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House Bills

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

HB 1543 by Representatives Mead, Doglio, Lekanoff, Peterson, Fey, Appleton, Shewmake, Stanford, Tharinger, Jinkins, Pollet, Slatter, Frame, and Davis; by request of Department of Ecology

Concerning sustainable recycling.

Creates the recycling development center, within the department of ecology, to provide or facilitate basic and applied research and development, marketing, and policy analysis in furthering the development of markets and processing for recycled commodities and products.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Enter into an interagency agreement with the department of commerce to perform or contract for certain activities;

(2) Create and implement a statewide recycling contamination reduction and outreach plan based on best management practices for recycling, developed with stakeholder input; and

(3) Provide technical assistance and create guidance to help local jurisdictions determine the extent of contamination in their regional recycling and to develop contamination reduction and outreach plans.

Requires each county and city comprehensive solid waste management plan to include a contamination reduction and outreach plan.

Authorizes certain local governments to apply to the department for financial aid for the preparation and implementation of the contamination reduction and outreach plans.

Adjusts the functions of the waste reduction, recycling, and litter control account regarding expenditures to the department of ecology and what unspent funds may be used for.

HB 1544 by Representatives Mead, Fitzgibbon, and Kloba

Addressing the effective date of certain actions taken under the growth management act.

Addresses the growth management act with regard to initial effective dates of actions that: (1) Expand an urban growth area;

(2) Remove the designation of agricultural, forest, or mineral resource lands;

(3) Create or expand a limited area of more intensive rural development;

(4) Establish a new fully contained community; or

(5) Create or expand a master planned resort.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

HB 1545 by Representatives Mead, Hudgins, Morgan, Ramos, Gregerson, Wylie, Appleton, Bergquist, Doglio, Jinkins, and Pollet

Concerning curing ballots to assure that votes are counted.

Requires the record that is kept of ballots with missing and mismatched signatures to be updated each day that ballots are processed, each time a voter was contacted or a notice was mailed, and when a voter submitted updated information.

Requires the record, which is a public record, to be disclosed no later than forty-eight hours after an update is made.

- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.
- HB 1546** by Representatives Blake, Walsh, Chapman, Kretz, Orcutt, Shewmake, and Tharinger
- Concerning the proposed department of natural resources' marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy.
 Prohibits the board of natural resources from adopting a marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy until the required analysis, mentioned below, has been finalized and made available for public review.
 Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to analyze the harvest volume and revenue impacts of the department of natural resources' preferred alternative, alternative H, for the long-term conservation strategy to all department of natural resources' trust beneficiaries, including local governments and junior taxing districts.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources.
- HB 1547** by Representatives Dolan, Wylie, Lovick, Thai, Jinkins, and Pollet; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Concerning basic education funding.
 Changes the maximum dollar amount that may be levied by or for a school district for enrichment levies.
 Requires funding for additional school nurses, guidance counselors, and family and community engagement coordinators to be phased in.
 Requires the legislature to begin phasing in funding for content-specific professional learning days for certain staff.
 Requires each school district board of directors to adopt an unrestricted minimum fund balance for their general fund of no less than 8.5 percent of their prior year's state apportionment.
 Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Adopt rules necessary to create a menu of professional learning topics;
 (2) Develop online training modules for professional learning topics regarding the development of individualized education programs; and
 (3) Calculate the actual minimum fund balance amount for each school district for the directors' review and adoption.
 Provides for the allocation of state funding to support school districts in offering institutional education programs.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Appropriations.
- HB 1548** by Representatives Davis, Cody, Harris, Calder, and Appleton; by request of Washington State Medical Commission
- Changing the name of the medical quality assurance commission to the Washington medical commission.
 Changes the name of the medical quality assurance commission to the Washington medical commission.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1549** by Representatives Blake, Chapman, Springer, and Fey
- Directing the department of ecology to adopt a rule governing the evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions under chapter 43.21C RCW.
 Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Adopt a rule establishing the process by which lead agencies evaluate environmental impacts of greenhouse gas emissions when conducting environmental review of project and nonproject actions under the state environmental policy act; and
 (2) Before adopting the rules, engage in government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.
- HB 1550** by Representatives Jinkins, Robinson, Cody, Fey, and Wylie; by request of Department of Health
- Concerning vital statistics.
 Provides a framework for ongoing administration of a single comprehensive vital records system that is operated and maintained by the department of health, under the supervision of the state registrar, to preserve the security, integrity, and confidentiality of state vital records and vital statistics.
 Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Vital records, reports, indices, supporting documentation, vital statistics, and data.
 Repeals chapter 70.58 RCW, the existing vital statistic statutes, and creates new statutes to replace those repealed.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1551** by Representatives Jinkins, Cody, Stonier, Fey, Appleton, and Pollet; by request of Department of Health
- Modernizing the control of certain communicable diseases.
 Addresses the control, treatment, and modernization of certain communicable diseases.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1552** by Representatives Dolan, Doglio, Fey, Senn, Appleton, Robinson, Ryu, Jinkins, Macri, and Leavitt
- Concerning health care provider credentialing by health carriers.
 Prohibits a health carrier from requiring a health care provider to submit credentialing information in a format

