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### House Bills

**HB 1556-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Blake)

Creating Imagine special license plates.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates "Imagine" special license plates to provide funds to Feeding Washington for programs to help end hunger in Washington.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 8 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 13 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 1568-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Macri, Harris, Bergquist, and Farrell)

Creating Fred Hutch special license plates.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates Fred Hutch special license plates to support cancer research at the Fred Hutchinson cancer research center.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 8 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 13 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 1765-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Irwin, Koster, Volz, Kraft, Stokesbary, and Kloba)

Concerning donations to the prescription drug donation program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows the donation of prescription drugs if, as determined by the professional judgment of a pharmacist, the prescription drugs: (1) Equipped with a time temperature indicator at the point of manufacture, were stored under required temperature conditions; and

(2) Not equipped with a time temperature indicator at the point of manufacture, were properly stored and the person donating the drugs has completed and signed a donor form, adopted by the department of health, to release the drugs for distribution and certified that the drugs have never been opened, used, adulterated, or misbranded.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.

Feb 8 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 13 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 1845-S** by House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Vick, Kirby, and Haler)

Concerning the delivery of insurance notices and documents by electronic means.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires an electronic signature to be deemed the equivalent of a digital signature for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of the state authentication act in chapter 19.34 RCW.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 Public hearing in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 8 BFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Business & Financial Services at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 13 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 2016-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives DeBolt, Hayes, Stanford, Doglio, and Muri)

Concerning midwifery and doula services for incarcerated women.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires jails and the department of corrections to make reasonable accommodations for the provision of available midwifery or doula services to inmates who are pregnant or who have given birth in the last six weeks.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 8 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 10 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**HB 2106** by Representatives Koster, Hudgins, Taylor, and Shea

Concerning election year restrictions on state legislators.

Allows legislators to actively engage with the public on official legislative business in a timely and effective manner by changing mailed, e-mailed, and web site communication deadlines to the same time periods.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 First reading, referred to State Government, Elections & Information Technology (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Feb 17 Scheduled for public hearing, executive session in the House Committee on State Government, and Elections &

Information Technology at 10:00 AM.  
(Subject to change)

**HB 2107** by Representatives Schmick, Cody, and Ormsby

Concerning the addition of services for long-term placement of mental health patients in community settings that voluntarily contract to provide the services.

Revises the community mental health services act with regard to the insufficient capacity at eastern and western state hospitals to meet current and growing demand for services and patients.

Requires the department of social and health services and the entities identified in RCW 71.24.310 and 71.24.380 (sections 2 and 3 of this act) to: (1) Work with willing community hospitals to assess their capacity to become certified to provide long-term mental health placements and to meet the requirements of the community mental health services act; and

(2) Enter into contracts and payment arrangements with the hospitals choosing to provide long-term mental health placements.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).  
Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 17 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**HB 2108** by Representatives Morris, Hudgins, and Stanford

Conducting a comprehensive study of aerial imagery needs for state agencies and local governments.

Requires the department of natural resources to conduct an aerial imagery needs assessment study for state agencies and local governments statewide to: (1) Identify the needs of state agencies and local governments;

(2) Determine the appropriate agency for hosting a statewide imagery repository; and

(3) Evaluate the need by determining a minimum resolution level that best serves the majority of users statewide.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 First reading, referred to State Government, Elections & Information Technology (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**HB 2109** by Representatives Farrell and Stanford

Creating portable, prorated, universal benefits for workers of the gig economy.

Requires contracting agents, that have facilitated the provision of services by at least fifty individual workers in a consecutive twelve-month period, to contribute funds to

qualified benefit providers to provide benefits to the workers of the contracting agents.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**HB 2110** by Representative Caldier

Addressing school district employer-sponsored health benefit plans.

Ensures that school district employees covering spouses and family members through school district employer-sponsored health benefit plans pay equitable employee premiums as compared to employees choosing to cover fewer people.

Requires school districts to provide for the same percentage of total cost for district employees enrolled in a health plan of substantially equivalent actuarial value.

Requires collective bargaining agreements between school district employers and employees to be consistent with RCW 28A.400.275 and 28A.400.280 (sections 3 and 4 of this act).

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**HB 2111** by Representatives Reeves, Ormsby, Fey, Kilduff, Fitzgibbon, Riccelli, and Ryu

Concerning the protection of military installations operated by the United States armed services from incompatible development.

