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House Bills

HB 2143-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Haler, Hansen, Holy, Stanford, and Muri)

Expanding opportunities for higher education students.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the medical student loan program to increase the physician workforce in rural and underserved areas in the state.

Requires the office of student financial assistance to administer the program.

Creates the medical student loan account.

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Mar 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.

Mar 29 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House

Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

HB 2193 by Representatives Orcutt, Harmsworth, Shea, Irwin, and Pike

Requiring the beneficiaries of the Alaskan Way viaduct project to pay for cost overruns from the project.

Authorizes the city of Seattle to: (1) Impose a sales and use tax that does not exceed 0.1 percent of the selling price or the value of the article used;

(2) Impose an additional regular property tax levy that does not exceed twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of property in the city; or

(3) Adopt an ordinance creating an independent taxing district in a portion of the area of the city.

Prohibits funds from being distributed to the city of Seattle unless the city has adopted one of the taxing options mentioned above to pay for Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project cost overruns.

Requires the funds that would otherwise be distributed to the city of Seattle to instead be transferred to the transportation partnership account--state in the department of transportation's highway improvements program.

States that this act is contingent upon findings by a court of competent jurisdiction, in a judgment not subject to review, that cost overruns related to the Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project are the responsibility of the department of transportation or the city of Seattle.

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Mar 31 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2194 by Representatives Maycumber, Peterson, Dye, McBride, Fey, Smith, Fitzgibbon, Orcutt, Riccelli, Caldier, Schmick, Rodne, Taylor, Manweller, Shea, and Kretz

Concerning use of out-of-state materials for public works projects.

Requires a contractor to, if he or she uses material from out of state on a public project, report certain information to the public owner.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 31 First reading, referred to Capital Budget (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2195 by Representatives Koster, Maycumber, Haler, Taylor, MacEwen, Volz, Smith, Holy, Hargrove, Shea, Kretz, Schmick, and Barkis

Requiring revaluation of property in response to water rulings.

Requires real property to be reassessed to reflect the true and fair value of the property, if the water supply to the property placed upon the assessment roll of that year is impacted by a water ruling.

Allows a taxpayer to appeal the amount of reduction to the county board of equalization.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
 Mar 31 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Minority; do not pass.
 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Mar 31 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Senate Bills

SB 5866-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Hobbs, Braun, Mullet, Frockt, and Warnick)

Creating a tax court for the state of Washington.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a tax court as a court of record with statewide jurisdiction that will consist of one judge selected from each division of the court of appeals and commissioners as are appointed by the tax court.

Abolishes the state board of tax appeals.

Transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the state board of tax appeals to the tax court.

Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM.

Mar 22 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 8:00 AM.

Mar 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Mar 29 WM - Majority; 2nd 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.

Mar 31 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5892-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Fortunato, Rivers, Rossi, Miloscia, Zeiger, Braun, Angel, O'Ban, Wilson, and Honeyford)

Concerning regional transit authority capital project reauthorization.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a regional transit authority to: (1) Provide initial engineer estimates for the cost to complete each capital project within a voter-approved capital program on its web site or another publicly accessible location; and

(2) Place on the next ballot a proposition to reauthorize any taxes approved by authority voters after January 1, 2015, if two years after beginning construction of the voter-approved capital program the overall capital program budget is found to be greater than one hundred percent over the initial estimate.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Mar 29 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

SB 5905-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Wellman, Conway, Darneille, Mullet, and Keiser)

Concerning taxpayer relief for persons subject to a motor vehicle excise tax imposed by a regional transit authority.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Includes "bond defeasance" in the definition of "major decisions" with regard to major decisions of a regional transit authority which requires a favorable vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the voting members.

Requires a regional transit authority to act as soon as practicable to defease bonds if, upon annual review, it finds that revenue allows for the defeasance of any or all bonds backed in part or whole by the motor vehicle excise tax authorized in RCW 81.104.160 (motor vehicle excise tax for regional transit authorities--sales and use tax on car rentals) or before July 15, 2015, without negatively impacting an authority's high capacity transportation system plan.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Mar 29 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

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

Mar 31 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5917 by Senators Mullet, Palumbo, Wilson, Frockt, Rolfes, and Liias

Requiring a systemwide credit policy regarding international baccalaureate exams.

Requires the institutions of higher education to establish a coordinated, evidence-based policy for granting as many undergraduate college credits as possible and practical to students who have received a passing grade on international baccalaureate exams.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 31 First reading, referred to Higher Education.