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### House Bills

**HB 2899-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Doglio, Jinkins, and Peterson)

Establishing a vehicle maintenance improvement program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of ecology, in collaboration with the department of commerce and in concert with municipal partners around the state, to establish an ongoing vehicle maintenance improvement program with the goals of: (1) Improving vehicle owners' awareness of the importance of proper and regular vehicle maintenance;

(2) Motivating vehicle owners to conduct routine and proper vehicle maintenance; and

(3) Yielding outcomes that provide improvements to the environment, reliability of vehicle travel, and personal economy.

Creates the vehicle maintenance improvement account.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.

Referred to Rules 2 Review.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 11:30 AM.

**HB 2900-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilduff, Eslick, Goodman, Dent, Kloba, and McCabe)

Concerning violations of traffic laws that place vulnerable roadway users at increased risk of injury and death.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Assesses additional fines on persons who commit a traffic infraction against a vulnerable roadway user.

Creates the vulnerable roadway user education account.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Jan 31 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 11:30 AM.

Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 19 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.

**HB 2902-S** by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Wilcox, Blake, Chandler, Barkis, Griffey, DeBolt, Tharinger, Walsh, Chapman, Orcutt, and Stokesbary)

Ensuring that Washington aggressively acts to open fish habitat by removing barriers under all forms of ownership.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife, using appropriated funds and amounts appropriated on an ongoing basis each year thereafter, to provide funding for fish barrier removal projects in a manner determined by the fish passage barrier removal board.

Requires the board, for investments in Puget Sound watersheds, to coordinate with the Puget Sound partnership to capture the priorities embodied in their action agenda and set forth by any relevant citizen salmon recovery advisory bodies formed for purposes of the recovery of federally listed endangered species.

Makes an appropriation from the state general fund to the department of fish and wildlife for fish passage barrier removal projects.

Creates the fish passage barrier removal account.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

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 Appropriations.

**HB 2918-S** by House Committee on Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Orcutt, Johnson, Appleton, and Steele)

Providing rental assistance to mobile home park tenants.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a mobile home/manufactured housing rental assistance program to assist low-income tenants of mobile homes or manufactured housing to maintain an affordable level of rental payments for a mobile home lot.

Authorizes a tenant to apply to the department of commerce to receive monetary rental assistance.

Authorizes the department to give an eligible tenant monetary rental assistance, on a monthly basis, to assist in the payment of rent.

Changes the name of "the office of mobile/manufactured home relocation assistance" to "the office of mobile/manufactured home relocation and rental assistance," and requires the office to administer the rental assistance program, including verifying the initial and continued eligibility of tenants for monetary rental assistance.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the department of commerce for purposes of this act.

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

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 10:00 AM.

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

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Community Development and Housing & Tribal Affairs at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 Referred to Appropriations.

**HB 2925-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey, Buys, and Ortiz-Self)

Addressing the disposal of recreational vehicles abandoned on public property.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a registered tow truck operator to transport an abandoned recreational vehicle without being licensed as a hulk hauler.

Requires the department of licensing, before accepting an application for a registration for a recreational vehicle, to collect a six-dollar abandoned recreational disposal fee from the applicant in addition to other fees and taxes.

Allows registered tow truck operators, vehicle wreckers, or scrap processors, to apply to the department of licensing for financial aid for the transport, storage, dismantling, and disposal of abandoned recreational vehicles from public property.

Authorizes a solid waste disposal site that is compliant with all applicable regulations to wreck a nonmotorized abandoned recreational vehicle.

Creates the abandoned recreational vehicle disposal account.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Feb 6 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 11:30 AM.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 19 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.

**HB 2928-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representative Lytton)

Reauthorizing the business and occupation tax deduction for cooperative finance organizations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a business and occupation tax deduction on amounts received by a cooperative finance organization where the amounts are derived from loans to rural electric cooperatives or other nonprofit or governmental providers of utility services.

Expires January 1, 2029.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 10:00 AM.

Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**HB 2931-S** by House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Doglio, Fey, Tarleton, Jinkins, and Slatter)

Increasing energy efficiency.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that many jurisdictions have ambitious climate targets that are in line with or exceed the state's own climate reduction goals, however, they are prevented from

adopting stricter residential energy codes than the state energy code.

