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House Bills

HB 1144-S3 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Peterson, Stanford, Jinkins, Goodman, Ormsby, Fey, Pollet, Tarleton, Doglio, Farrell, and Macri)

Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Addresses the most recent assessment of climate change science and changes certain requirements of the state with regard to greenhouse gas emission limits.

Requires the department of ecology and the department of commerce to include the following in the report to the governor and certain committees of the senate and house: A description of Washington's per capita and total greenhouse gas emissions as compared to the per capita and total greenhouse gas emissions of other states, including Washington's ranking among other states as an emitter of greenhouse gases on both a per capita and total emissions basis.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Survey state agencies to determine each agency's annual expenditures made during the biennium to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to support the achievement of the reduction goals; and

(2) In coordination with the department of natural resources, calculate and include in its reporting the total emissions of greenhouse gases from wildfires in the state.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to prepare an analysis of the economic impact and the impact on jobs resulting from the greenhouse gas emissions reductions specified in this act.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.

Feb 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

Feb 21 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

Jan 24 APP - Majority; 3rd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

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

Jan 29 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Feb 14 3rd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 50; nays, 48; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 16 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Technology.

Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Technology at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 2350 by Representatives Kraft, Vick, Shea, McDonald, Walsh, and Young

Relieving burdens on small businesses by updating the tax return filing thresholds to reflect inflation.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Increases the public utility tax and business and occupation tax gross receipts filing threshold for certain businesses.

- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
- Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 8 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 5 FIN - Majority; do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 6 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 14 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 2408-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Jinkins, Goodman, Johnson, Slatter, Tharinger, Stanford, Macri, Ormsby, Doglio, and Appleton)
- Preserving access to individual market health care coverage throughout Washington state.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/18)
- Declares an intent to: (1) Leverage the provider networks used by private insurers offering coverage to state and school employees to ensure private insurance coverage is available in all counties where those insurers offer coverage to those employees; and
- (2) Allow persons residing in counties where no private insurance is available to purchase health coverage outside their counties of residence until that coverage is available.
- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Appropriations.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 5 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 6 APP - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Health Care & Wellness.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
- Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.
- Feb 19 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)
- HB 2519** by Representatives Lovick, Hayes, Goodman, Klippert, Appleton, Sells, and Robinson
- Concerning concealed pistol license eligibility requirements.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/18)
- Prohibits a law enforcement agency from returning a concealed pistol license, that has been surrendered to or impounded by the agency, to the licensee until the agency determines that the licensee is eligible to possess a firearm and meets other eligibility requirements for the license.
- Allows a person who is under twenty-one years of age and at least eighteen years of age, to possess a concealed pistol license, if the person is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, a member of the national guard or the reserves of the armed forces of the United States, or an honorably discharged veteran.
- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 10 First reading, referred to Judiciary (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 JUDI - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 14 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 4; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.
- Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)
- Feb 22 Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice at 10:00 AM. (Subject to change)
- HB 2750** by Representatives Tharinger, Johnson, Cody, Stonier, Slatter, Robinson, Jinkins, Appleton, Muri, and Gregerson
- Concerning quality in assisted living facilities.
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/18)
- Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Provide information to consumers about assisted

living facilities and make this information available online; and

(2) Facilitate a work group process to recommend quality metrics for assisted living facilities.

Requires the work group to submit recommendations for a quality metric system, propose a process for monitoring and tracking performance, and recommend a process to inform consumers.

Allows the department, as a result of a facility provider violating facility standards, and using a tiered sanction grid that considers the extent of harm from the deficiency and the regularity of the occurrence of the deficiency, to impose civil penalties of up to: (1) One thousand dollars per day per violation, until July 1, 2019;

(2) Two thousand dollars per day per violation, beginning July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020;

(3) Three thousand dollars per day per violation, beginning July 1, 2020; and

(4) Ten thousand dollars for a current or former licensed provider who is operating an unlicensed facility.

Requires the receipts from the civil penalties to be deposited in the assisted living facility temporary management account.

Authorizes expenditures from the account to be used for the protection of the health, safety, welfare, and property of residents of the facilities found to be noncompliant with licensing standards.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 HCW - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 Referred to Appropriations.

Feb 5 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.

Feb 6 APP - Majority; do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.

Feb 13 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Feb 14 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 91; nays, 7; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 16 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

HB 2906 by Representatives McDonald, Johnson, and Muri

Concerning eligibility of a surviving spouse for the property tax exemption for senior citizens and disabled persons.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Allows a senior citizen or person with a disability to claim a property tax exemption if the income of the person claiming the exemption is reduced in the last two months of a calendar year by reason of the death of his or her spouse or domestic partner.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Feb 5 FIN - Majority; do pass.
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.

