the addition of new psychiatric beds.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 27 First reading, referred to Health Care.

SB 6087 by Senators Hobbs, Mullet, and Chase

Increasing the minimum hourly wage.

Increases the minimum hourly wage.

Allows an employer, beginning January 1, 2016, to: (1) Take a tip credit towards its minimum wage obligation for tipped employees; and

(2) Take a sick leave credit towards its minimum wage obligation for employees who earn sick leave.

-- 2015 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.