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### House Bills

**HB 2426-S** by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representative Morris; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission)

Modifying utilities and transportation commission provisions.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises utilities and transportation commission provisions.

Provides that the commission may, by rule or order, delegate to designated assistants any of the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the commission by law except matters governed by chapter 34.05 RCW; however, a matter may not be delegated to a person who has worked as an advocate on the same docket. Delegated powers and duties may be exercised in the name of the commission. The commission by rule shall implement a process by which notice shall be provided of matters designated for delegation. Any such matter shall be heard or reviewed by commissioners at the request of any commissioner or any affected person.

Provides that when a commissioner has heard all or a substantial part of an adjudicative proceeding and leaves office before entry of a final order in the proceeding, at the request of the remaining commissioners the commissioner leaving office may be appointed by the governor as a commissioner pro tempore to complete the proceeding.

Provides that the administrative law judges appointed under this act are not subject to chapter 41.06 RCW; however, they are subject to discipline and termination, for cause, by the executive secretary of the commission. Upon

written request of the person so disciplined or terminated, the executive secretary shall state the reasons for such action in writing. The person affected has a right of review by the superior court of Thurston county on petition for reinstatement or other remedy filed within thirty days of receipt of the written reasons.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 11 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.
- Feb 23 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Feb 24 WEE - Majority; do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 3 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 40; nays, 9; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Mar 6 Speaker signed.

-- IN THE SENATE --

President signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --

Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.

Mar 30 Governor signed.  
Chapter 346, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 6/7/2006.

**HB 2475-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Williams, Fromhold, Wood, B. Sullivan, Simpson, Sells, Ormsby, and Green)

Requiring collective bargaining regarding hours of work for individual providers.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires collective bargaining regarding hours of work for individual providers.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 12 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Feb 3 Referred to Appropriations.  
Feb 4 Public hearing, executive action taken, and executive action taken in committee.  
APP - Executive action taken by committee.  
APP - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Commerce & Labor.  
Feb 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 10 Placed on second reading.  
Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
-- IN THE SENATE --  
Feb 15 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.  
Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 23 Executive session in committee.  
Feb 24 LCRD - Majority; do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.  
Feb 27 Executive session in committee.  
WM - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 40; nays, 5; absent, 0; excused, 4.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Mar 4 House refuses to concur in Senate amendments. Asks Senate to recede from amendments.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 7 Senate receded from amendments. Rules suspended.  
Returned to second reading for amendment.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 42; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 4.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

House concurred in Senate amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 95; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
Speaker signed.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 8 President signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --

Delivered to Governor.

Mar 17 Governor signed.  
Chapter 106, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 3/17/2006.

**HB 2591-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Blake, Roberts, and Lovick)

Providing an exemption from special fuel taxes for regional transit authorities.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/10/06)

Provides an exemption from special fuel taxes for regional transit authorities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 9 Placed on second reading suspension calendar.  
Feb 10 Committee recommendations adopted and the 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Placed on third reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
-- IN THE SENATE --  
Feb 13 First reading, referred to Transportation.  
Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 23 Executive session in committee.  
Feb 24 TRAN - Majority; do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 27 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

**HB 2594-S** by House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability (originally

sponsored by Representatives Hasegawa, McCoy, Santos, Pettigrew, Kenney, Hudgins, Upthegrove, Hunt, O'Brien, Haigh, Kagi, and Dickerson)

Providing assistance to non-English speaking voters.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/06)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to create a task force to effectuate the legislature's intent to enact section 203 of the voting rights act.

Establishes a joint select legislative task force on increasing voter participation for single-language minority groups.

Requires the task force to report its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 2007.

Provides that any voter who requires interpretation assistance may designate a person of his or her choice to enter the voting machine booth with him or her to provide language interpretation and to assist the voter in recording his or her vote. A person who assists with language interpretation under this provision may not be the voter's employer or be associated with the voter's union.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
SGOA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 10 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 55; nays, 43; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- Feb 22 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Feb 24 GO - Majority; do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 8 Referred to Rules.  
By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

**HB 2675-S** by House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Sullivan, Buck, Dunn, McCoy, Moeller, and Lantz; by request of Archaeology and Historic Preservation)

Exempting certain Native American cultural resources information from public disclosure.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that records, maps, and other information, acquired during watershed analysis pursuant to the forests and fish report under RCW 76.09.370, that identify the location of archaeological sites, historic sites, artifacts, or the sites of traditional religious, ceremonial, or social uses and activities of affected Indian tribes, are exempt from

disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW in order to prevent the looting or depredation of such sites.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
SGOA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2688-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Fromhold, Conway, Lovick, Kenney, Quall, Simpson, Ormsby, Moeller, and Ericks; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy)

Addressing the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 1.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises provisions pertaining to the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system plan 1.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
  - Jan 26 Executive session in committee.  
APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.
  - Jan 30 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
  - Feb 6 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.
  - Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
  - Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 78; nays, 19; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
  - Feb 24 Executive session in committee.
  - Feb 27 WM - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
  - Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
  - Mar 7 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
  - Mar 8 Third reading, passed; yeas, 34; nays, 6; absent, 3; excused, 6.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- House concurred in Senate amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 75; nays, 23; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
Speaker signed.
- IN THE SENATE --
- President signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
- Delivered to Governor.
  - Mar 30 Governor partially vetoed.  
Chapter 350, 2006 Laws PV.  
Effective date 7/1/2006.

**HB 2723-S** by House Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Tom, Lantz, Priest, Clibborn, Shabro, Hunter, and Green)

Changing the seller's real estate disclosure of proximity to farming.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Amends RCW 64.06.022 relating to a seller's real estate disclosure of proximity to farming.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
EDAT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 10 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 13 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.
- Feb 22 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Feb 23 FHC - Majority; do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 24 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 1 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Mar 3 Speaker signed.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 4 President signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
- Mar 6 Delivered to Governor.
- Mar 15 Governor signed.  
Chapter 77, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 6/7/2006.

**HB 2758-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericks, Orcutt, Clibborn, Kessler, Nixon, Sells, McDonald, Williams, P. Sullivan, Roach, McCoy, Woods, Talcott, Haler, Simpson, Sump, Springer, Rodne, Condotta, Serben, Kristiansen, Ahern, Kretz, Linville, Tom, Armstrong, and McCune)

Providing a business and occupation tax credit for syrup taxes paid by a business.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a business and occupation tax credit for syrup taxes paid by a business.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.

- Feb 3 FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.

**HB 2815-S** by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Jarrett, Springer, and Lantz; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development)

Clarifying the best available science requirements to protect critical areas.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/06)

Clarifies the best available science requirements to protect critical areas.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 3 Referred to Appropriations.
- Feb 4 Public hearing, executive action taken, and executive action taken in committee.  
APP - Executive action taken by committee.  
APP - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Local Government.  
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 57; nays, 41; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 24 GO - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
Minority; do not pass.  
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

**HB 2820-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Santos, Hinkle, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Chase, Holmquist, Upthegrove, and McDonald)

Providing business and occupation tax relief for businesses impacted by light rail construction.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, in computing tax there may be deducted from the measure of tax amounts received by a business that is located on a parcel of real property any portion of which is less than five hundred feet from the right of way

of Martin Luther King Jr. Way between McClellan Street and Boeing Access Road. As used in this act, "parcel of real property" has the meaning given in RCW 84.04.130.