Feb 6 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 8 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Feb 14 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 16 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2938-S by House Committee on State Govt, Elections & IT (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Dolan, Kagi, Wylie, Ormsby, and Pollet)

Concerning campaign finance law.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Finds that campaign finance laws are intended to provide maximum transparency to the public and voters so they may know who is funding political campaigns and how those campaigns spend their money.

Declares an intent to: (1) Simplify the political reporting and enforcement process; and

(2) Expedite the public disclosure commission's enforcement procedures so that remedial campaign finance violations can be dealt with administratively.

States that the public disclosure commission should be guided to review and address major violations, intentional violations, and violations that could change the outcome of an election or materially affect the public interest.

Makes appropriations for fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, from the general fund-state account to the public disclosure commission solely for the purposes of administering the fair campaign practices act (chapter 42.17A RCW).

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 SEIT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Appropriations.

- Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 5 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 6 APP - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by State Government, Elections & Information Technology. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 13 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 4; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.
- Feb 19 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations & Elections at 6:00 PM. (Subject to change)

HB 2957 by Representatives Lytton, Peterson, Robinson, Wilcox, Taylor, Stambaugh, Sawyer, Chapman, Pollet, and Stanford

Reducing escape of nonnative finfish from marine finfish aquaculture facilities.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Prohibits the department of natural resources from allowing nonnative marine finfish aquaculture as an authorized use under any new lease or other use authorization or from renewing or extending a lease or other use authorization, in existence on the effective date of this act, where the use includes nonnative marine finfish aquaculture.

Allows the department of fish and wildlife to authorize or permit activities associated with the use of marine net pens for nonnative marine finfish aquaculture, and allows the department of ecology to issue national pollutant discharge elimination system permits associated with nonnative marine finfish aquaculture, only if these activities are performed under a lease of state-owned aquatic lands in effect on the effective date of this act.

Requires the department of ecology, the department of agriculture, the department of fish and wildlife, and the department of natural resources to: (1) Continue the existing effort to update guidance and informational resources to industry and governments for planning and permitting commercial marine net pen aquaculture; and

(2) Design the guidance to eliminate commercial marine net pen escapement and negative impacts to water quality and native fish, shellfish, and wildlife.

Requires a facility operator, for marine finfish aquaculture, to hire a marine engineering firm approved

by the department of fish and wildlife to conduct inspections.

Includes the following as a "dislocated worker," with regard to unemployment compensation claims: A person who has separated from employment as a result of this act.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 1 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 2 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 9 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill not substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 67; nays, 31; absent, 0; excused, 0.
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.
- Feb 19 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources & Parks at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

HB 2992 by Representatives Chapman and Maycumber

Modifying the business and occupation tax structure for rural manufacturers and timber and wood product manufacturers, extractors, and wholesalers.

Encourages economic growth and lower unemployment rates in rural counties by modifying the business and occupation tax structure for rural manufacturers and timber and wood product manufacturers, extractors, and wholesalers.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

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

Requiring a systemwide credit policy regarding international baccalaureate exams. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Requiring a systemwide credit policy regarding international baccalaureate and Cambridge international exams.)

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

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 earned a minimum score of four on standard-level international baccalaureate exams or earned a minimum score of E on Cambridge international exams.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 31 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

-- 2017 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

Apr 24 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

-- 2017 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

May 23 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 21 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 8 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Due to Senate committee reorganization, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.

Jan 30 HEWD - Majority; do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.

Jan 31 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 14 Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 16 First reading, referred to Higher Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

SB 5935-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon and Carlyle)

Enhancing consumer access, affordability, and quality of broadband and advanced telecommunications services.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Creates the governor's office on broadband access within the department of commerce, and with the mission of improving economic vitality, health care access, and education through greater access to broadband services.

Requires the office to: (1) In collaboration with the utilities and transportation commission, the office of the chief information officer, and the community economic revitalization board, serve as the coordinating body for

public and private efforts to ensure statewide broadband access and deployment;

(2) Be responsible for all matters regarding the adoption of statewide broadband access and deployment;

(3) Establish a competitive grant program to assist qualified local governments and tribes to build infrastructure for open access, high speed broadband services;

(4) Study taxes imposed on the capital costs associated with providing retail broadband service, including sales and use taxes;

(5) Develop a small cell facility deployment permitting model ordinance for cities and towns; and

(6) Consult with cities, counties, and service providers when developing the model ordinance.

Authorizes the office to convene an advisory group to:

(1) Make recommendations on developing a statewide rural broadband strategy to ensure broadband access statewide by January 1, 2026; and

(2) Conduct a gap analysis on the deployment of broadband services in underserved and unserved areas of the state.