other than through the database selected under RCW 48.165.035.

Decreases the amount of time in which a health carrier must make a determination approving or denying a credentialing application from a health care provider.

Requires a health carrier that credentials a health care provider in its network to reimburse the health care provider for covered health care services provided to the carrier's enrollees during the credentialing process.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1553 by Representatives Riccelli, Griffey, Wylie, Doglio, Valdez, Macri, Dolan, Sullivan, Appleton, Jinkins, and Ormsby

Concerning an ambulance transport quality assurance fee.

Provides for a safety net fee for certain ambulance transports to be used to augment funding from other sources, thereby supporting additional payments to ambulance transport providers for medicaid services.

Requires the state health care authority to establish the manner and format for ambulance transport providers to report required data.

Imposes a quality assurance fee for each ambulance transport provided by each ambulance transport provider subject to the fee.

Provides for termination and repeal, under the sunset act, of the authorization for ambulance transport quality assurance fees.

Creates the ambulance transport fund.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1554 by Representatives Thai, Harris, Robinson, Stonier, Appleton, Gregerson, Jinkins, Slatter, and Macri

Concerning dental hygienists.

Changes the composition of the dental hygiene examining committee by increasing the number of practicing dental hygienists to four.

Allows the renewal of an initial limited license upon demonstration of successful passage of an educational program on the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia.

Authorizes a person, licensed in another state or Canadian province, who can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in administering nitrous oxide analgesia to receive a temporary endorsement to administer it.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1555 by Representatives Macri, Chambers, Cody, and Appleton

Concerning online access to health care resources for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Requires up to an additional twenty-five dollar license fee for a veterinarian license or a veterinary technician

license which will be transferred by the department of health to the University of Washington for the purpose of online access to health care resources.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1556 by Representatives Mead, Van Werven, Sells, Lovick, Eslick, and Jinkins

Establishing the opportunities for employment in hospitality grant.

Creates the opportunities for employment in hospitality grant to increase the number of people from the targeted population employed in the hospitality industry.

Requires the commissioner of the employment security department to: (1) Develop and write the grant;

(2) Publicly solicit applicants for the grant;

(3) Award the grant; and

(4) Perform audits necessary to ensure grant funds are used solely to support the objectives of the grant.

Requires the secretary of the department of social and health services to coordinate with grant recipients to help refer individuals from the targeted population to wraparound services for which they are eligible.

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

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1557 by Representatives MacEwen and Stanford

Concerning liquor licenses.

Changes the timing in the renewal and expiration of a liquor license that is issued by the state liquor and cannabis board.

Requires the state liquor and cannabis board to grant conditional license approval to an applicant when the application is submitted and the applicant is otherwise qualified but the premises proposed to be licensed remains subject to a pending lease or purchase agreement not yet executed.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming.

HB 1558 by Representative MacEwen

Updating the watercraft excise tax exemption for nonprofit organizations and associations.

Updates the exemption from watercraft excise taxes for nonprofit organizations and associations.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1559 by Representatives MacEwen, Pettigrew, Shea, Reeves, and Jinkins

Creating a sales tax holiday for back-to-school clothing and supplies.

Exempts the following from sales and use taxes: (1) A clothing item if the sales price of the item is less than one hundred dollars; and

(2) A school supply item if the sales price of the item is less than ten dollars.

States that this exemption only applies to purchases made on the second adjacent Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August of each year.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 1560 by Representatives Klippert, Shea, and Barkis
Prohibiting certain types of abortions.