Provides that an amount equal to the total of deductions claimed under this act in the previous month shall be deducted from the amount to be distributed under RCW 81.104.170 to a regional transit authority and deposited to the state general fund.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 2880-S** by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representative McIntire; by request of Department of Revenue)

Clarifying the taxation of insurers.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Finds that exempting insurers from excise taxes on the purchase or sale of services is inequitable and results from the inadvertent failure to revise insurance premiums tax statutes to be consistent with other excise tax statutes.

Declares an intent to require insurers to pay retail sales and use taxes on purchases of both tangible personal property or services, on the same terms as other taxpayers. This act is intended to apply both prospectively and retrospectively.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 18 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 25 Executive session in committee.  
FIN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.
- Jan 30 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 4 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Mar 6 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 63; nays, 35; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
Vote on third reading will be reconsidered.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 55; nays, 43; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 7 Rules suspended.  
Placed on second reading.
- Mar 8 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 40; nays, 7; absent, 1; excused, 1.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Speaker signed.
- IN THE SENATE --
- President signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
- Delivered to Governor.
- Mar 28 Governor signed.

Chapter 278, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 3/28/2006.

**HB 2898-S** by House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt and Williams)

Regulating distribution of communications by state employees.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that nothing in chapter 42.52 RCW prohibits a state employee from distributing communications from an employee organization or charitable organization to other state employees if the communications do not support or oppose a ballot proposition or candidate for federal, state, or local public office.

Declares that nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize any lobbying activity with public funds beyond the activity permitted by RCW 42.17.190.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
SGOA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 10 Placed on second reading.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 24 GO - Majority; do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 28 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 1 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 39; nays, 7; absent, 0; excused, 3.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Mar 3 Speaker signed.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 4 President signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
- Mar 6 Delivered to Governor.
- Mar 24 Governor signed.  
Chapter 217, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 6/7/2006.

**HB 2917-S** by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives P.

Sullivan, Kristiansen, Simpson, Linville, Blake, and Ericks; by request of Department of Agriculture)

Identifying accessory uses on agricultural lands. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Regarding accessory uses on agricultural lands.)

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Amends RCW 36.70A.177 relating to accessory uses on agricultural lands.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 8 Placed on second reading.  
 Feb 10 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 13 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.  
 Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 21 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 22 ARED - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Mar 2 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 3 Committee amendment adopted as amended.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 45; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Mar 6 House concurred in Senate amendments.  
 Passed final passage; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
 Speaker signed.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --  
 President signed.  
 -- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --  
 Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.  
 Mar 20 Governor signed.  
 Chapter 147, 2006 Laws.  
 Effective date 6/7/2006.

**HB 2933-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives P. Sullivan, Curtis, Simpson, Conway, Hinkle, Kenney, Williams, Ericks, Sells, Rodne, McDonald, Kilmer, and Green; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board)

Addressing death benefit payments for law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system, plan 2.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Addresses death benefit payments for law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system, plan 2.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.  
 Jan 31 Executive session in committee.  
 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --  
 Feb 13 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.  
 Feb 21 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 22 WM - Majority; do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 7 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Speaker signed.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --  
 Mar 8 President signed.  
 -- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --  
 Delivered to Governor.  
 Mar 30 Governor signed.  
 Chapter 351, 2006 Laws.  
 Effective date 6/7/2006.

**HB 2942-S** by House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Curtis, Morrell, Campbell, Cody, Green, Clibborn, Kessler, Serben, Rodne, Moeller, McCune, and Hasegawa)

Concerning contracts of health care providers.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/06)

Adds a new section to chapter 48.30 RCW relating to health care provider contracts.

Provides that whenever a health carrier's share of a local market for health plans within this state meets or exceeds forty percent as determined by the commissioner, the carrier may not directly, or indirectly through a subcontracted network, terminate a provider contract except for reasonable cause within that local market.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
 HC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading.  
 Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

- Third reading, passed; yeas, 73; nays, 25; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.
- HB 2943-S** by House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Curtis, Morrell, Campbell, Green, Clibborn, Kessler, Serben, Rodne, Roach, Moeller, Buri, Pearson, McCune, Appleton, Kenney, Hasegawa, and Dunn)  
Modifying health care provider contract requirements.  
(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/06)  
Revises health care provider contract requirements.  
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
HC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 73; nays, 22; absent, 0; excused, 3.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 24 HEA - Majority; do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 27 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.
- HB 2970-S** by House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Haler, McIntire, Darneille, Hasegawa, Walsh, Clibborn, Cody, Hunt, Santos, Kessler, Appleton, Kenney, Roberts, P. Sullivan, Moeller, Schual-Berke, Springer, Simpson, and Hudgins)  
Preserving the WorkFirst child safety net program.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Requires the department to exempt a recipient's family from application of this act by providing child safety net payments to maintain housing, basic utilities, and other verified needs of children in a recipient's family if the recipient or another adult in the recipient's family is in sanction status. The child safety net payment shall not be less than sixty percent of the assistance unit's regular monthly grant, and shall be sent to a protective payee who shall pay only the family's verified rent and utility costs
- with the child safety net payment. Any remaining amount shall be used only to pay for children's expenses, such as clothing, food, diapers, toiletries, school supplies, or other school-related costs.  
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
CFS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 3 Referred to Appropriations.
- HB 3010-S** by House Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Moeller, Newhouse, and Flannigan)  
Regarding the safety of milk and dairy products.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Finds that chapter 15.36 RCW includes the regulation of raw milk and raw milk products including arrangements known as "cow shares" in which one or more individuals purchase one or more shares in a milk-producing animal in return for a portion of the milk that is produced.  
Finds that the agencies charged with protecting public health and safety need to have strong enforcement mechanisms and be able to respond rapidly, comprehensively, and effectively. It is not the intent of this act to prohibit either the sale of raw milk or cow share or similar arrangements by producers and processors who are properly licensed under chapter 15.36 RCW.  
Declares that it is unlawful for any person to sell raw milk from a dairy farm that is not licensed as a milk producer or a milk processing plant under chapter 15.36 RCW.  
Declares that the sale of raw milk from a dairy farm that is not licensed as a milk producer and a milk processing plant under this act constitutes: (1) For the first offense, a gross misdemeanor; and  
(2) For the second and subsequent offenses, a class C felony punishable according to chapter 9A.20 RCW.  
Declares that neither the issuance of a cease and desist order nor payment of a civil penalty relieves the person so selling raw milk from criminal prosecution, but the remedy of a cease and desist order or civil penalty is in addition to any criminal liability.  
Requires the department of agriculture to convene a work group to research, discuss, and make recommendations for establishment of a "microdairy" licensing category.  
Requires the department and members of the work group to report their findings and recommendations to the appropriate house of representatives and senate standing committees by September 2006.  
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
EDAT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

**HB 3070-S** by House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Hasegawa, Chase, and Santos)

Increasing nonprofit housing development capacity.

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent to establish policies and provide incentives that will increase the number of nonprofit housing developers that create affordable housing opportunities for low-income and indigent households, and which will simultaneously increase the ability of existing nonprofit housing developers to expand housing development programs and to sustain the resulting affordable housing units over the long term.

Amends RCW 43.180.160 to increase the total amount of outstanding indebtedness of the commission to four billion dollars at any time.

Authorizes the commission to establish a multiunit residential building construction liability revolving fund program to provide supplemental funding for liability claims arising from the construction or rehabilitation of condominium or other multiunit residential buildings, as defined in RCW 64.55.010, which are owned or controlled by nonprofit corporations, as defined in RCW 43.180.300.