Requires notification to the commander of a military installation, if a county or city intends to amend or adopt its development regulations, where the proposal applies to lands where development may interfere with the installation's ability to carry out its current or future mission requirements.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Environment (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**HB 2112** by Representative Griffey

Concerning quality ambulance services for medicaid beneficiaries by applying the medicare payment rate for ambulance services furnished under medicaid by providers of ambulance services.

Requires medicaid payment for ambulance services, furnished by state licensed ambulance services, to be at a rate not less than one hundred percent of the payment rate that applies to those services and providers under medicare.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**HB 2113** by Representatives Young, Blake, Pettigrew, Farrell, Vick, Jenkin, and Kilduff

Assisting persons with special transportation needs by providing tax incentives to businesses.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit to an eligible person that provides transportation for persons with special transportation needs.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Transportation (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**HB 2114** by Representatives Cody and Pollet; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Protecting consumers from charges for out-of-network health services.

Establishes the balance billing protection act.

Addresses the charges for out-of-network health services.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 17 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**HB 2115** by Representatives Stanford, Ormsby, and Tharinger

Exempting a portion of the valuation of residential property from property taxation.

Provides a property tax exemption, for taxes imposed for state purposes, on a portion of the assessed value of a residence.

States that the exemption is equal to the first fifty thousand dollars of valuation of: (1) Each residential tax parcel consisting of less than three dwelling units; and

(2) Each residential unit in a multiunit residential dwelling where each unit is owned and taxed separately.

Takes effect if the proposed amendment to Article VII of the state Constitution, providing for a homestead exemption, is approved by voters at the next general election.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

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**House Joint Memorials**


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**HJM 4011** by Representatives Blake, Chapman, Lovick, J. Walsh, Kilduff, Tharinger, and Muri

Requesting that the United States Coast Guard name a Coast Guard cutter in honor of Petty Officer Matthew E. Schlimme.

Requests that the United States Coast Guard name a Coast Guard cutter in honor of Petty Officer Matthew E. Schlimme.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Feb 16 Scheduled for public hearing, executive session in the House Committee on Community Development, and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

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**House Joint Resolutions**


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**HJR 4207** by Representatives Manweller, McDonald, Haler, Harris, Buys, Klippert, MacEwen, Chandler, Taylor, Caldier, Vick, Condotta, Schmick, J. Walsh, Hayes, Graves, Irwin, McCaslin, Van Werven, McCabe, Muri, Maycumber, Volz, Barkis, Wilcox, Kristiansen, Kretz, Shea, Griffey, Rodne, Harmsworth, Steele, Kraft, Jenkin, Holy, Dent, Hargrove, Pike, Stokesbary, Smith, Johnson, and Young

Amending the Constitution to prohibit the taxation of individual income.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to prohibit the taxation of individual income.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

**HJR 4208** by Representatives Stanford, Fitzgibbon, and Ormsby

Amending the Constitution to provide a homestead exemption from property taxes.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to provide a homestead exemption from property taxes.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

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**Senate Bills**


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**SB 5004-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Takko, and Warnick)

Concerning outdoor burning of organic waste derived from pruning by commercial berry growers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows outdoor burning of organic waste derived from pruning by commercial berry growers as an ongoing agricultural activity, whether or not agricultural crops will be replanted on the land.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.

Feb 9 AWTE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.

Feb 10 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5019-S** by Senate Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa, Palumbo, Hunt, Keiser, Pedersen, Conway, Wellman, Rolfes, and Frockt)

Providing prepaid postage for all election ballots.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires return envelopes for election ballots to include prepaid postage.

Requires the state to reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for elections.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 8 SGOV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; without recommendation.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 9 Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 5051-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Warnick, Honeyford, Becker, and Schoesler)

Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a nondefault or early termination provision included in a state land lease for agricultural or grazing purposes to: (1) Require advance written notice of at least

one hundred eighty days by the department of natural resources to the lessee before termination of the lease; and

(2) Require the department to provide written documentation to the lessee demonstrating that the department has included the leased land in a plan for higher and better use, land exchange, or sale.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.

Feb 9 AWTE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.