Requires the state energy code for residential structures, beginning with the 2018 edition, to provide the following options to cities, towns, and counties: (1) A lower efficiency option that conforms to certain requirements;

(2) An intermediate efficiency option that results in dwelling units that use ten percent less energy annually than those built in accordance with the lower efficiency option; and

(3) A high efficiency option that results in dwelling units that use twenty percent less energy annually than those built in accordance with the lower efficiency option.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development at 10:00 AM.

Jan 31 Executive action scheduled, but the motion to report the bill out of the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development at 8:00 AM failed.

Feb 1 TED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Technology & Economic Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 12 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 19 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.

**HB 2940-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Lytton, Chapman, Frame, Tarleton, Tharinger, Ormsby, Pollet, and Macri)

Making the business and occupation tax more progressive.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the small business tax fairness act.

Finds that the state's small businesses are taxed at the same rate as high profit corporations without benefiting from the special tax preferences that many large corporations enjoy.

Declares an intent to: (1) Make the state's business tax system more fair for small businesses by reforming the current business and occupation tax or eventually implementing a new, more equitable business activities tax; and

(2) Take the necessary steps to evaluate the continuing need for business and occupation tax preferences.

Creates a taskforce on business and occupation tax fairness to: (1) Review existing business and occupation tax preferences to determine if any are no longer needed as a result of the enactment of this act;

(2) Make decisions by a simple majority of the task force; and

(3) Provide a report to the appropriate legislative fiscal committees.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Feb 5 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.

Feb 6 Referred to Appropriations.

**HB 2942-S** by House Committee on Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Walsh, Taylor, Van Werven, and Shea)

Requiring planning for the availability of mineral resources.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires each county and city to, in order to protect mineral resource lands from incompatible uses and maintain the long-term commercial viability of mineral resource extraction, designate as mineral resource lands all lands without residential development that have long-term significance for the extraction of minerals.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

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

Feb 1 ENVI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM.

Feb 2 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 2995-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Tarleton, Doglio, and Pollet)

Concerning Washington's clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies energy independence act provisions.

Finds and declares that: (1) Washington is the nation's leading producer of electricity from hydroelectric sources;

(2) Washington should continue its leadership in conservation, renewable energy, and climate change mitigation by increasing energy efficiency across the state and encouraging investment in the state's clean energy future; and

(3) Washington can promote energy independence, create high-quality jobs in the clean technology sector, maintain stable and affordable electric rates for customers, and protect clean air and water.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on certain expenditures with regard to eligible renewable energy investment projects.

Provides a public utility tax credit on certain clean energy investment expenditures.

Requires the department of commerce and the utilities and transportation commission to jointly convene a clean energy transition work group.

Provides a July 1, 2019, expiration date for the work group.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 Public hearing, executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.

- Feb 26 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Referred to Appropriations.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 27 Committee relieved of further consideration.  
Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 28 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

**HB 2998-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Robinson, Cody, Jinkins, Tharinger, and Ormsby)

Providing a business and occupation tax exemption for accountable communities of health.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a business and occupation tax deduction, on amounts received on or after the effective date of this act, by an accountable community of health or a hospital that is owned by a municipal corporation or political subdivision.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 24 Public hearing, executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 26 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Referred to Rules 2 Review.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 28 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 1 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 85; nays, 12; absent, 1; excused, 0.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

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**Senate Bills**

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**SB 5886-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Ranker)

Creating the orca protection act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the orca protection act.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) In order to facilitate the enforcement of RCW 77.15.740, provide extra protection to newborn calves, and protect critical feeding areas, conduct patrols during the twenty-two most active weeks for southern resident killer whale viewing activity each year and prioritize Wednesday through Monday patrols when the activity is most active;

(2) In the event that orca whales are not present, place emphasis on patrols that protect living marine resources in northern Puget Sound;

(3) Coordinate with appropriate federal, tribal, county, and nongovernmental partners to identify research and management actions undertaken that relate to impacts from human-generated marine noise; and

(4) Identify relevant research findings and management actions undertaken and identify options and recommendations on potential actions the state can take.

Includes as a natural resource infraction, when a person causes: (1) An aircraft or remotely controlled aerial vehicle to approach within two hundred yards of a southern resident orca whale; or

(2) A vessel to exceed a speed over ground of seven knots within four hundred yards of a southern resident orca whale.

Requires the Salish Sea institute at Western Washington University to: (1) Convene a meeting to improve the coordination of recovery strategies for southern resident killer whales between Washington and British Columbia; and

(2) Establish timelines for recovery actions.