Authorizes the commission to establish a special account to be known as the multiunit residential building construction liability account, separate and apart from other funds and accounts of the commission, to fund the revolving fund program. The commission will participate in the capitalization of the account with a one-time transfer of one million dollars of commission funds. All receipts from appropriations and transfers made in accordance with this act, as well as premiums collected by the commission and awards received by the commission with respect to projects, shall be deposited into this account. The commission shall invest in the account in a prudent manner for the purposes of the revolving fund program.

Directs the state treasurer to transfer from the housing trust fund account into the multiunit residential building construction liability account up to one million dollars of the funds appropriated for the development of a self-insurance risk pool for nonprofit housing developers. Upon transfer of such funds the department of community, trade, and economic development's responsibility to create a similar revolving fund ends.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
 HOUS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Feb 3 Referred to Capital Budget.  
 Feb 6 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.  
 CB - Executive action taken by committee.  
 CB - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Feb 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 13 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Feb 22 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

**HB 3109-S** by House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Morrell, and O'Brien; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Addressing government performance and accountability.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/06)

Finds that: (1) An independent citizen advisory board is necessary to ensure that government services, customer satisfaction, program efficiency, and management systems are world class in performance. A citizen advisory board will ensure that efforts to improve performance are coordinated across state government and prioritized to prevent duplication of effort and achieve the highest value for taxpayer dollars; and

(2) Essential tools for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of government include fair, independent, and professional performance audits of state agencies, performance reviews, a performance-based budgeting process, and quality assessments.

Declares that the role of the citizen advisory board is to advise the governor on: (1) Improving state government efficiency and effectiveness, including best practices from public and private sectors;

(2) Ensuring that efforts to improve performance are coordinated and prioritized across state government to achieve the highest value for taxpayer dollars;

(3) Increasing the accountability of state government through effective communication to citizens;

(4) Ensuring that performance improvement efforts by state agencies, the state auditor, and the legislature are fair, independent, and professional; and

(5) Engaging citizens to assist in identifying priorities.  
 Repeals RCW 43.09.440, 43.09.445, and 43.88.162.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
 SGOA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading suspension calendar.  
 Feb 11 Committee recommendations adopted and the 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Placed on third reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --  
 Feb 14 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.  
 Feb 22 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.  
 Feb 24 GO - Majority; do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 And refer to Ways & Means.  
 Referred to Ways & Means.  
 Mar 8 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.

**HB 3178-S** by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives

Murray and Woods; by request of Department of Transportation)

Concerning collective bargaining by state ferry employees.  
(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises provisions concerning collective bargaining by state ferry employees.

Repeals RCW 47.64.180, 47.64.190, and 47.64.240.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

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

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 3 Public hearing in committee.

Referred to Transportation.

Feb 6 Executive session in committee.

TR - Executive action taken by committee.

TR - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Technology, Energy & Communications.

Minority; do not pass.

Feb 7 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 0.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 22 Executive session in committee.

Feb 24 TRAN - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 27 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 2 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Mar 4 House concurred in Senate amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 94; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3.

Mar 6 Speaker signed.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 7 President signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --

Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.

Mar 21 Governor signed.  
Chapter 164, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 3/21/2006\*.

**HB 3182-S** by House Committee on Children & Family Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew and Santos)

Concerning tribal foster care licensing.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Recognizes the ability of the Indian tribes within the state to enter into agreements with the state to license agencies located on or near the federally recognized Indian reservation to receive children for control, care, and maintenance outside their own homes, or to place, receive, arrange the placement of, or assist in the placement of children for foster care.

Authorizes the department to enter into written agreements with Indian tribes within the state to define the terms under which the tribe may license agencies.

Provides that the department and its employees are immune from civil liability for damages arising from the conduct of agencies licensed by a tribe.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

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

Feb 3 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 7 Placed on second reading.

Feb 9 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 11 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 23 Executive session in committee.

Feb 24 HSC - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 28 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

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

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Mar 4 House concurred in Senate amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 96; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.

Mar 6 Speaker signed.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 7 President signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --

Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.

Mar 17 Governor signed.  
Chapter 90, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 6/7/2006.

**HB 3306** by Representatives Orcutt, Roach, Curtis, Shabro, Hinkle, Nixon, McDonald, Ahern, Ericksen, Kretz, Schindler, Walsh, Woods, Cox, Bailey, McCune, Alexander, Clements, Haler, Sump, Strow, Dunn, Armstrong, and Serben

Reinstating the Washington state pick-up credit for federal estate and transfer taxes.

Declares that a tax in an amount equal to the federal credit is imposed on every transfer of property of a resident.

Provides that if the transfer is subject to a similar tax imposed by another state for which the federal credit is allowed, and if the tax imposed by the other state is not qualified by a reciprocal provision allowing the transfer to be taxed only in this state, the amount of the tax due under this act shall be credited with the lesser of: (1) The amount of the death tax paid the other state and credited against the federal tax; or

(2) An amount computed by multiplying the federal credit by a fraction, the numerator of which is the value of the property subject to the tax imposed by the other state, and the denominator of which is the value of the decedent's gross estate.

Provides that a tax in an amount equal to the federal credit is imposed on every generation-skipping transfer, if real or tangible personal property subject to the federal tax is located in this state or if the trust has its principal place of administration in this state at the time of the generation-skipping transfer.

Provides that if the generation-skipping transfer is subject to a similar tax imposed by another state for which the federal credit is allowed, the amount of the tax due under this act shall be credited with the lesser of: (1) The amount of the tax paid to the other state and credited against the federal tax; or

(2) An amount computed by multiplying the federal credit by a fraction, the numerator of which is the value of the property subject to the generation-skipping transfer tax imposed by the other state, and the denominator of which is the value of all property subject to the federal tax.

Repeals RCW 83.100.046, 83.100.047, and 83.100.095, and 2005 c 516 s 1 (uncodified).

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 First reading, referred to Finance.

**HB 3307** by Representatives P. Sullivan, Pettigrew, Simpson, B. Sullivan, Williams, and Strow

Creating certified capital companies to promote investment in start-up and emerging businesses.

Creates certified capital companies to promote investment in start-up and emerging businesses.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

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### Senate Bills

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**SB 5005-S2** by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored

by Senators Jacobsen, Oke, Kline, Parlette, Fraser, and Shin)

Supporting nature-based tourism.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that there is general agreement among the hospitality industry, tourism interests, local governments, and watchable wildlife organizations that owners of working farms, woodlands, and rural open space lands provide a significant portion of the key areas for the wildlife which in turn attract the nature-based tourists.

Declares that, while tourism promotion interests seek to provide incentives to these landowners to maintain these key areas in a manner that benefits wildlife, and to assist them in managing the tourists that seek to appreciate this wildlife, there is a need to create options for local governments seeking to provide monetary incentives to these landowners.

Declares it is the purpose of this act to provide local governments, at their option, an additional source of lodging tax revenue that may be used to provide monetary incentives to landowners who agree to undertake activities that promote nature-based tourism.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in committee.

Jan 27 Executive session in committee.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
NROR - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 3 Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 7 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 8 Referred to Rules.

**SB 5590-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Fairley and Delvin)

Dissolving joint housing authorities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes procedures for dissolving joint housing authorities.

-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in committee.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 2 Executive session in committee.

Feb 3 FHC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 5844-S** by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senator McAuliffe)

Concerning self-service storage facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relating to self-service storage units.

## -- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Public hearing, executive action taken, and executive action taken in committee.  
 Feb 3 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 9 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 8 Referred to Rules.