Feb 10 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5063-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fain and Palumbo)

Clarifying the taxation of pet adoption fees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies business and occupation taxation provisions with regard to pet adoption fees.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 8 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

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

Feb 10 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5173-S** by Senate Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Senators Chase, Miloscia, Hunt, and Hobbs; by request of Department of Enterprise Services)

Concerning loss prevention reviews by state agencies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires state agencies, in consultation with the department of enterprise services and upon delegation, to appoint a loss prevention review team when the death of a person, serious injury to a person, or other substantial loss is alleged or suspected to be caused at least in part by the actions of the state agency except when the death, injury, or substantial loss is already being investigated by another federal or state agency or by the affected state agency under federal or state agency requirements.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 8 SGOV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 9 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 On motion, referred to Rules Green Sheet for second reading.

**SB 5207-S** by Senate Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Senators Kuderer, Miloscia, Frockt, Zeiger, Hobbs, Keiser, Chase, and Hunt; by request of Department of Enterprise Services)

Concerning the public disclosure of global positioning system data corresponding to residential addresses of public employees and volunteers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts the following employment and licensing information from public inspection and copying under the public records act: The global positioning system data that would indicate the location of the residence of a public employee or volunteer using the global positioning system recording device.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 8 SGOV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 9 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 15 1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3.

**SB 5245-S** by Senate Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Bailey, and Fortunato)

Defining veteran for the purpose of receiving certain benefits.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the definition of "veteran," for the purpose of receiving certain benefits, to include a person who is in receipt of a United States department of defense discharge document DD form 214, or its equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that characterizes his or her service as honorable.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 8 SGOV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 9 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5311-S** by Senate Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Senators Hunt, Miloscia, and Hasegawa)

Concerning state reimbursement of election costs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises election provisions relating to the reimbursement of election costs by the state.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 8 SGOV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 9 Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 5342-S** by Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators King, Takko, Pearson, and Pedersen; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission)

Concerning the distribution of monetary penalties to local courts and state agencies paid for failure to comply with discover pass requirements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a county treasurer to remit, to the state treasurer, seventy-five percent of the money received from penalties with regard to the display of a discover pass, vehicle access pass, or day-use permit.

Requires the balance of noninterest money received by a county treasurer to be: (1) Deposited in the county current expense fund; and

(2) Used to support court-related functions.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks at 1:30 PM.

Feb 7 NRP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks at 1:30 PM.

Feb 9 Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 5534-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fortunato, Rossi, Zeiger, Braun, Bailey, Sheldon, Fain, Angel, Warnick, and Becker)

Providing a housing allowance for certificated and classified school staff in school districts with above average residential housing costs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides an annual housing allowance, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, to public school employees, state-funded certificated administrative, certificated instructional, and classified staff teaching full or part-time in eligible school districts.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.

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

Feb 10 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**SB 5813** by Senator Padden

Concerning crimes against minors.

States that, in a prosecution under chapter 9A.40 RCW (kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment, custodial interference, luring, trafficking, and coercion of involuntary servitude) in which the offense or degree of the offense depends on the victim's age, it is not a defense that the perpetrator did not know the victim's age or that the perpetrator believed the victim to be older.

Changes the following crimes from a class C felony to a class B felony: (1) Second degree possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct;

(2) Second degree dealing in depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct; and

(3) Second degree sending or bringing into the state depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

Feb 16 Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**SB 5814** by Senators Chase and Frockt

Concerning asphalt pavement sealer products.

Revises the following definitions for purposes of chapter 70.295 RCW (storm water pollution): (1) Changes "coal tar" to "asphalt pavement sealer"; and

(2) Changes "coal tar pavement product" to "asphalt pavement sealer products."

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications.

**SB 5815** by Senators Rivers, Cleveland, Becker, and Ranker

Concerning the hospital safety net assessment.

Modifies provisions regarding the hospital safety net assessment.

Changes the expiration date for the hospital safety net assessment from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2021.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 5816** by Senator Rivers

Designating Sasquatch the official cryptid or crypto-animal of Washington.

Designates the species of cryptid commonly called "Sasquatch" or "Bigfoot" or "Forest Yeti" as the official cryptid of the state.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to State Government.

**SB 5817** by Senators Rossi, O'Ban, Becker, Miloscia, and Fain

Nullifying the imposition of certain taxes within regional transit authority boundaries.

Authorizes taxes approved by regional transit authority voters after January 1, 2015, to be nullified within the complete boundaries of a city or county within a regional transit authority if certain conditions are met.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**SB 5818** by Senators Saldaña, Frockt, Chase, and Conway

Providing public assistance to certain victims of human trafficking.

Requires the department of social and health services to establish a food assistance program for victims of human trafficking.