Creates the broadband access account and requires expenditures from the account to only be used for the expansion of broadband access.

-- 2017 3RD SPECIAL SESSION --

Nov 14 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 10:00 AM.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Technology at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Technology at 10:00 AM.

Feb 5 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Feb 6 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 10 2nd substitute bill substituted. Held on calendar.

Feb 14 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 45; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 16 First reading, referred to Technology & Economic Development (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

SB 6029-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Liias, Ranker, Fain, Frockt, Billig, Darneille, Palumbo, Rolfes,

Keiser, Cleveland, Pedersen, Hunt, Wellman, Conway, Chase, Saldaña, Kuderer, Hasegawa, and Mullet; by request of Attorney General)

Establishing a student loan bill of rights.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Establishes the Washington student education loan bill of rights.

Requires the student achievement council to designate a student loan advocate within the office of student financial assistance to provide timely assistance to a student education loan borrower with a student education loan.

Requires the director of the department of financial institutions to establish fees sufficient to cover the costs of administering the department's program for student education loan servicers and the student achievement council's student loan advocate.

Requires the state institute for public policy to conduct a study on student loan authorities that refinance existing federal and private undergraduate and graduate student loans from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds.

Creates the student loan advocate account.

Requires the state treasurer, beginning in the 2020-2021 fiscal year, to annually transfer from the financial services regulation fund to the student loan advocate account, the greater of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars or twenty percent of the annual assessment derived from student education loan servicing.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 11 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:10 AM.
- Jan 18 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 6 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 35; nays, 13; absent, 0; excused, 1.

SB 6162-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Zeiger, Wellman, Palumbo, and Mullet)

Defining dyslexia as a specific learning disability and requiring early screening for dyslexia.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Requires each school district and charter school to: (1) Screen each student in kindergarten, first, and second grade for indications of dyslexia; and

(2) If the student shows indicators of below grade level literacy development or indicators of dyslexia, provide interventions based on the school's system of support.

Allows a school district to use learning assistance program funds to cover the costs of the required dyslexia screenings even if the student being screened is not currently eligible to participate in the learning assistance program.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Reconvene a dyslexia advisory council, to advise the superintendent on matters relating to dyslexia, and to develop options for the best way to implement the requirement to conduct screenings;

(2) With input from the advisory council, determine which screening tools meet the developmental and academic criteria to indicate typical literacy development and dyslexia; and

(3) Host, on its website, literacy screeners that may be used by school districts to meet the screening requirement.

Requires a school, as part of the annual student assessment inventory, to report the number of students and grade levels of the students screened for indicators of dyslexia.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 15 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 23 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 6 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Feb 19 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

SB 6362-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Wellman,

Rolfes, and Billig; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction)

Modifying basic education funding provisions.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Modifies provisions regarding basic education funding.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 22 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

Jan 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 1 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 6 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 25; nays, 22; absent, 0; excused, 2.

SB 6386-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Takko, Rivers, Short, Becker, Hunt, Van De Wege, Schoesler, Braun, Honeyford, Conway, Wagoner, and Zeiger)

Ensuring the funding of fairs.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Requires the money received as the result of the imposition of the state retail sales tax on sales occurring during events held at county fairgrounds or grounds for fairs operated by a nonprofit where agricultural fairs occur, to be deposited into the fair fund.

Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Estimate the tax revenues for the next fiscal year resulting from the sales described above; and

(2) Notify the state treasurer when the money collected and deposited for a fiscal year is 2.5 million dollars.

Requires any money collected in excess of 2.5 million dollars for the fiscal year to be deposited in the general fund.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources & Parks at 1:30 PM.

Feb 1 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources & Parks at 1:30 PM.

Feb 5 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Feb 6 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 14 2nd substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 16 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

SB 6548-S by Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Palumbo and Van De Wege)

Establishing the joint legislative task force on fire service administration.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/18)

Finds that the administration of emergency response and fire suppression services in the state is fragmented at the statewide level with responsibilities being fulfilled by the state patrol, the state military department, and the department of natural resources among others.

Creates the joint legislative task force on fire service administration to examine the current administrative structure and division of responsibilities and recommend improvements which are intended to streamline, consolidate, and increase the efficiency of fire suppression and emergency response services.

Expires December 31, 2019.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.

Feb 2 SGTE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Public hearing, executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government, and Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Feb 16 First reading, referred to Public Safety (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Feb 19 Scheduled for public hearing in the House
Committee on Public Safety at 1:30
PM. (Subject to change)