**SB 6134-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Kline, Weinstein, and Poulsen)

Concerning remedies for improper challenges to a voter's registration.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the canvassing board to issue notice of a class 1 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW to any person challenging the registration of another if the canvassing board determines that the challenger: (1) Failed to exercise reasonable diligence in determining the accuracy of the allegations on which the challenge is based;

(2) Failed to base the challenge on his or her personal knowledge;

(3) Who in issuing the challenge, primarily considered the voter's political belief, political activity, or any characteristic protected by the law against discrimination under chapter 49.60 RCW; or

(4) Issued a challenge in bad faith or in an effort to intimidate, harass, or otherwise deter a properly registered voter from voting.

## -- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 12 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
 Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 23 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6144-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Benton, Carrell, Regala, Benson, and Pflug)

Changing registration requirements for sex offenders coming from outside the state who establish or reestablish Washington residency.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Amends RCW 9A.44.130 to clarify the effect of retroactive registration requirements on sex offenders

convicted in Washington who leave and then return to the state.

## -- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 19 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 7 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 9 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1.

## -- IN THE HOUSE --

- Feb 11 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.  
 Feb 17 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.  
 CJC - Executive action taken by committee.  
 CJC - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
 Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 28 Placed on second reading suspension calendar.  
 Mar 1 Committee recommendations adopted and the bill amended.  
 Placed on third reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

## -- IN THE SENATE --

- Mar 6 Senate refuses to concur in House amendments. Asks House to recede from amendments.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Mar 7 House receded from amendments.  
 Passed final passage; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --  
 Mar 8 President signed.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Speaker signed.

## -- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --

- Delivered to Governor.  
 Mar 20 Governor signed.  
 Chapter 127, 2006 Laws.  
 Effective date 9/1/2006.

**SB 6164-S** by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Oke, and Rockefeller)  
 Regulating fire-safe cigarettes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the state director of fire protection to determine for each variety of cigarette sold or proposed for sale in this state whether that variety of cigarette is fire safe.

Provides that a person may not distribute or offer to sell a cigarette within this state unless the cigarette is of a

variety the state director of fire protection has listed as fire safe under this act. This provision does not apply to distribution of, or an offer to sell, cigarettes exempted from state taxation.

Provides that a cigarette package or carton may not bear markings, stickers, labeling, or other devices identifying cigarettes contained in the package or carton as fire-safe cigarettes unless the cigarettes are of a variety the state director of fire protection has listed as fire safe under this act.

Authorizes the state director of fire protection to impose a civil penalty for a violation of this act. The civil penalty may not exceed: (1) For a person who distributes or offers to sell cigarettes to a wholesaler or retailer, ten thousand dollars or five times the value of the cigarettes involved in the violation, whichever is greater; or

(2) For a person who distributes or offers to sell cigarettes to the public: (a) For a distribution or offer of not more than one thousand cigarettes, five hundred dollars; and (b) for a distribution or offer of more than one thousand cigarettes, one thousand dollars or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved in the violation, whichever is greater.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.

**SB 6165-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Zarelli, McAuliffe, Esser, Doumit, Schmidt, Kohl-Welles, Benson, Keiser, Roach, Fairley, Weinstein, Rockefeller, Rasmussen, Franklin, Brown, and Kline)

Providing collective bargaining for family child care providers.

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Improves access to and the stability of quality child care through providing collective bargaining and other representation rights for family child care providers and licensees.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 7 Executive session in committee.  
WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6172-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Hargrove, Thibaudeau, Shin, Weinstein, Rockefeller, Keiser, Regala, Eide, Rasmussen, and Benton)

Increasing penalties for specified sex offenses.

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Enhances sex offender provisions.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 19 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 7 Executive session in committee.  
WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 9 2nd substitute bill substituted.
- Feb 17 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 25 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.

**SB 6185-S** by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Kline, and Poulsen)

Modifying the family and medical leave act.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that an employee is entitled to a total of twelve workweeks of leave during any twelve-month period for one or more of the following: (1) Because of the birth of a child of the employee and in order to care for the child;

(2) Because of the placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care;

(3) In order to care for a family member of the employee, if the family member has a serious health condition; or

(4) Because of a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of the position of the employee.

Provides that the entitlement to leave for the birth or placement of a child expires at the end of the twelve-month period beginning on the date of such birth or placement.

Declares that any employee who takes leave under this act for the intended purpose of the leave is entitled, on return from the leave: (1) To be restored by the employer to the position of employment held by the employee when the leave commenced; or

(2) To be restored to an equivalent position with equivalent employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment at a workplace within twenty miles of the employee's workplace when leave commenced.

Declares that it is unlawful for any employer to: (1) Interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right provided under this act; or

(2) Discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any individual for opposing any practice made unlawful by this act.

Provides that an employer who is found, in accordance with this act, to have violated a requirement of chapter 49.78 RCW and the rules adopted under this chapter, is subject to a civil penalty of not less than one thousand dollars for each violation. Civil penalties must be collected by the department and deposited into the family and medical leave enforcement account.

Repeals provisions of chapter 49.78 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 12 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 7 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 8 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 37; nays, 12; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Feb 10 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.  
 Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 22 Executive session in committee.  
 CL - Executive action taken by committee.  
 CL - Majority; do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 1 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 54; nays, 44; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --  
 Mar 3 President signed.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Speaker signed.  
 -- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --  
 Mar 4 Delivered to Governor.  
 Mar 15 Governor signed.  
 Chapter 59, 2006 Laws.  
 Effective date 6/7/2006.

**SB 6211-S** by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and Rasmussen)

Creating the timber land revitalization board.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to provide greater state financial assistance to revitalize and maintain forest lands in the state, through creation of a funding board to make grants on a competitive basis that support protection of the forest land

base and that assist in developing innovative strategies for supporting economically and environmentally healthy forests and forest-dependent communities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 And refer to Ways & Means.  
 Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6308-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Stevens, Regala, Schoesler, Schmidt, Oke, and Rasmussen)

Creating a joint select committee on offenders programs, sentencing, and supervision. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Creating a joint legislative task force on offenders programs, sentencing, and supervision.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Recognizes that "good time" should be productive time, especially for those incarcerated in Washington's criminal justice facilities.

Finds that it is important to the safety of the public and to rehabilitation of offenders that changes be considered to other programs offered in prisons and in the community.

Finds that reforms to sentencing and supervision of offenders returning to the community may enhance public safety, lower recidivism, and reduce crime and victimization. Therefore, the legislature intends to create a joint legislative task force on offenders programs, sentencing, and supervision to provide findings and recommendations for the 2007 legislative session.

Requires the joint legislative task force to present a report of its findings and recommendations to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature, including any proposed legislation, by November 15, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 7 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
 Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 4.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Feb 14 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.  
 Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.  
 CJC - Executive action taken by committee.  
 CJC - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).

Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Mar 1 Placed on second reading.  
 Mar 2 Committee amendment adopted as amended.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --  
 Mar 4 Senate concurred in House amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 42; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 6.  
 Mar 7 President signed.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Speaker signed.  
 -- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --  
 Mar 8 Delivered to Governor.  
 Mar 28 Governor signed.  
 Chapter 267, 2006 Laws.  
 Effective date 6/7/2006.