Makes victims of human trafficking eligible for state family assistance programs, as provided in rule on the effective date of this act, who otherwise meet program eligibility requirements.

Requires medical care services to be provided to victims of human trafficking, who are not eligible for medicaid, who otherwise qualify for the state family assistance program.

Requires the state health care authority, to the extent possible, to: (1) Add the medical care services enrollees into the apple health for kids, with the same benefits and services provided to medicaid apple health for kids enrollees; and

(2) Coordinate with the department, food assistance programs for legal immigrants, state family assistance programs, and refugee cash assistance.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Human Services, Mental Health & Housing.

Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services and Mental Health & Housing at 1:30 PM.

**SB 5819** by Senators King and Hobbs

Concerning the board of pilotage commissioners.

Prohibits the board of pilotage commissioners, until six years after the effective date of this act, from increasing the pilotage tariffs that are in existence on January 1, 2017.

Changes the functions of the pilotage account.

Makes the annual license fee twenty-six thousand dollars for a pilot.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a performance audit of the board of pilotage commissioners to examine whether the board is complying with certain statutory requirements.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**SB 5820** by Senators Wilson, Bailey, Rossi, and Zeiger  
Concerning financial aid at institutions of higher education.

Changes the following requirements from the duty of the office of student financial assistance to the duty of the omnibus appropriations act: Specifying grant award criteria and methods of disbursement based on level of need and other factors that promote degree completion and enrollment in high-demand degrees.

Prohibits the institutions of higher education, when awarding grants, from implementing a first-come, first-served policy unless specifically directed by the omnibus appropriations act.

Changes the grade point requirements with regard to the qualifications for the renewal of a state need grant.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

Feb 16 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

**SB 5821** by Senator Chase

Funding the state need grant by repealing tax preferences.

Repeals tax preferences to fund the state need grant.

Makes appropriations from the general fund to the student achievement council for funding the state need grant program.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

**SB 5822** by Senators Baumgartner, Braun, Rossi, Sheldon, Angel, Becker, Wilson, Schoesler, Bailey, Ericksen, Warnick, King, Honeyford, Brown, Padden, Short, Fortunato, Walsh, Fain, O'Ban, Hawkins, Zeiger, and Rivers

Improving workers' compensation system costs and administration and worker outcomes through modification of procedures for claims to self-insureds, clarification of recovery in third-party legal actions, clarification of occupational disease claims, and lowering age barriers for structured settlements.

Revises the state industrial insurance act.

Adopts a series of targeted reforms to address the costs and administration of workers' compensation.

Clarifies the standards for occupational disease coverage and provides injured workers with a clear time period in which an occupational disease claim must be filed.

Reduces the age restriction originally placed upon eligibility for the program.

States that in light of certain developments and to align with past recommendations of the joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislature intends that the department of labor and industries' role in the management of claims by self-insured employers transition from readjudication to accountability oversight, first with respect to the allowance and denial of claims and by January 1, 2019, with respect to all claims management decisions.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Commerce,  
Labor & Sports.

**SB 5823** by Senator Cleveland

Concerning quality ambulance services for medicaid beneficiaries by applying the medicare payment rate for ambulance services furnished under medicaid by providers of ambulance services.

Requires medicaid payment for ambulance services, furnished by state licensed ambulance services, to be at a rate not less than one hundred percent of the payment rate that applies to those services and providers under medicare.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

**SB 5824** by Senators McCoy, Hobbs, Takko, and Chase

Conducting a comprehensive study of aerial imagery needs for state agencies and local governments.

Requires the department of natural resources to conduct an aerial imagery needs assessment study for state agencies and local governments statewide to: (1) Identify the needs of state agencies and local governments;

(2) Determine the appropriate agency for hosting a statewide imagery repository; and

(3) Evaluate the need by determining a minimum resolution level that best serves the majority of users statewide.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Natural  
Resources & Parks.

**SB 5825** by Senators Mullet, Hobbs, and Takko

Addressing the state's paramount duty to fully fund K-12 education by creating a new partnership between the state and local school districts.

Addresses the duty to fund education by: (1) Authorizing a school district regular property tax levy;

(2) Reforming state levy equalization;

(3) Improving fiscal accountability and transparency;

(4) Revising provisions with regard to compensation for full-time and part-time certificated instructional staff; and

(5) Establishing a per pupil funding model for general education expenditures.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.