Prohibits a person, except in the case of a medical emergency, from intentionally performing, attempting to perform, or inducing an abortion on a pregnant woman: (1) That will result in the bodily dismemberment, crushing, or human vivisection of the unborn child; and

(2) When the probable postfertilization age of the unborn child is eleven weeks or greater.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1561 by Representatives Dent, Senn, Appleton, Doglio, Tharinger, Slatter, Ormsby, Frame, and Leavitt

Ensuring participation on the oversight board for children, youth, and families by current or former foster youth, individuals with current or previous experience in the juvenile justice system, a physician with experience working with children or youth, and individuals residing east of the Cascade mountain range.

Changes the composition of the oversight board for children, youth, and families by including the following as members: (1) A current or former foster youth under age twenty-five;

(2) An individual under age twenty-five with current or previous experience with the juvenile justice system; and

(3) A physician with experience working with children or youth.

Requires the governor and appointed legislators, when nominating and approving members, to ensure that at least five of the members reside east of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Human Services & Early Learning.

HB 1562 by Representatives Stonier, DeBolt, Harris, Macri, Caldier, Robinson, Thai, Riccelli, Tharinger, Jenkins, Kloba, and Slatter

Concerning health care benefit management.

Repeals or recodifies chapter 19.340 RCW (pharmacy benefit managers).

Repeals chapter 19.365 RCW (radiology benefit managers).

Creates a separate chapter to establish standards for the regulatory oversight of benefit managers.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1563 by Representatives Jenkin, Blake, Vick, Dent, Young, Kloba, MacEwen, and Wylie

Concerning liquor-related privileges of students enrolled in certain degree programs.

Permits an enrolled student, who is at least eighteen years old, to taste alcoholic beverages if he or she conducts the tasting: (1) On the premises of the college or university where he or she is enrolled; or

(2) On a field trip to a grape-growing area or production facility if he or she is accompanied by a faculty or staff member with a class 12 or 13 alcohol server permit.

Permits a licensee holding a domestic winery license to allow volunteers, between eighteen and twenty-one years old, to engage in wine-production related work at the winery's location, if the volunteer is enrolled as a student: (1) At a community or technical college, regional university, or state university with a special permit; and

(2) In a required or elective class that is part of a culinary, sommelier, wine business, enology, viticulture, wine technology, beer technology, or spirituous technology-related degree program.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Commerce & Gaming.

Feb 4 COG - Majority; do pass.

HB 1564 by Representatives Macri, Schmick, Cody, Tharinger, Jenkins, Kilduff, Appleton, and Lekanoff; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Concerning the nursing facility medicaid payment system.

Changes the cutoff date for the department of social and health services to calculate the facility and medicaid average case mix indexes and establish and update a facility's direct care component rate.

Authorizes services provided by or through facilities of the Indian health service or facilities operated by a tribe or tribal organization to be paid at the applicable rates published in the federal register or at a cost-based rate.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 1565 by Representatives Robinson, Tharinger, Klippert, and Lovick; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Concerning certain providers sharing background checks.

Authorizes the following types of providers, for facilitating timely access to criminal background information and minimizing the number of requests made, to share copies of completed criminal background inquiry information: Health care facilities, in-home services agencies, community residential service businesses, and consumer directed employers.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to maintain a background check database and allows businesses and organizations, that are required to complete background checks for long-term care workers,

to satisfy that requirement by using the background check database.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1566 by Representatives Walsh, Chapman, and Shea

Encouraging economic growth by providing a state business tax credit for new employment positions.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit for: (1) New employees hired for new positions created after July 1, 2019; and

(2) New positions filled by existing employees if the position vacated by the existing employee is filled by a new hire.

Requires the department of revenue to determine eligible areas for the following calendar year.

Requires the employment security department to provide the department of revenue with any information needed to verify eligibility.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources.

HB 1567 by Representatives Doglio, Fey, Peterson, Riccelli, Fitzgibbon, Appleton, Jinkins, and Macri; by request of Department of Ecology

Concerning the sale and installation of solid fuel burning devices.

Prohibits a solid fuel burning device from being offered for sale or installed in new or existing buildings unless the device is certified to statewide emission performance standards.

Prohibits a solid fuel burning device from being offered for sale in this state to residents that does not meet the following particulate air contaminant emission standard under the test methodology of the United States environmental protection agency or adopted by the department of ecology or the United States environmental protection agency: Two grams per hour for all solid fuel burning devices.

Authorizes the department of ecology to adopt by rule a process to distribute the money in the woodstove education and enforcement account for woodstove education and enforcement.