**SB 6331-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell and Stevens)

Changing provisions relating to child welfare.  
 (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that upon receiving a report of alleged abuse or neglect, the department shall: (1) Make reasonable efforts to learn the name, address, and telephone number of each person making a report of abuse or neglect under this act. The department shall provide assurances of appropriate confidentiality of the identification of persons reporting under this act. If the department is unable to learn the information required under this provision, the department shall only investigate cases in which: (a) The department believes there is a serious threat of substantial harm to the child; (b) the report indicates conduct involving a criminal offense that has, or is about to occur, in which the child is the victim; or (c) the department has a prior founded report of abuse or neglect that is within three years of receipt of the referral;

(2) Unless the report is screened-out or being investigated by a law enforcement agency, conduct an investigation within time frames established by the department in rule; and

(3) Make a finding that the report of child abuse or neglect is unfounded, founded, or inconclusive at the completion of the investigation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 9 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 8 Referred to Rules.

**SB 6365-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Jacobsen, Fraser, and Shin; by request of Department of Agriculture)

Changing fees in the weights and measures program.  
 (DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises the registration fees for weighing and measuring devices.

Provides that the director of the department of agriculture or the director's designee shall convene its weights and measures advisory committee on a quarterly basis to monitor implementation of this act. The department and the advisory committee shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2006, if they have any recommended changes to the implementation of the weights and measures program.

Requires the department of agriculture to provide a report to appropriate committees of the legislature on the status of the weights and measures program by December 15, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 19 Public hearing in committee.  
 Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.  
 Jan 31 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 38; nays, 9; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Feb 14 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.  
 Feb 17 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 22 Executive session in committee.  
 EDAT - Executive action taken by committee.  
 Feb 23 EDAT - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 1 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments and floor amendment (s) also adopted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
 -- IN THE SENATE --  
 Mar 7 Senate concurred in House amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 41; nays, 7; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
 Mar 8 President signed.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Speaker signed.

**-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --**

Delivered to Governor.  
 Mar 30 Governor signed.  
 Chapter 358, 2006 Laws.  
 Effective date 7/1/2006\*.

**SB 6398-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

Creating penalties for violation of peak commute period travel restrictions on size, weight, and load vehicle permits.

**(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)**

Provides that, except as provided in rules adopted by the department, no vehicle required to have a special permit under chapter 46.44 RCW is allowed on public highways in urban areas during peak commute periods.

Provides that in addition to the penalties imposed in this act, any person in violation of any peak commute period travel restrictions, adopted by rule by the department, on a permit issued under this act shall be assessed a penalty of one thousand dollars.

Provides that, in addition to the penalties imposed in this act, any person who fails to obtain a required permit that includes peak commute period travel restrictions, adopted by rule by the department, and travels on a state highway in violation of any peak commute period travel restrictions shall be assessed a penalty of one thousand dollars.

**-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --**

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 6 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 7 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6420-S** by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Schmidt, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, McAuliffe, and Shin)

Regarding community and technical college part-time academic employee health benefits.

**(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)**

Declares an intent to provide for continuous health care eligibility for part-time academic employees based on averaging workload gained during the preceding academic year.

**-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 16 Public hearing in committee.  
 Jan 31 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 And refer to Ways & Means.  
 Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6423-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Kastama)

Modifying absentee or provisional ballot notice requirements.

**(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)**

Revises absentee or provisional ballot notice requirements.

**-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 24 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 23 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6433-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Jacobsen, Poulsen, Pridemore, Rockefeller, Shin, Haugen, Rasmussen, Keiser, Regala, Thibaudeau, Franklin, McAuliffe, and Kohl-Welles)

Establishing the emergency management, preparedness, and assistance account.

**(NOT SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE ORIGINAL BILL)**

Declares that recognizing that all disasters are local disasters, the legislature therefore intends to strengthen local emergency response, mitigation, preparation, and coordination by establishing a stable source of funding with the intent that Washington state become the nationally recognized leader in emergency management. The funding will be dedicated to the development and coordination of local government emergency management programs by encouraging joint training, citizen and industry involvement, public education, and relationship building among local and state emergency management officials.

Provides that, in order to provide funds for emergency management, preparedness, and assistance, an annual surcharge of two dollars per policy must be imposed on every homeowner's, mobile homeowner's, tenant homeowner's, and condominium unit owner's insurance policy, and an annual four-dollar surcharge shall be imposed on every commercial fire, commercial multiple peril, and business owner's property insurance policy, issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this act.

Provides that, beginning in January 2008 and biennially thereafter, the department must conduct in conjunction with the emergency management council a strategic assessment of, and issue a report on, the ability of state, local, and tribal emergency management organizations to effectively provide for all phases of comprehensive emergency management.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to study and review the performance of programs implemented under this act.

Requires the committee to provide a final report on this review by December 2008.

Requires the department to submit a report quarterly to the office of financial management and the legislative fiscal committees detailing information on the emergency management, preparedness, and assistance account, including: The amount and type of deposits into the account; the current available fund balance as of the reporting date; and the projected fund balance at the end of the biennium based on current revenue and expenditure patterns.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to study and review the performance of programs implemented under this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 19 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 And refer to Ways & Means.  
 Referred to Ways & Means.  
 Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 7 Executive session in committee.  
 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Minority; without recommendation.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 11 2nd substitute bill not substituted.  
 Feb 22 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.  
 Feb 25 Public hearing in committee.

**SB 6494-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Rasmussen, Esser, Keiser, Poulsen, and Oke)

Changing the required seller's real estate disclosure of proximity to farming.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a seller of real property shall make available to the buyer the following statement: "This notice is to inform you that the real property your are considering for purchase may lie in close proximity to a farm. The operation of a farm involves the usual and customary agricultural practices, which are protected under RCW 7.48.305, the Washington right to farm act."

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.  
 Feb 3 FHC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 9 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
 Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Mar 8 Referred to Rules.

**SB 6502-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Kohl-Welles, Weinstein, Kline, McCaslin, Benton, and Rasmussen)

Creating a statewide automated victim information and notification system.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/09/06)

Creates a statewide automated victim information and notification system.

Finds that notifying victims of crime when their offender is released from incarceration, transferred, or

served with a protective order is vital to enhancing the safety and mental well-being of a victim. In recognition of the victim's needs, some Washington state local governments have implemented a victim notification system. However, only a few local governments have implemented these systems which are presently not connected to an interoperable statewide system.

Declares it is the intent of this act to provide victims throughout our state with the knowledge they need to secure their physical and mental well-being.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 On motion, referred to Ways & Means.  
 Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 7 Executive session in committee.  
 WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Human Services & Corrections.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 9 1st substitute bill substituted.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 2.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Feb 11 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.  
 Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 23 Executive session in committee.  
 CJC - Executive action taken by committee.  
 CJC - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
 Minority; do not pass.  
 Feb 24 Referred to Appropriations.  
 Feb 25 Public hearing in committee.  
 Mar 8 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

**SB 6509-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senator Kastama)

Modifying the cancellation process for public contracts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises the cancellation process for public contracts.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6526-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen,

Mulliken, Berkey, Oke, Weinstein, Poulsen, and Eide; by request of Department of Transportation)

Authorizing the use of automated traffic safety cameras in state roadway construction zones.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the use of automated traffic safety cameras in state highway work zones.

Provides that the fine issued for state roadway construction zone infractions must be one hundred thirty-seven dollars.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6542-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Mulliken, Rasmussen, Schoesler, Sheldon, Morton, Shin, Delvin, and Honeyford)

Exempting farming services from tax.

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Exempts farming services from business and occupation tax.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Jan 31 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. And refer to Ways & Means. Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 16 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 17 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Rules suspended. Placed on second reading.
- Feb 20 2nd substitute bill substituted.
- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.