Increases the endangered wildlife special license plate fees and requires at least five dollars for each initial or renewal plate to be used for orca-related activities.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

**SB 6203-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Carlyle, Ranker, Palumbo, Nelson, Pedersen, Frockt, Billig, Rolfes, McCoy, Keiser, Wellman, Lias, Hunt, Chase, Saldaña, and Kuderer; by request of Governor Inslee)

Reducing carbon pollution by investing in rural economic development and a clean energy economy.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Imposes a carbon pollution tax on: (1) The sale or use within this state of fossil fuels, except fossil fuels used to generate electricity in the state; or

(2) The generation within or import for consumption to this state of electricity generated through the combustion of fossil fuels.

Requires the department of commerce to convene a stakeholder work group to examine the integration of carbon pricing in electricity markets within the state and transactions with markets outside the state.

Creates the joint committee on climate programs oversight and requires the committee to be responsible for ongoing review of the implementation of the carbon pollution tax and funding from the revenue of that tax.

Creates the community climate advisory board within the executive office of the governor to oversee

implementation of this act toward reducing pollution and facilitating the transition to a clean energy economy.

Creates an economic and environmental justice oversight panel as a subcommittee of the advisory board.

Prohibits a state agency from adopting or enforcing a statewide program that sets a greenhouse gas emissions cap or charge.

Requires the utilities and transportation commission and the department of commerce to create a technical standards committee and a technical advisory committee, as appropriate, to advise certain parties on utility reinvestment of certain credited money.

Establishes clean energy investment programs and plans.

Creates the carbon pollution reduction account, the energy transformation account, the clean transportation account, the transition assistance account, the water and natural resources resilience account, and the rural economic development account.

Makes an appropriation from the rural economic development account to the department of commerce for providing local governments, communities, public and private entities, federally recognized tribes, and consumer-owned and investor-owned energy utilities to develop strategies and plans for deployment of broadband infrastructure and access to broadband services to unserved and underserved areas of the state.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 16 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 6:00 PM.

Feb 15 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 22 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.

Feb 23 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 2 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6246-S** by Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Mullet, Palumbo, Carlyle, Fain, Frockt, Dhingra, Pedersen, Wellman, Kuderer, Keiser, Billig, McCoy, Takko, Rolfes, Cleveland, Liias, Hunt, Conway, Van De Wege, and Miloscia)

Providing for approval of school district bonds by fifty-five percent of the voters voting.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides for approval by fifty-five percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.

Takes effect if the proposed amendment to Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution, providing for approval by fifty-five percent of voters voting to authorize school

district bonds, is approved by the voters at the next general election.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.

Jan 26 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM.

Feb 2 SGTE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; without recommendation.

Referred to Ways & Means.

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

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

Feb 6 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

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 22 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6251-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Dhingra, Kuderer, Rolfes, Nelson, Palumbo, Wellman, Mullet, Chase, Keiser, Saldaña, and Conway)

Concerning property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a mechanism for adjusting income thresholds into the future to provide tax relief to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and veterans.

Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, and every fifth year thereafter, publish updated income thresholds;

(2) Round the adjusted thresholds to the nearest one dollar; and

(3) Adjust income thresholds for each county to reflect the most recent year available of estimated county median household income, including preliminary estimates or projections, as published by the office of financial management.

-- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 6 WM - Majority; 1st 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. Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 12 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. 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 22 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2. -- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Feb 22 Public hearing, executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Finance at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 26 FIN - Majority; do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.
- Mar 1 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- SB 6262-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Palumbo, Darneille, Liias, Kuderer, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, and Saldaña)
- Establishing pilot programs to plan for the needs of certain college students experiencing homelessness. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
- Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to establish a pilot program for college districts to plan, and requires the student achievement council to establish a pilot program for four-year institutions of higher education to plan, for the unique needs and challenges of students experiencing homelessness.
- Requires each college district and each institution of higher education, as part of the pilot program, to: (1) Develop a capital project plan to renovate or rehabilitate an existing building, campus building, or facility, as appropriate, to provide at least the following accommodations: Laundry facilities, storage units, showers, and lockers; and
- (2) Give the capital project an enhanced score as compared to other capital projects submitted by the college district or institution.
- Provides a January 1, 2024, expiration date for the pilot programs.
- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 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.
- Feb 22 Senate Rules "X" file.
- SB 6269-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Rolfes, Carlyle, Darneille, Hasegawa, Pedersen, Conway, Keiser, Hunt, Frockt, Kuderer, Chase, Liias, and Saldaña; by request of Department of Ecology)
- Strengthening oil transportation safety. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
- Addresses oil transportation safety.
- Finds that the department of ecology's oil spill program faces a critical funding gap due to the lack of adequate revenue to fully fund the prevention and preparedness services required by state law, including the 2015 oil transportation safety act.
- Declares an intent to: (1) Provide adequate revenue to fully fund prevention and preparedness services required by state law;
- (2) Direct the department of ecology to specifically address the risks of oils submerging and sinking; and
- (3) More extensively coordinate with our Canadian partners in order to protect the state's economy and its shared resources.
- Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Establish the Salish Sea shared waters forum to address common issues in the cross-boundary waterways between Washington state and British Columbia such as: Enhancing efforts to reduce oil spill risk, addressing navigational safety, and promoting data sharing; and
- (2) In consultation with the Puget Sound partnership and the pilotage commission, complete a report of vessel traffic and vessel traffic safety within the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound area that includes the San Juan archipelago, its connected waterways, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, Rosario Strait, and the waters south of Admiralty Inlet.
- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Technology at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Technology at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 15 Public hearing, executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 21 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 22 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

- Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- SB 6273-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, Rivers, Fain, Mullet, Palumbo, and Saldaña)  
Delineating charity care and notice requirements without restricting charity care.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Revises health data and charity care provisions regarding third-party coverage; posting and displaying notice of charity care availability; requirements of hospital billing statements and written communications; and training programs on a hospital's charity care policies and the use of interpreter services.
- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 29 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 HLTC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 12 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
- Feb 23 HCW - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).  
Referred to Rules 2 Review.  
Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 26 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Feb 28 Committee amendment(s) adopted with no other amendments.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- SB 6274-S2** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Palumbo, Keiser, Wellman, Darneille, Liias, Kuderer, Hasegawa, Hunt, and Saldaña)  
Helping former foster youth and youth experiencing homelessness access and complete college and registered apprenticeships.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)
- Establishes the passport to careers act.  
Creates the passport to careers program to: (1) Encourage foster youth and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness to complete higher education or a registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program;  
(2) Improve high school graduation outcomes of the youth through coordinated P-20 and child welfare outreach, intervention, and planning; and  
(3) Improve postsecondary outcomes by providing the youth with planning, information, support, and direct financial resources.  
Creates a passport to apprenticeship opportunities program and requires the program to: (1) Identify students and applicants who are eligible for services through coordination of certain agencies; and  
(2) Provide financial assistance through nongovernmental entities that does not exceed the individual's financial need.  
Requires the office of student financial assistance to: (1) Implement the passport to careers with two programmatic pathways: (a) The passport to college promise program; and (b) the passport to apprenticeship opportunities program;  
(2) Contract to provide certain services to disadvantaged populations seeking to complete apprenticeships and preapprenticeships; and  
(3) Contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to provide services to support effective program implementation, resulting in increased postsecondary completion rates for passport scholars.  
Repeals the June 30, 2022, expiration of the passport to college promise program.  
Requires the departments of social and health services and children, youth, and families, with input from the superintendent of public instruction to devise and implement procedures for: (1) Identifying students and applicants eligible for services; and  
(2) Sharing that information with the office of student financial assistance, institutions of higher education, and certain nongovernmental entities.
- 2018 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.
- Jan 23 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM.
- 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 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 12 2nd substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

- Third reading, passed; yeas, 35; nays, 12;  
absent, 0; excused, 2.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Higher  
Education (Not Officially read and  
referred until adoption of Introduction  
report).
- Feb 20 Public hearing in the House Committee  
on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 21 Executive session scheduled, but no  
action was taken in the House  
Committee on Higher Education at 1:30  
PM.
- Feb 23 HE - Majority; do pass with  
amendment(s).  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Referred to Appropriations.  
Executive action taken in the House  
Committee on Higher Education at 8:00  
AM.
- Feb 24 Public hearing in the House Committee  
on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 26 APP - Majority; do pass with  
amendment(s) by Higher Education.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Referred to Rules 2 Review.  
Executive action taken in the House  
Committee on Appropriations at 11:00  
AM.
- Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules  
Committee.
- Feb 28 Committee amendment(s) adopted with  
no other amendments.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third  
Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 55; nays, 43;  
absent, 0; excused, 0.