Increases the fee, from thirty dollars to fifty dollars, on the retail sale of each solid fuel burning device.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

HB 1568 by Representatives Chapman, Dent, Blake, and Walsh

Concerning port district worker development and occupational training programs.

Authorizes port districts to contract with nonprofit corporations and private and public entities that provide certain training systems and promote workforce diversity.

Requires ports that are seeking to engage in certain activities or contracts to, by resolution, declare that port-related workforce development provides a substantial public benefit consistent with the port commission's economic development goals and with ongoing worker training initiatives in place in the port district.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Innovation, Technology & Economic Development.

HB 1569 by Representatives Ramos, Chapman, Callan, Peterson, Fitzgibbon, and Slatter

Concerning marketing the degradability of products.

Authorizes the attorney general and local governments to pursue false or misleading environmental claims for plastic products claiming to be compostable or biodegradable when in fact they are not.

Creates the compostable products revolving account.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

HB 1570 by Representatives Ormsby, Chapman, Sells, Dolan, Stanford, and Slatter

Requiring the use of American or recycled steel products on certain public works.

Requires public works contracts to include a provision requiring that all steel products used or supplied in the performance of the contract and in any related subcontract must be: (1) Produced in the United States, at a facility regulated by the United States environmental protection agency; or

(2) Produced in a country where more than sixty-five percent of that country's total crude steel output is produced by means of electric arc furnaces that use postconsumer scrap steel material as the major feedstock.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1571 by Representatives Ormsby, Gregerson, Chapman, Pellicciotti, Doglio, Sells, Ramos, Valdez, and Jinkins

Naming of subcontractors by prime contract bidders on public works contracts.

Requires each prime contract bidder to submit, as part of the bid on a public works contract, the names of the subcontractors that the bidder will subcontract with for work performed by contractors required to be registered as described in chapter 18.27 RCW.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1572 by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Young, Pettigrew, Davis, Ryu, Stonier, Dolan, Sells, Peterson, Riccelli, Kilduff, Pollet, Kloba, Stanford, Tarleton, Fey, Wylie, Appleton, Lovick, Gregerson, Ramos, Thai, Valdez, Bergquist, Doglio, Goodman, Jinkins, Lekanoff, Slatter, Ormsby, Frame, Macri, and Leavitt

Concerning homeless college students.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges and the student achievement council to select four college districts, two on each side of the crest of the Cascade mountain range, and two public four-year institutions of higher education, one on each side of the crest of the Cascade mountain range, respectively, to participate in a pilot program to provide assistance to homeless students and students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high school.

Expires January 1, 2024.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to College & Workforce Development.

Senate Bills

SB 5550 by Senators Saldaña, Warnick, Conway, Das, Hasegawa, Keiser, King, Rolfes, and Van De Wege

Implementing the recommendations of the pesticide application safety work group.

Creates the pesticide application safety committee and requires it to: (1) Explore how the department of agriculture, the department of labor and industries, the department of health, and the Washington poison center collect and track data; and

(2) Consider the feasibility and requirements of developing a shared database, including how the department of health could use existing tools, to better display multiagency data regarding pesticides.

Creates an advisory work group to collect information and make recommendations to the full committee on topics requiring unique expertise and perspectives on issues within the jurisdiction of the committee.

Expires July 1, 2025.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.

Feb 5 LBRC - Majority; do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.

SB 5551 by Senators Dhingra, Palumbo, Das, Kuderer, Wellman, and Van De Wege

Concerning courthouse facility dog assistance for testifying witnesses.

Authorizes the courts to permit a courthouse facility dog for use by witnesses in a judicial proceeding.

Requires a court with an available courthouse facility dog to allow a witness who is under eighteen years old, or who has a developmental disability, to use the dog to accompany them while testifying in court.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5552 by Senators Liias, Warnick, Van De Wege, Short, Rolfes, Schoesler, Wagoner, Honeyford, Hawkins, and Hunt

Concerning the protection of native pollinators, including bees.

Requires the department of agriculture to establish a program to: (1) Promote and protect native pollinator habitat and the health and sustainability of pollinator species;

(2) Provide technical and financial assistance to state agencies, local governments, and private landowners to implement practices that promote habitat for native and managed pollinators; and

(3) Be administered in coordination with the apiary program, the honey bee commission, and programs administered by the state conservation commission and conservation districts.

Requires the department to: (1) Create and chair a pollinator health task force; and

(2) Develop educational materials regarding the best practices for avoiding adverse effects from pesticides on populations of bees and other pollinating insects.