**SB 6579-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Eide, Weinstein, Schmidt, Berkey, Rasmussen, Franklin, Keiser, and Shin)

Requiring parents be notified when a juvenile is taken into custody.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/13/06)

Finds that parents have a fundamental interest in knowing if their child has been taken into police custody for questioning and where their child is being held.

Requires that when a law enforcement officer takes a juvenile into custody, a reasonable attempt must be made to notify a parent, guardian, or custodian that the juvenile is in custody and where the juvenile is being held.

Establishes a joint task force on the interrogation of juveniles in custody.

Requires the task force to review the statewide practices, protocols, and policies on the interrogation of juveniles in the custody of law enforcement as well as the laws of other states regarding custodial interrogation of juveniles.

Requires the chairs of the task force to report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the work of the task force not later than January 1, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 3. -- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.
- Feb 17 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 22 Executive session in committee. JJFL - Executive action taken by committee. JJFL - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

**SB 6580-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Schmidt, Weinstein, Carrell, Berkey, Rasmussen, Oke, and Shin)

Creating work groups to evaluate issues relating to juvenile sex offenders and kidnapping offenders in schools.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the office of the superintendent of public instruction to convene a work group to develop a model policy for schools to follow when they receive notification pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130.

Requires the Washington coalition of sexual assault programs, in consultation with the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction, to develop educational materials to be made available throughout the state to inform parents and other interested community members about: (1) The laws related to sex offenses, including registration, community notification and the classification of sex offenders based on an assessment of the risk of reoffending;

(2) How to recognize behaviors characteristic of sex offenses and sex offenders;

(3) How to prevent victimization, particularly that of young children;

(4) How to take advantage of community resources for victims of sexual assault; and

(5) Other information as deemed appropriate.

Directs the office of the superintendent of public instruction to submit to appropriate committees of the legislature a final report and recommendations by November 15, 2006.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
 Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
 Feb 9 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 11 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.  
 Feb 17 Public hearing in committee.  
 Feb 22 Executive session in committee.  
 JJFL - Executive action taken by committee.  
 JJFL - Majority; do pass.  
 Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
 Feb 27 Placed on second reading suspension calendar.  
 Feb 28 Committee recommendations adopted.  
 Placed on third reading.  
 Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

-- IN THE SENATE --

Mar 6 President signed.  
 -- IN THE HOUSE --  
 Speaker signed.

-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --

Mar 7 Delivered to Governor.  
 Mar 20 Governor signed.  
 Chapter 135, 2006 Laws.  
 Effective date 6/7/2006\*\*.

**SB 6587-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Regala, Keiser, Deccio, Thibaudeau, Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, and Kline)

Creating an office of mental health ombudsman.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that in order to comply with the community mental health services act, chapter 71.24 RCW, and the medicaid managed care mental health waiver, and to effectively assist persons with mental illness and consumers of mental health services in the assertion of their civil and human rights, and to improve the quality of services available and promote the rehabilitation, recovery,

and reintegration of these persons, an independent mental health ombudsman program should be instituted.

Creates the office of the state mental health ombudsman.

Provides that mental health ombudsmen shall act in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the office, and shall have the following authority and duties: (1) Offer and provide services to assist mental health consumers and their representatives in order to assist in protecting the health, safety, welfare, and rights of mental health consumers;

(2) Offer and provide information as appropriate to mental health consumers, family members of mental health consumers, guardians and other representatives, employees of mental health providers and facilities, and others regarding the rights of mental health consumers. Mental health ombudsmen shall have an outreach plan for reaching mental health consumers, which shall include regular visits to local mental health agencies, facilities, clubhouses, and other appropriate locations;

(3) Identify, investigate, and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of mental health consumers that relate to action, inaction, or decisions which: (a) May adversely affect the rehabilitation, recovery, reintegration, health, safety, welfare, or rights of mental health consumers; and (b) involve a mental health provider or facility; a regulatory, governmental, health, or social service agency; a guardian or other representative; a family member; or another mental health consumer, friend, or associate;

(4) Support and encourage mental health consumer participation in treatment planning, delivery, and complaint resolution, both on an individual basis and systemwide, and recruit and support the participation of family members, close friends, guardians, and other representatives in the consumer's treatment and complaint resolution, unless the mental health consumer expressly objects to such participation;

(5) Represent the interests of mental health consumers before governmental agencies, and seek administrative, legal, and other remedies to protect the health, safety, welfare, and rights of mental health consumers; and

(6) Perform other duties assigned by the office or its subcontractors, consistent with the purposes of this act.

Requires the office to provide the legislature with an annual report that includes: (1) An identification of the demographic status of those served by the mental health ombudsman program;

(2) A description of the issues addressed during the past year and a brief description of case scenarios in a form that does not compromise confidentiality;

(3) An accounting of the monitoring activities by the mental health ombudsman program;

(4) An identification of the results of measurements of consumer satisfaction and other outcome measures;

(5) An identification of the numbers of certified volunteer mental health ombudsmen;

(6) An identification of deficiencies in the mental health service system and recommendations for remedial action in policy or practice;

(7) Recommendations for regulatory action by agencies that would improve the quality of service to individuals with mental illness; and

(8) Recommendations for legislative action that would result in improved services to individuals with mental illness.

Provides that it is unlawful to willfully interfere with a mental health ombudsman in the performance of his or her duties under this act.

Provides that no discriminatory, disciplinary, or retaliatory action may be taken against an employee of a mental health provider or facility, an employee of a jail or correctional facility, an employee of a public, health, or social service agency, or a mental health consumer or family member, for any communication made, or information given or disclosed, to aid a mental health ombudsman in carrying out his or her duties under this act. This prohibition does not apply to communications or false information provided maliciously or without good faith. This provision is not intended to infringe on the rights of the employer to supervise, discipline, or terminate an employee for permissible reasons.

Declares an intent that the state mental health ombudsman program make reasonable efforts to maintain and improve the current level and quality of mental health ombudsman services, taking into account the transition period from the current system of ombudsman programs within the regional support networks and state hospitals.

Declares an intent that federal medicaid requirements be complied with, and that the department of social and health services no longer provide mental health ombudsman services through the regional support networks effective July 1, 2007.

Repeals RCW 71.24.350.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6628-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Fairley, Regala, Thibaudeau, Keiser, Kline, McAuliffe, and Kohl-Welles)

Preserving the WorkFirst child safety net program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department to exempt a recipient's family from application of this act by providing child safety net payments to maintain housing, basic utilities, and other verified needs of children in a recipient's family if the recipient or another adult in the recipient's family is in sanction status. The child safety net payment shall not be less than sixty percent of the assistance unit's regular monthly grant.

The household shall be assigned a protective payee to pay the family's verified rent and utility costs. Once the basic needs of the household are met, the assigned protective payee shall hold the funds in an account to meet the future verified needs of the children rather than giving any remaining funds to the client.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 7 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.

WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Human Services & Corrections.

Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 9 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 8 Referred to Rules.

**SB 6635-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Benton, Zarelli, Stevens, Honeyford, and Rasmussen)

Changing provisions relating to adoption.

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the department to create standardized training to be provided to all department employees involved in the placement of a child to assure compliance with Title IV of the civil rights act of 1964 and the multiethnic placement act of 1994, as amended by the interethnic adoption provisions of the small business job protection act of 1996. Such training shall be open to agency employees.

Requires the department of health, in cooperation with the department of social and health services, to recommend a process for the efficient collection, compilation, and annual publication of adoption statistical data, including data regarding fees, costs, and expenses paid by adoptive families. In developing recommendations, the department of health and the department of social and health services shall consider current processes and requirements for adoption data collection and reporting. The department of health shall report to the legislature not later than October 1, 2006, regarding its recommendations.

Requires the department of social and health services to, in consultation with adoption advocates, representatives of adoption agencies, adoption attorneys, child-placing agencies, birth and adoptive parents and adapters, federally recognized tribes, and representatives of the superior court judges: (1) Review the fees associated with children adopted out of the foster care system who are dependents of the state of Washington. The review shall include a determination of whether fees or any other factors are barriers to adoptions of children out of the foster care system; and

(2) Study accreditation standards developed for adoption agencies, including the standards developed by the council on accreditation for children and family services. The department shall brief the legislature by January 1, 2007, on recommendations related to accreditation standards and reducing any barriers that may exist pertaining to the adoption of children who are dependents of the state of Washington.

Repeals RCW 26.33.410.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

- Feb 6 Executive session in committee.  
Feb 7 WM - Majority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 9 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
Feb 10 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, 44; nays, 4; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --  
Feb 16 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.  
Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 23 Executive session in committee. CFS - Executive action taken by committee. CFS - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Mar 1 Committee amendment adopted as amended. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
-- IN THE SENATE --  
Mar 7 Senate concurred in House amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.  
Mar 8 President signed.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --  
Speaker signed.  
-- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --  
Delivered to Governor.  
Mar 27 Governor signed. Chapter 248, 2006 Laws. Effective date 6/7/2006.
- SB 6646-S** by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Doumit, Parlette, Sheldon, Swecker, and Rasmussen)  
Regarding outdoor burning in areas of small towns and cities.  
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/13/06)  
Amends RCW 70.94.743 relating to outdoor burning in areas of small towns and cities.  
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --  
Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 2 Executive session in committee.  
Feb 3 WEE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 9 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 35; nays, 12; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --  
Feb 15 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.  
Feb 17 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 21 Executive session in committee. NREP - Executive action taken by committee. NREP - Majority; do pass. Minority; do not pass.  
Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Mar 8 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.
- SB 6652-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Kline, Fraser, Keiser, and McAuliffe)  
Protecting victims of human trafficking.  
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/06)  
Creates the Washington state task force against the trafficking of persons to provide Washington leaders the information needed to respond comprehensively and efficiently to the crime of human trafficking and to provide services to victims of human trafficking.  
Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.  
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --  
Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.  
Feb 1 Executive session in committee.  
Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. On motion, referred to Ways & Means.  
Feb 7 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee. WM - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Human Services & Corrections. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.  
Feb 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.  
Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.  
Mar 8 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 1.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --  
Returned to Senate Rules 3.

**SB 6654-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Kline; by request of Board For Judicial Administration)

Modifying photo enforcement of traffic infraction provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that infractions generated by the use of photo enforcement systems under this act shall be processed in the same manner as parking infractions, including for the purposes of RCW 3.46.120, 3.50.100, 35.20.220, 46.16.216, and 46.20.270(3).

Declares that the penalty for infractions issued under this act shall be forty dollars.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 11 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 23 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6682-S** by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Schmidt, McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Pflug, Weinstein, Rasmussen, Finkbeiner, and Poulsen)

Increasing the number of demonstration projects that may be authorized by the school district project review board.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases the number of demonstration projects that may be authorized by the school district project review board from sixteen to twenty-three.

Requires the school district project review board to prepare and issue a report reviewing the use of the alternative public works contracting procedures by school districts. The board shall report to the capital projects advisory review board created under RCW 39.10.810 at least thirty days before January 8, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6685-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Brandland, Delvin, Rasmussen, and McAuliffe)

Establishing a council on mentally ill offenders.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the goal of the council is to investigate and promote cost-effective approaches to meeting the

long-term needs of adults and juveniles with mental disorders who are likely to become offenders or who have a history of offending. The council shall: (1) Identify strategies for preventing adults and juveniles with mental health needs from becoming offenders;

(2) Identify strategies for improving the cost-effectiveness of services for adults and juveniles with mental health needs who have a history of offending; and

(3) Identify incentives to encourage state and local criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health programs to adopt cost-effective approaches for serving adults and juveniles with mental health needs who are likely to offend or who have a history of offending.

Directs the department of corrections to submit a biennium budget request in an amount of not less than two hundred thousand dollars in 2007 and each biennium budget request thereafter that the council on mentally ill offenders is operating and reporting as required to support the activities and work of the council.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the department of corrections for the purposes of funding the council on mentally ill offenders for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 2 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6687-S** by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser and Kline)

Strengthening provisions governing ORV noise.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that, as the population of Washington and the popularity of recreational off-road vehicle use have increased, a growing number of informal off-road vehicle tracks and riding areas have emerged in residential areas. Excessive noise generated by off-road vehicle use in such areas has affected the residents of nearby properties, impacting property values, health, and the ability of residents to enjoy peace and quiet in their homes and yards.

Finds that, despite their efforts, many of those who live in close proximity to informal off-road vehicle riding areas have been unable to prompt their local governments to address noise issues.

Declares an intent to strengthen provisions governing off-road vehicle noise and to provide tools and resources to state agencies, local government, and citizens, in order to better protect individuals from the effects of excessive off-road vehicle noise in residential areas.

Directs the interagency committee for outdoor recreation to convene a working group to develop and propose policy strategies and legislation to address issues relating to access to public and private lands for recreational off-road vehicle use.

Requires the working group to deliberate together in developing its recommendations. A report shall be issued by the working group and may contain majority reports and

minority reports. The reports shall be provided to the governor and legislature by December 1, 2007.

Provides that, if specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing section by section number and by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2006, each section not referenced is null and void.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 WEE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 7 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 10 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 23 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6749-S** by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Schmidt, and Rasmussen)

Establishing a foster parent critical support and retention program.

**(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)**

Establishes a foster parent critical support and retention program to retain foster parents who care for children who act out sexually, are physically assaultive, or have other high-risk behaviors. The foster parent critical support and retention program is to be implemented under the division of children and family services' contract and supervision. A contractor must demonstrate experience providing in-home case management to foster homes that are licensed through the division of children and family services.

Provides that, under the foster parent critical support and retention program, foster parents who care for sexually aggressive youth, physically assaultive children, or children with other high-risk behaviors shall receive: (1) Twenty-four/seven emergency assistance;

(2) Assessment of risk and development of a safety and supervision plan;

(3) Home-based foster parent training utilizing evidence-based models;

(4) Ongoing support groups; and

(5) Referral to community services.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the division of children and family services for direct services for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6776-S** by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by

Senators Finkbeiner, Poulsen, Weinstein, Esser, Rasmussen, Keiser, Oke, Kline, and Kohl-Welles)

Prohibiting the unauthorized sale of telephone records.

**(DIGEST AS ENACTED)**

Provides that a person is guilty of the unauthorized sale or procurement of telephone records if the person: (1) Intentionally sells the telephone record of any resident of this state without the authorization of the customer to whom the record pertains;

(2) By fraudulent, deceptive, or false means obtains the telephone record of any resident of this state to whom the record pertains;

(3) Knowingly purchases the telephone record of any resident of this state without the authorization of the customer to whom the record pertains; or

(4) Knowingly receives the telephone record of any resident of this state without the authorization of the customer to whom the record pertains.