Requires the task force to build upon existing pollinator plans and pollinator habitat plans at the national and state level to develop a state pollinator health strategy.

Provides a January 1, 2020, expiration date for the task force.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

SB 5553 by Senator Hunt

Concerning safety and sanitation of fitness centers.

Requires the state board of health to adopt rules governing safety and sanitation for fitness centers, including requirements for design, operation, injury and illness reporting, inspection, permit application and issuance, and enforcement procedures.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5554 by Senators Wilson, C., Nguyen, and Darneille

Concerning school notifications.

Requires certain school employees to follow specific notification provisions regarding the receipt of information about sex offenses, violent offenses, registered sex offenders, and kidnapping offenders.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5555 by Senator Ericksen

Ensuring that components of solar energy systems are produced in the United States or according to Washington state environmental standards.

Requires components of a solar energy system, including solar modules, to be: (1) Entirely produced or manufactured in the United States; or

(2) Produced or manufactured in a facility certified by the department of ecology, located outside the United States, to meet all relevant state environmental, health, and safety standards.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5556 by Senator Ericksen

Making small-scale community capital projects more cost-effective and affordable.

Excludes the following from prevailing wages on public works provisions: Workers on a public works project funded in an omnibus capital appropriations act that has a total project cost less than twenty million dollars, and one-half or more of the total project cost is funded from private sources.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5557 by Senators Liias, Hunt, Van De Wege, Das, Kuderer, and Takko

Concerning seismic hazard risk reduction.

Creates the functional recovery task force to determine criteria and implementation measures necessary for the adoption of a functional recovery standard for all emergency services buildings and state-owned buildings.

Authorizes local governments to enact programs and incentives to encourage new construction or seismic retrofitting that meet a functional recovery standard.

Requires the state military department emergency management division to synchronize catastrophic planning and preparedness activities for seismic hazards across all levels of government.

Requires the department of commerce, in consultation with the task force, the state building code council, and interested stakeholders, to determine criteria for the types and quality of construction that meet a functional recovery standard.

Provides a property tax exemption for property owners who meet certain requirements regarding new construction or seismic retrofitting that meets the criteria of a functional recovery standard.

Creates a state grant program for improving the earthquake safety of unreinforced masonry buildings.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Local Government.

SB 5558 by Senators Saldaña, Darneille, Keiser, and Nguyen

Reinstating the authority of the department of social and health services and the health care authority to purchase interpreter services for applicants and recipients of public assistance who are sensory-impaired.

Declares that the authority to purchase interpreter services on behalf of applicants and recipients of public assistance who are sensory-impaired rests with the department of social and health services and the state health care authority.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

SB 5559 by Senator Padden

Concerning commencement of civil actions.

Requires the following materials to be attached to a complaint, when a civil action is commenced by service of a copy of a summons and complaint before court filing and without a court-assigned case number, and the action is based on an alleged noncommercial claim, payment obligation, express or implied contract, or agreement, whether or not the obligation has been reduced to judgment: (1) A copy of the contract or other writing evidencing the original claim, obligation, contract, or agreement containing the defendant's signature or other authenticated evidence of the debtor's agreement;

(2) An itemization of the amount sought; and

(3) If a person other than the original claimant brings the action, a complete copy of an assignment or other writing establishing a transfer of interest to an assignee.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5560 by Senators Padden and Pedersen

Concerning mediation of disputes between elected officials.

Requires a party bringing a claim to first notify the other parties to the claim in writing, before a lawsuit may be commenced in disputes between elected officials, in their official capacity.

Defines an "elected official" as: (1) An elected or appointed county officer;

(2) Equivalent positions whether elected or appointed in charter counties; and

(3) Superior, district, and municipal court judges located within the county.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

SB 5561 by Senators Takko and Hobbs

Directing the department of ecology to adopt a rule governing the evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions under chapter 43.21C RCW.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Adopt a rule establishing the process by which lead agencies evaluate environmental impacts of greenhouse gas emissions when conducting environmental review of project and nonproject actions under the state environmental policy act; and

(2) Before adopting the rules, engage in government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5562 by Senators Randall, Darneille, Keiser, Liias, Nguyen, and Wilson, C.; by request of Department of Health

Modernizing the control of certain communicable diseases.

Addresses the control, treatment, and modernization of certain communicable diseases.

- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.
- SB 5563** by Senators Hobbs, Fortunato, Takko, and Conway; by request of Board of Pilotage Commissioners
 Concerning mandatory rest periods for pilots.
 Requires a pilot to have a mandatory rest period: (1) Of at least ten hours with an opportunity for eight hours of uninterrupted sleep after completion of an assignment; or
 (2) That mitigates fatigue caused by circadian misalignment after three consecutive night assignments.
 Prohibits a pilot trainee from taking a training program trip if he or she is physically or mentally fatigued or has reasonable belief that the training program trip cannot be carried out in a competent and safe manner.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 5564** by Senators Brown, Wellman, Warnick, Takko, Hobbs, Walsh, Zeiger, Frockt, Wilson, L., Becker, and Padden
 Creating the building business ecosystems act.
 Creates the building business ecosystems act.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.
- SB 5565** by Senators Kuderer, Wellman, Palumbo, Hunt, Keiser, Das, Randall, and Takko
 Concerning direct contractor liability for payment of wages and benefits.
 Protects construction employees by ensuring that employment obligations of wage and benefit contribution payments are made for their work on privately funded construction projects; and protects construction employers who are put at a competitive disadvantage by others that fail to pay wages and benefit contributions.
 Encourages self-policing in the construction industry and gives direct contractors the means to monitor the wage and benefit contribution payments of subcontractors.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.
- SB 5566** by Senators Braun and Takko; by request of Department of Labor & Industries
 Concerning setting fees for administration of the prevailing wage program.
 Requires the fees charged for the approval of statements of intent to pay prevailing wages and the certification of affidavits of wages paid to be forty dollars or less, as determined by the director of the department of labor and industries, and for the 2019-2021 biennium, the fees must be twenty dollars or less.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.
- Feb 4 LBRC - Majority; do pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5567** by Senators Honeyford, Takko, Short, Rolfes, and Warnick
 Revising hydraulic project eligibility standards under RCW 77.55.181 for conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement projects.
 Requires a fish habitat enhancement project to be approved by conservation districts as conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement or restoration projects, in order to receive the permit review and approval process.
 Requires conservation district-sponsored projects to provide copies of the completed application form to the department of fish and wildlife and the state conservation commission.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.
- SB 5568** by Senators Wilson, C., Darneille, and Nguyen; by request of Department of Social and Health Services
 Concerning certain providers sharing background checks.
 Authorizes the following types of providers, for facilitating timely access to criminal background information and minimizing the number of requests made, to share copies of completed criminal background inquiry information: Health care facilities, in-home services agencies, community residential service businesses, and consumer directed employers.
 Authorizes the department of social and health services to maintain a background check database and allows businesses and organizations, that are required to complete background checks for long-term care workers, to satisfy that requirement by using the background check database.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.
- SB 5569** by Senators Keiser, Rivers, Van De Wege, McCoy, and Kuderer; by request of Department of Social and Health Services
 Concerning the nursing facility medicaid payment system.
 Changes the cutoff date for the department of social and health services to calculate the facility and medicaid average case mix indexes and establish and update a facility's direct care component rate.
 Authorizes services provided by or through facilities of the Indian health service or facilities operated by a tribe or tribal organization to be paid at the applicable rates published in the federal register or at a cost-based rate.
- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 24 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

SB 5570 by Senators Saldaña, Warnick, and Keiser

Concerning port district worker development and occupational training programs.

Authorizes port districts to contract with nonprofit corporations and private and public entities that provide certain training systems and promote workforce diversity.

Requires ports that are seeking to engage in certain activities or contracts to, by resolution, declare that port-related workforce development provides a substantial public benefit consistent with the port commission's economic development goals and with ongoing worker training initiatives in place in the port district.

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Jan 24 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5571 by Senators Randall, O'Ban, Conway, and Holy

Creating a military benefit zone program.

Finds that: (1) Washington state has the sixth highest regional concentration of military presence in the country;

(2) Joint Base Lewis-McChord is the second largest installation in the country and the largest in the state; and

(3) The base supports sixty thousand family members and nearly thirty thousand military retirees.

Declares an intent to: (1) Provide the necessary means to assist communities, that have significant military installations, in supporting and sustaining those installations;

(2) Encourage communities to initiate a coordinated program of response and plan of action in advance of future actions of the federal government relating to base realignments and closures; and

(3) Create a military benefit zone program.

Authorizes a sponsoring military community to adopt an ordinance creating a military benefit zone if certain conditions are met.

Authorizes a local government to finance public improvements using military benefit financing subject to certain conditions.

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