Does not apply to: (1) Any action by a government agency, or any officer, employee, or agent of such agency, to obtain telephone records in connection with the performance of the official duties of the agency;

(2) A telecommunications company that obtains, uses, discloses, or permits access to any telephone record, either directly or indirectly through its agents, that is: (a) With the lawful consent of the customer or subscriber; (b) authorized by law; or (c) necessarily incident to the rendition of the service or to the protection of the rights or property of the provider of that service, or to protect users of those services and other carriers from fraudulent, abusive, or unlawful use of, or subscription to, such services.

Provides criminal penalties for violations of the act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Feb 3 WEE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 7 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 8 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

- Feb 10 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.
- Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 21 Executive session in committee.  
TEC - Executive action taken by committee.  
TEC - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 1 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 96; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 2.

- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 6 President signed.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Speaker signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
- Mar 7 Delivered to Governor.
- Mar 24 Governor signed.  
Chapter 193, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 6/7/2006.
- SB 6785-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Swecker, Haugen, and Benson; by request of Department of Transportation and Department of Licensing)
- Modifying the administration of fuel taxes.  
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/11/06)  
Revises the administration of fuel taxes.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 8 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 11 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 30; nays, 14; absent, 0; excused, 5.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 13 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 28 Executive session in committee.  
TR - Executive action taken by committee.  
TR - Majority; do pass with amendment (s).  
Minority; do not pass.
- Mar 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 8 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.
- SB 6786-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Benson, Kastama, Esser, Haugen, and Prentice)
- Clarifying the dissolution process for a voter-mandated dissolution of a city transportation authority.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Clarifies the dissolution process for a voter-mandated dissolution of a city transportation authority.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 6 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 7 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.

- SB 6802-S** by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by Senator Brown)
- Regarding air pollution control authority boards.  
(DIGEST AS ENACTED)  
Revises provisions relating to air pollution control authority boards.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 WEE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 7 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 9 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 13 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 36; nays, 5; absent, 0; excused, 8.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 14 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.  
LG - Executive action taken by committee.  
LG - Majority; do pass.
- Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 28 Placed on second reading suspension calendar.
- Mar 1 Committee recommendations adopted.  
Placed on third reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 6 President signed.
- IN THE HOUSE --
- Speaker signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --
- Mar 27 Governor signed.  
Chapter 227, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 6/7/2006.
- SB 6810-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Keiser)
- Concerning temporary management of boarding homes.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Provides that, when the department has summarily suspended a license, the licensee may, subject to the department's approval, elect to participate in a temporary management program. All provisions of this act apply. The purposes of a temporary management program are: (1) To

mitigate dislocation and transfer trauma of residents while the department and licensee pursue dispute resolution or appeal of a summary suspension of license;

(2) To facilitate the continuity of safe and appropriate resident care and services;

(3) To preserve a residential option that either meets a specialized service need or is in a geographical area that has a lack of available providers, or both; and

(4) To provide residents with the opportunity for orderly discharge.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 2 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.

**SB 6821-S** by Senate Committee on Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Schmidt, Weinstein, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Benton, Delvin, Rasmussen, and Franklin)

Creating a work group to explore the creation of college and career readiness centers.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/14/06)

Provides that, to the extent funds are appropriated, the office of the superintendent of public instruction in conjunction with the higher education coordinating board and the state board for community and technical colleges, shall convene a work group to explore the creation of college and career readiness centers as a way to provide additional learning opportunities for students in middle school, high school, and beyond high school, up to age twenty-one, who are at a risk of not graduating from high school with their peers.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to report the findings of the work group under this act to the state board of education and the legislature no later than January 10, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 1 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 2 EKHE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 10 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 13 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, 46; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 2.

-- IN THE HOUSE --

- Feb 16 First reading, referred to Education.
- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.

ED - Executive action taken by committee.

ED - Majority; do pass.

Feb 24 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 8 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

**SB 6844-S** by Senate Committee on International Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Shin and Berkey)

Evaluating the business climate in areas with successful biotechnology and medical device manufacturing businesses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to evaluate the competitive business climate for encouraging a sustainable and mature biotechnology and medical device manufacturing sector. The committee shall review the top ten centers in the nation as listed in this act and identify the best practices in economic development and public policy to identify the measures Washington should take to encourage the formation and maturation, from start-up to commercial business activity, of biotechnology and medical device manufacturing businesses in Washington.

Requires the report to be delivered to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 15, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Feb 2 ITED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6851-S** by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Fairley)

Revising provisions concerning closure of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Concerning closure of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities.)

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises provisions concerning closure of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development, working in collaboration with mobile home park associations and other interested parties, to provide notice of this act to mobile or manufactured home landlords or park owners by mailing written notification to all known park landlords and owners, and by other reasonable means. Notification must take place before July 1, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 31 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 FHC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

- Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill substituted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 0; absent, 2; excused, 1.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --
- Feb 15 First reading, referred to Housing.
- Feb 21 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.  
HOUS - Executive action taken by committee.  
HOUS - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).
- Feb 22 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 27 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Mar 1 Committee amendment adopted with no other amendments and floor amendment (s) also adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 93; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 2.  
-- IN THE SENATE --
- Mar 7 Senate concurred in House amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.
- Mar 8 President signed.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --  
Speaker signed.
- OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION --  
Delivered to Governor.
- Mar 28 Governor signed.  
Chapter 296, 2006 Laws.  
Effective date 6/7/2006.
- SB 6868-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Mulliken, Rasmussen, and Schoesler)  
Providing excise tax exemptions for certain aircraft fuel.  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)  
Provides excise tax exemptions for aircraft fuel used for crop dusting activities.  
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 2 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Feb 3 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Referred to Ways & Means.
- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- SB 6891** by Senators Parlette, Keiser, Roach, Poulsen, Brandland, Kastama, Mulliken, Hewitt, Stevens, Pflug, Thibaudeau, Rasmussen, Oke, McAuliffe, Esser, and Kohl-Welles  
Providing continuing coverage for medicare part D beneficiaries.

Provides that, only to the extent that funds are appropriated for this purpose, the department shall provide drug benefits to a full-benefit dual eligible beneficiary who is not able to obtain drug benefits from his or her medicare drug plan only when one or more of the following conditions are met: (1) The pharmacy has submitted a claim for the provision of drug benefits to the full-benefit dual eligible beneficiary's medicare drug plan and the claim has been denied payment for reasons other than processing errors or omissions made by the pharmacy, lack of medical necessity, or health or safety reasons.

(2) The pharmacy is unable to submit a claim for the provision of drug benefits solely due to the unavailability of complete or accurate medicare drug plan enrollment information from the full-benefit dual eligible beneficiary's medicare drug plan, the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services, or entities under contract with the centers for medicare and medicaid services to provide enrollment information.

(3) The medicare drug plan provides information that the full-benefit dual eligible beneficiary's deductible or copayment amount is higher than the copayment amounts that are established by medicare for full-benefit dual eligible beneficiaries.

(4) The full-benefit dual eligible beneficiary cannot pay, in whole or in part, the copayment amounts that are established by medicare for full-benefit dual eligible beneficiaries.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 7 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

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**SJM 8032-S** by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Kline, and McAuliffe)

Asking for over-the-counter access status to "Plan B."  
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requests that the President, Congress, and the United States Food and Drug Administration take necessary action to grant over-the-counter access status to "Plan B," an effective and safe emergency contraceptive option, for all women.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 2 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 3 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 24 Senate Rules "X" file.